



Nordic section report 2020-2021

Membership in the Nordic section of the Wildlife Disease Association continues to be relatively stable around the 50-member mark, with 56 members in July 2021 (11 from Denmark, 3 from Finland, 1 from Iceland, 14 from Norway and 27 from Sweden). One of the Nordic section's challenges will be to retain our current members and recruit new members across disciplines.

The Nordic section council elected for 2019-2021 consisted of the following people:

Marja Isomursu (Chair) and Antti Oksanen from Finland, Bjørnar Ytrehus and Jørn Våge from Norway, Caroline Bröjer and Henrik Uhlhorn (Treasurer) from Sweden, Mette Sif Hansen (Secretary) and Anne Sofie Hammer from Denmark.

Erik Ågren was the section representative in JWD Editorial Board and Aleksija Neimane was the section representative for WDA International Committee.

The Nordic section holds a meeting every two years and the location rotates among the Nordic countries. The 2019 meeting was hosted by Finland June 3-6, in Luvia, Finland. The meeting had 11 participants representing all the Nordic countries except Iceland.

The next meeting was meant to take place in the spring of 2021 in Sweden but due to the on-going coronavirus pandemic the meeting had to be postponed to March 2022. For the first time, the NWDA meeting will be a cross-disciplinary congress together with the Nordic Board for Wildlife Research bringing together researchers on wildlife diseases, ecology and game biology. A smaller annual meeting in virtual form is going to be held on September 15-16 2021.

Since the last general meeting, council business has been conducted primarily by email as items arose, and some virtual council meetings have been held. The Nordic section also used email as the primary means of exchanging information with members. The Nordic section has provided contributions on regional wildlife health issues to the WDA newsletter. In summer 2021, NWDA was able to offer to student members grants from Morris Animal Foundation for attending the WDA virtual congress in 2021.

CWD surveillance mandated by the European Commission has been carried out in Sweden and Finland since 2018. By 2021, four positive cases have been found in Sweden and two in Finland but these have been typed as atypical CWD/ cervid TSE of old moose. A notable wildlife disease event was the emergence of highly pathogenic avian influenza (types H5N8 and H5N1) particularly in geese and swans, first in November 2020 in Denmark, Sweden and Norway, and finally in January 2021 in Finland.

The Nordic section receives \$15 USD annually from our parent organization, WDA, for every section member. Usually, funds are used to support student travel to a WDA meeting (the Nordic section meeting in odd years or the WDA or EWDA meeting in even years). Travel grants have not been issued in 2020-2021 due to the pandemic.

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Chair, Nordic section 2019-2021

Löpande ekonomisk redovisning NWDA 2019-2021

Vårt svenska konto (Skr) överst och vårt amerikanska WDA konto därunder (\$US)

Datum	Intäkter	Utgifter	Tillgångar	Händelse
2019-01-04		750,00	43 377,50	Kontoavgift
2019-09-09		7 000,00	36 377,50	Resestip. student (Vidar Torget)
2020-01-07		950,00	35 427,50	Kontoavgift
2021-01-07		950,00	34 477,50	Kontoavgift

Year	Transfers to section	Donations	Ballance
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2019	855	85	3400
2020	735	160	4360



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