

The Nordic chapter of SRA Europe business meeting for members and non-members during the SRA conference in Bath, UK, 2016.

Meeting Minutes

June 21st 2016

About 15 persons attended the meeting

1 WE INFORMED ABOUT THE SRA NORDIC CHAPTER:

1.1 THE PURPOSE OF SRA-E:NORDIC WAS SUMMARIZED FROM THE STATUES:

“The Nordic chapter shares the aim with SRA Europe which is “to bring together individuals and organisations interested in risk assessment, risk management and risk communication in Europe”. More specifically the SRA-E: NORDIC will promote risk research and knowledge and understanding of risk analysis techniques. This can be to identify and address specifically Nordic and Baltic issues in the field of risk, to promote debate, and facilitate exchanges of information and opinion between professionals in industry, government, universities, research institutes, and consultancies. It has the ambition to convene and promote scientific and educational meetings on risk research, risk analysis and risk management in the Nordic and Baltic countries.”

1.2 THE BOARD WELCOMED TWO NEW STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES, BJÖRN ARVIDSSON AND INGIBJÖRG LILJA OMARSDOTTIR.

1.3 CURRENT COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD IS:

Ullrika Sahlin, Lund University, Sweden (President for two years - starting from June 2015)

Marja Ylönen, Technical Research Centre of Finland, Finland (President elect – to take over in June 2017 and then be president for two years)

Stian Antonsen, SINTEF, Norway

Susanne Öhman, Mid Sweden University, Sweden

Igor Kozine, Technical University of Denmark, Denmark

Aistė Balžekienė, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania

Student representatives:

Ingibjörg Lilja Omarsdottir, University of Iceland, Iceland

Björn Arvidsson, Lund University, Sweden

- 1.4 SINCE THE START WE HAVE HAD A NORDIC CHAPTER MEETING IN LUND, SWEDEN NOVEMBER 2015 (SUMMARIZED AT [HTTP://EVIDENCE.BLOGG.LU.SE/SUMMARY-OF-THE-1ST-NORDIC-CHAPTER-RISK-CONFERENCE/](http://evidence.blogg.lu.se/summary-of-the-1st-nordic-chapter-risk-conference/)).
- 1.5 THE BOARD HAS HAD SEVERAL WEB MEETINGS DURING THE YEAR, AND THERE HAS BEEN AN AMBITION TO MEET PHYSICALLY.

2 WE SHARED INFORMATION OF PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

- 2.1 FIRST ON BEHALF OF ÅSA BOHOLM WE SHARED THE INVITATION TO SUBMIT ABSTRACT AND SESSION PROPOSALS TO THE 2ND NORDIC CHAPTER CONFERENCE IN GOTHENBURG NOV 2016. [HTTP://GRI.GU.SE/ENGLISH/CONFERENCE/SRA-NORDIC-CHAPTER-MEETING](http://gri.gu.se/english/conference/sra-nordic-chapter-meeting)
- 2.2 THE NORDIC CHAPTER MEETING 2017 IS PLANNED TO TAKE PLACE IN FINLAND (CONTACT MARJA YLÖNEN).
- 2.3 A GRADUATE COURSE IN RISK, UNCERTAINTY AND DECISION MAKING WILL TAKE PLACE IN LUND, SWEDEN OCTOBER 13-14 AND GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN, NOVEMBER 13-16 (IN ASSOCIATION TO THE CONFERENCE IN GOTHENBURG). [HTTP://EVIDENCE.BLOGG.LU.SE/GRADUATE-COURSE-IN-RISK-UNCERTAINTY-AND-DECISION-MAKING/](http://evidence.blogg.lu.se/graduate-course-in-risk-uncertainty-and-decision-making/)

3 WE DISCUSSED FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- 3.1 MORE INTERACTIONS WITH POLITICIANS ARE NEEDED TO ENHANCE POLICY IMPACT. WE ENCOURAGE THE ARRANGEMENT OF SHORT MEETINGS WITH POLICY MAKERS PERHAPS IN THE NATIVE LANGUAGES TO BETTER REACH OUT.
- 3.2 THE WEB ADDRESS FOR THE HOMEPAGE [HTTP://WWW.SRAEUROPE.ORG/HOME.ASPX?LAN=230&TAB=745&ITM=745&PAG=747](http://www.sraeurope.org/home.aspx?lan=230&tab=745&itm=745&pag=747) WOULD BE BETTER WITH AN ADDRESS LIKE "WWW.SRAEUROPE.ORG/NORDIC_CHAPTER".
- 3.3 WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE SUGGESTIONS OF WHERE TO HAVE THE NORDIC CHAPTER MEETING IN 2018.

- 3.4 WE DECIDED TO TRANSLATE THE NEW SRA GLOSSARY [HTTP://SRA.ORG/NEWS/SRA-DEVELOPS-GLOSSARY-RISK-RELATED-TERMS](http://sra.org/news/sra-develops-glossary-risk-related-terms) TO THE NORDIC/BALTIC LANGUAGES IN ORDER TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE ONGOING DEVELOPMENTS ON RISK AND HOW THIS CONCEPT IS USED TO FACE THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF RISK PROBLEMS OF TODAY. THE POSSIBILITY TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM SRA WILL BE INVESTIGATED
- 3.5 WE DISCUSSED THE NATURE OF SRA MEETINGS. ANDERS MCD SOOKERMANY (NORWAY) ASKED FOR A SHARPENED PRESENTATION OF THE PREVAILING SCIENTIFIC DISCOURSES AT SRA MEETINGS. THIS SPARKED A VIVID DISCUSSION. WE AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE TO IMPROVE THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE MULTI AND INTER-DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS AND IN PARTICULAR TO PLAN MEETINGS AND SESSIONS TO INTRODUCE NEW PARTICIPANTS INTO THE FIELD.
- 3.6 A POSSIBLE ACTIVITY COULD BE RISK COURSE THAT MOVE BETWEEN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.
- 3.7 THERE WILL BE A NORDIC RESEARCH PROJECT MEETING IN HELSINKI 2017 AT WHICH WE COULD ARRANGE SOMETHING.

These minutes were compiled by Ullrika Sahlin