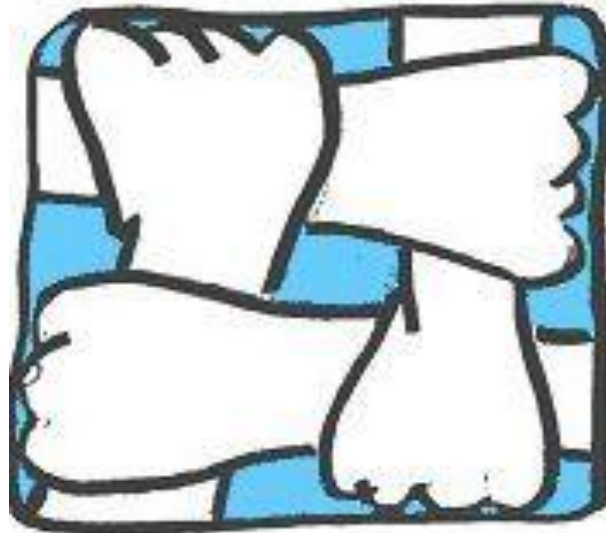


# **A brief history: the origin and development of NoFS from 1979/80 up to the present**

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**NOFS**

**Nordisk Forskningsnettverk for Sikkerhet**

**NoFS – Nordic Network for Research on Safety**

# “The birth of NoFS was a pure accident”

**Professor Jorma Saari**



**”Forskning om olycksfall och deras bekämpning” – 13.-21.08.1979**



**Some of the participants in 1979 – outside the hotel Petäys, Finland. Jorma Saari in the center.**

**Other people who have been active in NoFS since 1979: Kirsten Jørgensen, Johan Lund, Urban Kjellén, Elisabeth Lagerlöf, Tore J. Larsson og Carin Sundström-Frisk.**

# Nordic Safety Research past and present: 1980 - 2010

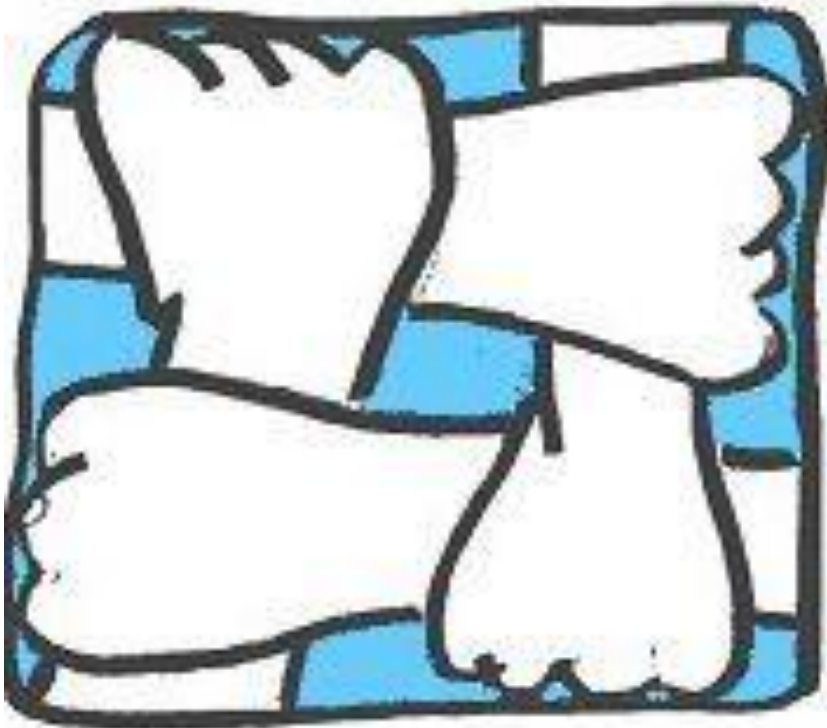


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# NoFS – 30 years: 1980 – 2010

**Nordic Network for Research on Safety**



**Some characteristics:**

- Multi-professional
- Forum: researchers - bureaucrats – practitioners
- Building networks
- Arena: new researchers with new ideas
- Dialogue and sharing knowledge
- Nordic rotation each 2nd year
- Non-profit and volunteers

# NoFS seminars 1980 – 2013: An overview

NR	LAND	STED	TIDSROM	ÅR	DELT	TITTEL/TEMAER	SPRÅK
1	NORGE	Sola	24. – 28.08	1980	26	Ulykkes- og sikkerhetsforskningen i 80-årene	Nordisk
2	SVERIGE	Västra Langö	18. – 20.08	1981	40	Workshop over forskningsprosjekter og metoder	Nordisk
3	DANMARK	Gilleleje	7. – 10.09	1982	40	Datasystemer i ulykkesforskning og forebyggingse	Nordisk
4	FINLAND	Rovaniemi	4. – 6.04	1984	41	Utvärdering av data, modeller og strategier	Nordisk
5	NORGE	Wadahl	28. – 30.08	1985	82	Ulykker, sikkerhet, individ og samfunn	Nordisk
6	SVERIGE	Örenäs slott	1. – 3.09	1986	46	Risikohåndteringen i fremtiden	Nordisk
7	DANMARK	Skagen	15. – 18.05	1988	44	Ulykker, risiko, strategi, samfunn	Nordisk
8	FINLAND	Bomba	7. – 10.08	1989	73	Sikkerhetstiltak, empirisk integrasjon, forskerutbildning	Nordisk
9	NORGE	Svalbard	31.07 – 5.08	1990	43	Flysikkerhet, store systemer, risikokultur	Nordisk
10	SVERIGE	Gotland	27. – 29.08	1991	84	Organisasjon, økonomi og strategi	Nordisk
11	DANMARK	Vingsted	19. – 22.10	1992	58	From statistics to prevention	Nordisk
12	FINLAND	Espoo	28.11 - 1.12	1993	39	Integration, analys, økonomi, intervention	Nordisk
13	NORGE	Geilo	10. – 12.05	1995	50	Risikosamfunnet og risikosøking	Nordisk
14	NORGE	Trondheim	6. – 8.01	2002	45	Det sårbare samfunn og mennesket	Nordisk
15	SVERIGE	Karlstad	13. – 15.06	2003	68	Risikoprediktion – morgondagens risksamhälle	Nordisk
16	DANMARK	Gilleleje	8. - 10.06	2005	51	Intervention – what works?	Engelsk
17	FINLAND	Tampere	13. – 15.06	2007	72	Enabling safety – towards new paradigms	Engelsk
18	NORGE	Hurdalsjøen	8. - 10.06	2009	48	Sikkerhet i det globale samfunn	Nordisk
19	SVERIGE	Revinge	20.-22.06	2011	88	Säkerhet på tvärs	Nordisk
20	Danmark	Helsingø	26.-28.08	2013	69	Nye strategier for forebyggingse av ulykker og fremme av sikkerhed mellem kollektive og individuelle tilgange	Engelsk

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## NoFS 2013 i Danmark - 'Nye strategier for forebygging av ulykker og fremme av sikkerhet mellom kollektive og individuelle tilgange'

*Hva er effekten av ulykkesforebygging i dag, og hvilke utfordringer har vi? Hvilke nye perspektiver er det i forebyggingen av ulykker på arbeidsplassen, i hjemmet, i fritiden og i trafikken? Disse spørsmål diskuteres på årets konferanse, som henvender sig til forskere og praktikere på tvers av fagdisipliner. Konferansen foregår fra den 26.-28. august 2013 i Helsingør i Danmark.*

Forebygger virksomheten best ulykker ved å fokusere på initiativer rettet mot den enkeltes holdning og adferd eller mot virksomhetens felles kultur, normer og tekniske foranstaltninger? Eller skal det

# 1980: The first NoFS seminar: Sola, Norway

The topic: Research on accidents and safety in the 1980's

From: 24. – 28.8.1980

Seminar fees: 300 NOK

Participants: 26



# NoFS in Sweden and Denmark

## Examples

NoFS`81 Västra Langö, Sweden



NoFS '88 Skagen, Denmark





# NoFS in Finland and Norway

## Examples

**NoFS '89 Bomba, Finland**



**NoFS'90 Svalbard, Norway**



# NoFS in Sweden and Denmark - 2

## Examples

**NoFS '91 Gotland, Sweden**

**NoFS '05 Gilleleje, Denmark**



# NoFS in Finland and Norway – 2

## Examples

**NoFS '07 Tampere, Finland**

**NoFS '09 Hurdalsjøen, Norway**



# The future of NoFS - I

**Hanne Møller** M.A., Research assistant, program director, communication responsible (2009)



National Institute of Public Health, University of Southern Denmark

A major challenge for NoFS is building bridges between the senior coordinators and enthusiasts who have kept NoFS alive, and younger forces, who must take over. Therefore, I propose that younger scientists and volunteers be included in the planning committees nationally. These individuals will help to convey what NoFS can offer younger researchers in the Nordic countries.

I appreciate the informal style and grassroots spirit in NoFS, it is, after all, what makes NoFS so unique. If you have no prior knowledge of NoFS, I believe that the graphics and the images sometimes look too simple and not appealing to younger generations. I suggest that organizers think of ways to present the network in a more modern version. This would apply to invitations, the home page, etc. Perhaps a more modern logo is necessary.

# The future of NoFS - II

## **Tone Lyse**

QHSE Manager Norway at Bredero Shaw



Norway (2009)

Travel contacts and discussions between the NoFS seminars and use of social medias, may give useful contributions and enhance NoFS as a living network in the interim periods.

Publishing of an annual or semi-annual newsletter may also be a way to maintain contact and communication related to research.

Local and global perspectives are important, but the regional (Nordic) anchor is what makes NoFS unique. Let the language debate live, and the commitment flower!

# The future of NoFS – III

**Tuula Räsänen**

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Senior Specialist (2009)



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Human Factors at Work, Occupational Safety, Finland

The most important elements of innovation in the future NoFS-profile concern the following:

1. The creation of a nordic association for safety (accident) research and the development of the good practice (applications) which include all different areas of safety. The development of a stable economic basis for this activity may be necessary.
2. The creation of one Nordic internet site for NoFS. This site should publish information about research and the good practices which are implemented in different Nordic countries. The site should be interactive, thus creating the opportunity for a dialog on these subjects.
3. The creation of one new (updated) email-list that covers Nordic researchers and other persons that work with safety questions. Messages about updates of current information published in internet sites can e.g. be given through emails.
4. Regular NoFS-board meetings in which future themes for the activities are discussed and decided upon. This body should also plan the content of future NoFS conferences.

# The future of NoFS – IV

**Anna Johansson**, Safety consultant in the Stockholm Brandförsvär (2009)



Doctoral studies at Karlstad University, Sweden

I think a future NoFS-profile should be characterized by a current and multi-professional picture of the problems, and be a natural forum for researchers and practitioners in dialogue on societal security, work safety and risk management: before, during and after an unwanted event. I would also like to see that a collaboration with different "safety authorities" (national, regional, and local) be expanded in the future.

In addition, I would like NoFS to preserve the good spirit which has characterized the workshops in three decades, but at the same time NoFS should evolve to become a more modern and living forum. One way would be an expanded use of various means of communication (newsletter, Web site, updated contact lists, etc.) to disseminate information about issues which are not directly related to the network meetings. This would result in greater continuity in the NoFS community between the seminars. I am also considering the forthcoming generational change: how do we preserve the competence held by seniors at the same time as more junior forces take responsibility for the further development of NoFS? I suggest more integration and linking together with NoFS all the risk and safety related research and degrees which exist in the Nordic countries.

# Some challenges – some solutions?

Will NoFS exist in the future?

## Some of the challenges

- Reduced Nordic cooperation
- More organizations and institutionalization
- More competition and career focus
- No points – no publication – less advancement
- Fewer sponsors – less money
- Less personal commitment?

## Some of the solutions?

- Better communication via new channels
- Improving multi-professional networks (areas/countries)
- Improved forum for young students and researchers
- Extended cooperation with other organisations – example from Norway (ESRA Norway/Tekna)
- NoFS: Having fun and being joyful !



# Nordic countries – NoFS 1980 - 2013

