

The Swedish society for eighteenth century studies

Activity report for 2023-2024

From the annual meeting in 2023, the board has consisted of Jonas Nordin (chairman), Brita Planck (vice-chairman), Annika Windahl Pontén (treasurer), Linn Holmberg (secretary until the annual meeting), Tim Berndtsson (secretary from the annual meeting), Johannes Ljungberg (yearbook editor), Christopher Landstedt (web editor) and members Sara Ekström (from the annual meeting), Måns Jansson and Vera Sundin. Auditors have been Kenneth Nyberg and Anna Albrektson with Krister Östlund and Per Cullhed as deputy auditors. The regular selection committee has been My Hellsing and Peter Sjökvist with Joachim Östlund as deputy. Annika Windahl Pontén has been a Swedish delegate in the ISECS executive committee.

During the business year 2023, the board has had seven minutes of meetings, on January 16, February 28, April 18, May 22, September 14, October 6 and November 21.

The annual meeting was held on 22 May in Hagströmer Library, Solna. After the annual meeting, the library was shown with an emphasis on its rich medical and scientific history collections from the 18th century.

During the business year 2023, the Society has had 56 members, of which 4 are honorary members. There are 3 fewer members than in 2022. In addition, there are 5 libraries and other organizations, which is the same number as the previous year. The activities have mainly consisted of publishing the 18th century yearbook and organizing interdisciplinary seminars. In addition, the society has informed both about its own activities and about other news concerning 18th-century research through its website (<http://www.1700-tal.se>), social media and member mailings. During 2023, seven newsletters have been distributed electronically to members.

This year's volume, number 20, of the 18th century was edited by Johannes Ljungberg (chief editor) and Astrid Wendel-Hansen (review editor) together with country editors from Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway. The volume, which had 178 pages, contained five peer-reviewed articles, six thesis reviews and eight other reviews.

The yearbook has previously received publication support from The Nordic Board for Periodicals in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NOP-HS), a form of support that was discontinued at the end of 2022. Publication in 2023 was secured by allowing the association to dispose of remaining funds from this support.

During the year, the society also published a volume edited by Penelope Corfield and Jonas Nordin, *Media & Mediation in the Eighteenth Century* (224 pp.) The book contains an introduction and seven articles, six of which were based on talks held at the ISECS executive

committee meeting in Lund on 3 –August 6, 2022. The printed book has been freely distributed to members and is openly available in digital format (doi.org/10.37852/oblu.209).

On February 3, 2023, a digital research front was held in collaboration with the Finnish sister society. Four newly-disputed researchers presented their theses: Ylva Haidenthaller (Lund University), Astrid Wendel-Hansen (former Pajur, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena), Saara-Maija Kontturi (Jyväskylä University) and Annika Windahl Pontén (Uppsala University). The event gathered 40 listeners.

On 3–7 July 2023, ISECS held the 16th International 18th Century Conference, this time in Rome. In addition, the ISECS executive committee met, where the Swedish society was represented partly by executive committee member Annika Windahl Pontén, partly by Christopher Landstedt as the Swedish delegate. In the election to the ISECS executive committee, no Swedish member was elected, Daniel Fulda, Germany, was elected chairman of ISECS.

The society can be seen on the Twitter account @1800-tal and the Facebook account <http://facebook.com/1700tal>. The yearbook 1800s has the Instagram account <https://www.instagram.com/1700tal/>.

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The annual meeting was held on 23 May in Uppsala University Library's journal reading room. After the annual meeting, Johan Sjöberg and Sebastian Cöllen lectured on the infrastructure project "By Gustav's hand: Digitisation, digital enrichment and transmission of Gustav III's archives".

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18th-century research through its website (<http://www.1700-tal.se>), social media and member mailings. During 2022, eight newsletters have been distributed to members.

This year's volume, number 19, of the 18th century was edited by Johannes Ljungberg (chief editor) and Astrid Wendel-Hansen (review editor) together with country editors from Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway. The volume, which had 195 pages, contained four peer-reviewed articles, one peer-reviewed essay, four debate articles, two thesis reviews and twelve other reviews.

The yearbook has received publication support from The Nordic Board for Periodicals in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NOP-HS), a form of support that will be discontinued at the end of 2022. This presents the editors and the society with financial concerns that require a solution in order to guarantee the continued existence of the yearbook.

During the year, an agreement was made with Uppsala University Library that the society's older documents be transferred as an archive donation to the library. Some documents have already been transferred and additional documents will gradually be added to the collection.

During the autumn, a recruitment campaign was launched to attract new members. It has yielded some results, but efforts will continue in the coming financial years.

On 3–6 August 2022, the Society hosted the ISECS Annual Executive Committee Meeting. The meeting took place in Lund and brought together around 35 delegates from four continents. The first day was devoted to executive committee matters, including planning for the major 18th century conference in Rome July 3-7, 2023. The committee also adopted a statement in support of scholars in war-torn Ukraine. The second day was devoted to a full-day conference on the theme "Media and Mediation in the Eighteenth Century" with eight presentations. On the third and final day, an excursion was made to Copenhagen with a visit to Rosenborg and a historical city walk. Seven of the presentations from the conference will be published in a separate volume, which will be published in the summer of 2023.

The society planned to hold a joint research front together with the Finnish sister society. Due to difficulties in finding a suitable day, it had to be postponed until after the turn of the year and took place on February 3, 2023.