

SNS has opened its new portal

The website of SNS was finally launched in March. The current secretary Katrine Hahn Kristensen was happy to open the modernized portal.

The work started in autumn 2010 with a questionnaire sent to the main stakeholders. The survey revealed that visitors of the old site were often researchers or board members, who used the site only a few times per year to find information about subjects such as calls for funding, applications and project reporting.



– We wanted to broaden the audience of the website, to become more of a hub for Nordic forest research, says

Katrine Hahn Kristensen. We have highlighted news related to forestry and forest research, for example in our newsletter News and Views. We also present international news from GFIS, and we plan for other forest news as well.

The new website makes it easier to find information about ongoing projects, networks and CARs. The CARs previously produced their own websites, usually hosted by a specific institute or university.

– The inclusion of the project websites on the SNS platform makes it easier for both visitors and project partners, says Katrine Hahn Kristensen. We know from experience that there is usually a long period before a network or project website is launched. With the new site, information can be posted immediately.

– The new website is primarily presented in English, to open it up to a wider audience, and encourage cooperation with new regions such as the Baltic states and the countries

around the North Atlantic. However, basic information about SNS is also available in Swedish.

Electronic archive

– Besides being a public window, the new website will also be a valuable electronic archive. The secretariat of SNS rotates among the Nordic countries, and every fourth year a mass of documents needs to be transferred and sorted. Almost fourty years of SNS activities have created twelve large moving boxes containing archived papers.

– We are still in the process of transferring the old documents to digital format, says Katrine Hahn Kristensen. It will be an invaluable aid to me and future secretaries when searching for important papers such as old agreements or previous protocols from meetings.

www.nordicforestresearch.org

The new website can be found at the same address as before (www.nordicforestresearch.org). New functions are still being added to improve its usability, and much information is waiting to be included.

– We are still waiting for the

CARs to start using the joint portal. Once this is done, it will be much easier for the public, press, and other researchers to find updated information on research progress, she says.

SNS 2010

Some key figures from the annual report of SNS

- 1** new 3-year SNS-supported research project began in 2010
- 4** other projects continued their work
- 3** new research projects, starting in 2011, were granted support
- 12** networks undertook activities supported by SNS in 2010
- 9** networks were granted support for 2011
- 5** CARs came to the end of their five-year funding period
- 1.6** million DKK in total was given to the five CARs
- 4** new CARs were granted support starting in 2011
- 25** years of the Scandinavian Journal of Forest Research was celebrated with a seminar and a jubilee issue
- 6.4** million DKK was spent by SNS in 2010