

Nordic Geodetic Commission - A successful collaboration between the Nordic countries in the field of Geodesy

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ABSTRACT

The **Nordic Geodetic Commission** (NKG) -- founded in 1953 -- is an association of geodesists from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. The purpose of NKG is to be a body for a fruitful Nordic co-operation in the field of Geodesy and close related issues. NKG is managed by a Presidium and the actual work is done in Working groups or as task forces. A General Meeting is arranged every fourth year with the group of Geodesists in one of the Nordic countries as the host, the next General Meeting will take place in Finland in 2002. The purpose of the General Meetings is both to appoint members of the Presidium and chairpersons for the Working groups and to give the members possibilities of a fruitful gathering and mutual exchange of professional views and experiences. The Nordic Geodetic commission is recognised and supported by a number of Nordic governmental organisations, e. g. the Director Generals of the Nordic Mapping Authorities.

The work is at present divided into the following Working Groups – Height Determination, Geodynamics, Satellite Geodesy, Geoid Determination and Remote Sensing. The choice of working groups over the time tries to reflect the trends for the geodetic work in the Nordic countries. The outcome from NKG has influenced the geodetic world ever since the start of NKG. The input in e.g. the European Permanent Network of GPS stations (EPN), geoid determination, height determination techniques during the last decades is highly appreciated world wide. The list can be made long if we try to cover the last 50 years.

The paper will present the ideas behind the Nordic co-operation and the benefit that it has had for the Nordic area, for Europe as well as for the world. The paper will describe some of the currently joint projects and their expected outcomes. The full paper is available at www.nkg.fi.

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