

NKF-S/IIC Nordic Group - Sweden Annual report 2024

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Realia

Realia released two issues during 2024.

nr 1. Carl Brädde (chief editor), Angela Caira (design and layout) och Elisa Andersson (assistant design and layout).

nr 2 Lisa Nilsen (chief editor), Ann-Marie Mild (chief editor) och Angela Caira (design and layout).

Meddelser om Konservering/ MoK

Swedish editor Thea Winther

Meetings

Board meetings and general assembly (GA)

NKF-S held 10 board meetings, including a Visionary meeting in Uppsala in November. The annual meeting was held on the 3rd May in Stockholm.

E.C.C.O.

The NKF-S delegate has continued to be active in the work of the E.C.C. Committee as Deputy Treasurer and participated in the Committee's meetings on-line during the year (once a month) as well as meetings in Brussels, before and during the annual meeting in Bratislava and in Lisbon. E.C.C.O. has continued to be active in the CHARTER project in 2025, which will end in early 2025. Furthermore, an application for funding from Creative Europe was carried out in March 2024. Unfortunately, no funds were obtained this time. During the year, the work on E.C.C.O.'s new statutes have been completed, a job description of the conservator within E.C.C.O.'s committee has been produced that will be used as a basis for ESCO. The E.C.C.O. committee has also planned a symposium with ENCoRE on specializations and participates as a partner in the ECHOES (European Collaborative Cloud for Cultural Heritage) project [Echoes – Eccch – European Cloud for Heritage OpEn Science](#)

NKF (IIC Nordic Group) Board Meeting

The NKF Board Meeting was held on October 5 at the School of Conservation in Copenhagen. The NKF finances were reported and the sections' annual reports were presented. The Board discussed the membership criteria for full membership as well as the budget and the purpose and goals of redesigning the NKF website. ECCO delegates were instructed to meet and jointly report to the Federal Council on how members should pay membership fees (full members or only those members who meet ECCO's requirements for a conservator's degree equivalent to EQF level 7). Stina Ekelund was elected Chairman of the Association Council when the next congress was held in Bergen in 2027. The Association Council decided to meet digitally in January 2025 and talk further about membership criteria, plans for a new website and how to pay membership fees to ECCO, as well as how Announcements on Conservation (MoK) should be distributed, digitally or online. NKF-S's position here is that MoK can be distributed online both for environmental and economic sustainability.

Publications

Realia

The journal Realia published one issue.

Meddelser om Konservering/ MoK

Thea Winther is the NKF-S editor on the editorial board.

The Bothén Foundation

The board of NKF-S is also acting board of the Märta, Gunnar och Arvid Bothen's foundation. In 2024 the foundation granted a total of 887 042 SEK to be shared by 47 recipients.

Activities

- The European Day of Conservation-Restoration was celebrated 9th to 15th of October.
- The Board has continued dialogue with the College of Conservationists at the Department of Conservation and has been invited to hold its annual meeting there on 15 May 2025.
- The board has had two workshops for a communication strategy that landed in a Brand Platform and a Wish Mode 2030 at the board's visionary weekend.
- A Visionary Weekend was held in Uppsala in November.
- The Chair represented NKF-S in consultation in the CHARTER Paris Conference. These impressions will be reported in Realia no. 2 in 2024.
- Thanks to the Märta, Arvid and Gunnar Bothén Foundation, the Chair participated in the NKF Congress in Copenhagen in October and the following Association Council meeting in October.
- Thanks to information that emerged during the NKF Congress and on the NKF Board meeting NKF-S submitted requests on translations of activity codes and cover texts in the Statistical Classification for Economic Activities - NACE (Standard för Svensk näringsgrensindelning- SNI). The NKF-S board sent the following input to the Statistical Authority (Skattemyndigheten):
 - That Code 91.3 and 91.30, in accordance with other European and Nordic countries, should translate the heading *Conservation* to *Konservering* instead of *Bevaring* (eng. Care). (e-mail 2024-10-07)
 - General input on translation of explanatory notes regarding Code 91.3 and 91.30. In addition, the board also suggested the word *Konservering* (eng. Conservation) to be included. Also, the board compiled a list of keywords in Swedish that could point to the activity code through searchengines. (e-mail 2024-11-26)

Working Groups reported the following activities

- [The Working Group for the project for quality assurance of conservation-restoration in the Church of Sweden](#) was granted funding from Church Antiquarian Funds the work has been ongoing from February 2023 to December 2025, but is planned to be completed in March 2025. The working group has reported the following activities for 2024:
 - Two workshops, on March 21, 2024, touched on, among other things, a possible taxidermist's handbook and on November 8, dealt with the results and challenges of the project.
 - Writing of the final report with review meetings.
 - Investigation of various proposals for measures with discussion with lawyer at the Swedish National Heritage Board etc
- [NKF-S Working Group on Transport](#) has proposed levels (the transport triangle and the stability unicity matrix) which have been reported back to the following activities:
 - Presentation at Towards Art in Transit 2.0. in Salt Lake City on May 21.
 - Panel discussion on transportation logistics at the American Institute for Conservation's annual meeting in Salt Lake City on May 23.

- o Presentation at Samlingsforum Samtal 20 August.
- o Interview in the conservation podcast Konserveringspodden (2024-07-29).
- o An article in Realia no. 2 2024.
- A [NKF-S Working Group for Emergency Preparedness and Response](#) was initiated and held four meetings. The contact person was invited to moderate the first part of the IIC web series on preparedness for cultural heritage in crisis/war. The web series is available to IIC members on the IIC learning platform.
- A [NKF-S Working Group for ETHCOM](#) was initiated in connection with ICOM's revision of the Code of Ethics. A meeting was held for members on 2024-10-09. Input was written and shared with both ICOM Sweden and ICOM internationally and briefly deals with the importance of distinguishing between conservation and general conservation. The full input can be read [here](#).
- A [NKF-S Working Group for Stone](#) was initiated.
- [NKF Paper Conservation Network](#) held a digital webinar on December 15th with 75 participants from mainly Europe.
- A [NKF-S Working Group on Sustainability](#) was initiated. The contact person has participated in the following programmes: IIC Towards Net Zero Programme and IIC Innovate: Sustainability and Leadership for New Times.

Members and fees

Number of members

In total 393, of which 272 full, 95 associates, 19 retirees and 7 institutions.

Membership fees

Full members: SEK 500/annum

Associated members: SEK 350/annum

Retirees: SEK 145/annum

Institutions: SEK1100/annum