

## Annual Report: 2021

### 1. Administrative Details

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

1.2 - Date Report Completed: 20 May 2022

1.3 - Reporting period covered: 2021

1.4 - Names, positions and emails (from 23 March 2021):

Håkon Roland (Chair);  
Axel Mykleby (vice-chair);  
Kjetil Landrog (treasurer);  
Gaute Jacobsen;  
Frode Færøy;  
Atle Ove Martinussen;  
Kirsti Gulowsen;  
Vidar Lund

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](mailto:post@blueshield.no)

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## 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:

BSN is an active driving force to change policy and regulations for the import and export of cultural objects to and from Norway. This is to ensure more consistent CHM, better cooperation with law enforcement and prevent Norway from becoming a transit country for laundering of illegal / plundered cultural objects from war and conflict areas. BSN has participated in the Ministry of Culture's cultural crime group, and has written recommendations and consultation statements on draft legislation and new guidelines for import / export. The work will continue in 2022.

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).

BSN has been in contact with the representatives and is presently informal part of the discussion on the implementation. The National Heritage Board acknowledge the Norwegian Blue Shield Committee's efforts and will engage in further dialogue and cooperation in connection with the implementation of the Hague Convention and its protocols.

### 3.2 - Education, training, and capacity building:

Chair of BSN Håkon Roland gave the following talks:

«The significance of the 1970 UNESCO Convention for National Legislation in the Fight Against Illegal Trade of Cultural Property», at the Blue Shield Denmark arrangement Heritage Friday, 50th Anniversary of the UNESCO 1970 Convention, National Museum of Denmark, Copenhagen in November 2021. 1 Day, c. 150 participants.

“Between Research and CHM: metal detector activity, trafficking and illicit trade of portable heritage objects in Europe”, Research seminar, UiO, 17.9.2021. C. 50 participants.

«Cultural crime: What measures are required of the cultural heritage sector?», HEI Heritage Experience Initiative, UiO, 18.11.2021. C. 200 participants.

The 4<sup>th</sup> national conference on risk preparedness was cancelled also in 2021 due to the corona pandemic. BSN continues the work to include CPP in this conference. A preliminary date for the next conference is December 2022. BSN will participate, and has an ambition to invite a BS participant from abroad as well.

### 3.3 - Proactive protection and risk preparedness:

The Norwegian Museum Association has approved the revised Code of Ethics for Norwegian museums, a concretisation of ICOM’s Code of Ethics. The Chair of BSN chaired the working group on illicit trade and repatriation of cultural heritage from war and conflict areas, and new guidelines on this field is presently implemented in Norwegian museums.

### 3.2 - 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 also in 2021.

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

BSN has started to collect resources on securing museum buildings from damage caused by climate change. This will form the basis for addressing the issue with the state in order to secure more funds for the maintenance of museum buildings. An important part of the argument is that change in climate causes increased damage and deterioration of old wooden building, and that funds for maintenance are in need of being increased. Also, no national coordination or cooperation between different museum owners (state, counties, private etc.) currently exist.

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### 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)

The Directorate for Cultural Heritage

### 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)