

Danish society / Société danoise (www.dsf1700.dk)

Activities 2022-2024

Publications 2022 - 2023:

Together with all the other Nordic 18th Century Societies The Danish Society takes part in editing and publishing the periodical *1700-tal: Nordic Journal for Eighteenth Century Studies*, that primarily deals with issues relating to 18th Century Scandinavia. Contributions in Scandinavian languages as well as in English, German or French are welcome.

A member of the board of the Danish Society is a member of the editorial board. The volume of 2023 was published in November 2023. (You can read the journal at:

<https://septentrio.uit.no/index.php/1700>). Some of the articles are in English)

The Danish Society succeeded in obtaining funds for the 2024-issue of the journal. The 2024 journal will be published late autumn 2024.

Nordic Conference 2022

Every fourth year there is a Nordic 18th Century Conference, alternately held in one of the Nordic countries: Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Finland and Denmark. The topics of the conferences are generally focused on Nordic 18th Century subjects, but the conferences welcome Scholars from other countries.

In August 2022 the Danish Society hosted the conference *Rights and Wrongs in the 18th Century* at the University of Copenhagen.

The main purpose of the Nordic 18th century conferences is to bring together researchers and scholars from different fields of study. With an overarching theme, we aim to open the floor to as many subject areas as possible. Although the focus of the conference is on the Nordic area, we try to encourage the participants to present their contributions in broader (European or global) perspectives. Presentations can take place in Danish, Swedish, Norwegian and English.

In Copenhagen we had invited Ph.D. students to form special sessions, where each participant gave a short presentation of their project. The presentation was followed by feedback from senior researchers, and these panels were a great success – as was the conference!.

All in all the conference had 85 registered participants from 8 different countries, 5 keynote speakers and 15 panels with very varied topics.

On the conference's website (www.rightsandwrongs1700.dk) you can see the program and read the abstracts

Annual Meeting 2022

All members of the Danish Society for 18th Century Studies had free admittance to the conference, and the annual meeting (2022) was held in connection to the Conference.

Annual meeting 2023

The Annual meeting of The Danish Society in **2023** was held on May 27th with the theme: *Trial and torture at the intersection of law, religion and medical science*

Dr.phil. Tyge Krogh from the Danish National Archives gave a talk on *Torture in Denmark in the 18th Century*, and Ph.D Nanna Eva Nissen from the University of Copenhagen talked about *Blasphemy crimes and the discretionary assessment of criminal cases in 18th-century Denmark*.

Annual Meeting 2024

The Annual meeting of The Danish Society in **2024** was held on the 4th of May in the Museum at Sorø Akademi: "Hauchs Physiske Cabinet" with the theme: *Natural Science and Mathematics in the 18th Century*.

Hauchs physiske cabinet is a science history museum at Sorø Academy, which contains physical instruments collected by Adam Wilhelm Hauch in the period 1790-1815. The instruments include the areas: general properties of bodies, statics and mechanics, hydrostatics and hydraulics, the components of bodies, heat and light

Professor em. dr. scient. Jesper Lützen talked about *The light of Mathematics.- Mathematic and mathematical physics in the 18th Century* and Lecturer em. Ivan Tafteberg Jakobsen gave a talk about: *Unconscious copying and rote learning? – Teaching mathematics at the Naval Academy in the 18th century.*

The Danish Society's website

The administration module for the Danish company's website is very outdated and difficult to handle (and cannot be repaired!). Aarhus University has generously offered to take over the administration of the Danish company's website. The transfer will take place during autumn 2024 and the current website address (www.dsf1700.dk) will be changed to: <https://cc.au.dk/dsf1700>

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