



Annual Report: 2020

1. Administrative Details

1.1 - Name of National Committee: Norwegian National Blue Shield Committee

1.2 - Date Report Completed: 16 February 2021

1.4 - Reporting period covered: 2020

1.4 - Names, positions and emails For ICOMOS Mr Axel Mykleby (chair) axel@mykleby.no, for IFLA Ms Mariann Schjeide (vice-chair), Mariann.Schjeide@norskbiotekforening.no, until March, followed by Vidar Lund, with Anne Berit Hulthin (deputy) ann.berit.hulthin@norskbiotekforening.no, for paal.mork@bym.oslo.kommune.no, followed by Håkon Roland hakon.roland@khm.uio.no, with Gaute Jacobsen (deputy) gaujac@ostfoldmuseene.no, for ICA Kjetil Landrog (treasurer) kjetil@arkivforbundet.no, with (deputy) Frode Færøy faroy.nhm@gmail.com

1.5- Address of the main office: ICOM Norway, Universitetsg. 14, N-0164 Oslo, Norway

1.6 - Website and social media (if applicable): <http://www.icom-norway.org/blueshieldeng.html>
<https://blueshieldnorway.wordpress.com>

1.7 – Email the Blue Shield email should forward to: post@blueshield.no

2. Income: 1000 Euro

What is the total income of your committee? What are the primary sources? (Donations, grants, etc?) 1000 Euros, 250 Euros from each founding national organisations (Norwegian ICOM; IFLA; ICA; ICOMOS Norway)

3. Report of Activities: Achievements & Performance

Explain the activities & projects carried out over the year under the Areas of Activity

The annual report should tell the story of the organisation and put into context what was achieved in the reporting year against the achievement of its long-term strategy. The annual report under this section should Provide a clear review of the organisation's performance for the relevant year as well showing how the current year's strategic performance links to the achievement of the longer-term strategy of the organisation.

These could include: grants applied for; talks given; conferences held; training courses run; work to support new legislation; working groups attended, etc.

Please provide as much detail as possible – for example, length of event, audience, and so on.

3.1 - Law, policy development and implementation:

After Norwegian ratification of the 2. Protocol of the Hague Convention in 2016, the implementation has been included into the National Document for Heritage Protection. The four directorates responsible for the implementation of the convention are: Riksantikvaren (Directorate for Cultural Heritage), Norsk kulturråd (Norwegian Arts Council), Riksarkivet (The National Archive of Norway) and Nasjonalbiblioteket (The National Library of Norway). The Parliament messages or white papers emphasize the implementation, but the results are not very visible.

3.2 - Education, training, and capacity building:

The 4th national conference on risk preparedness should have taken place in Elverum in April. BSN worked hard to include CPP in this conference for the first time. Emma Cunliff was invited to give a lecture. Unfortunately, the three days conference was cancelled due to the Korona pandemic.

3.3 - Proactive protection and risk preparedness:

The Norwegian Museum Association and ICOM Norway have approved to follow up the Ethical Project and our member chaired the working group on illicit trade and repatriation of cultural heritage from war and conflict areas.

3.4 - Emergency response in disaster, domestic emergencies, and armed conflict:

BS Norway had for many years a regular dialog with The Norwegian Defence Estate Agency, Cultural Heritage Department. After a reorganisation of the Agency a constructive collaboration with The Ethical Council on Military Affairs has been established. The Korona pandemic stopped this development in 2020.

The NATO exercise in 2019 showed that there was little interest to keep BS informed about the preparation concerning CPP.

3.5 - Stabilisation, post-disaster recovery, and long-term/ongoing support:

Describe

3.6 - Co-ordination (of Blue Shield and with other relevant organisations):

BS-Norway has established contact and exchanged information with FORK, The Forum for Risk Preparedness, management and securing remaining values (consisting of 7 national organisations).

Participation in the Working group on the prevention of Cultural crime, Norwegian Ministry of Culture

ICOM Nord (from September 2020)

4. Main issues faced:

What are the main issues faced by your committee?

The Nordic countries and their BS committees are small. We do have some collaboration, but this could be developed further. We are very much depending on the strong public agencies and institutions as partners.

5. Future goals

Climate changes and develop a systematic dialog with the governmental agencies and NGOs on risk preparedness.

Activate network on illicit trade and protection of cultural property in conflict areas.

6. Other

Through its connection to Newcastle University, BSI is sometimes able to access funding that can be shared with research institutions to further the work of Blue Shield. Does your national committee have any connections with research institutions interested in its work (e.g. in risk management, heritage protection, etc.). If yes, please supply the names and contact details here.

University of Oslo, ICOM Norway, Ministry of Culture, Arts Council Norway, ICOM Nord, Økokrim, Norwegian Customs, BS Denmark, Nordic Center for Cultural Heritage & Armed Conflict (Copenhagen)