



NORDIC IN

STEFAN LÖFVEN NEW PRESIDENT OF NORDIC IN

Stefan Löfven was elected President of Nordic IN at a Congress held on 15 June in Reykjavik, Iceland. Löfven, who is the President of Sweden's metal and chemical workers' union IF Metall, succeeds Kjell Bjørndalen who retired.

The Congress (Nordic Forum) also elected Thorkild Jensen from Denmark's CO-industri and Mari-Ann Krantz from Sweden's Sif as Vice-Presidents. Jyrki Raina continues as General Secretary.

Nordic IN is a regional trade union federation, whose 22 affiliated national unions represent 1.2 million workers in the metal, chemical, paper and textile industries in Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Norway and Iceland.

Nordic IN's basic mission is to coordinate the policies and action of Nordic trade unions especially within the European industry federations EMF, EMCEF and ETUF-TCL, and global union federations IMF, ICEM and ITGLWF. The Congress confirmed that Nordic unions would continue to work on bringing industrial workers into one federation in Europe and in the world, in order to maximise our resources in a globalised world.

Nordic IN's action programme 2008-2009 states that Nordic unions will work together among other things to:

- Safeguard the Nordic model with a high unionisation rate, strong collective agreements, social security and workers' participation
- Address the increasing pressure for more flexible employment conditions and the impact of free movement of workers, and fight social dumping
- Work towards fair globalisation and to development mechanisms for ensure the respect of trade union rights in all parts of the world
- Promote proactive trade, energy and environmental policies
- Train union officers and European Works Council members on networking and on how to handle cross-border restructuring cases in multinational companies
- Activate work environment questions on the agenda of our European industry federations
- Promote recruitment of new members and stronger union structures in the Baltic states

A theme discussion was organised on "The Future of the International Trade Union Movement in the Global Economy", with the participation of General Secretaries Peter Scherrer (EMF), Reinhard Reibsch (EMCEF), Neil Kearney (ITGLWF) and Manfred Warda (ICEM), as well as Deputy General Secretary Hiroshi Kamada (IMF). A wide range of topics was touched upon, among them sustainable development, private equity and hedge funds, decent work, China and India, solidarity in cross-border restructuring cases, precarious employment, and international framework agreements. The General Secretaries also explained how the federations are increasing their cooperation step by step, with a view to a possible merger at the European and global level in the future.

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Nordic IN – New leadership elected on 15 June 2007

President	Stefan Löfven (IF Metall)
Vice-Presidents	Thorkild E. Jensen (CO-industri) and Mari-Ann Krantz (Sif)
General Secretary	Jyrki Raina
Treasurer	Håkan Arnelid (IF Metall)
Auditors:	Pirjo Terilehto (TU), Torben Poulsen (CO-industri) and Tom Røisi (IndustriEnergi)

Affiliated Unions

DENMARK

- Centralorganisationen af industriansatte i Danmark, CO-industri
- Forbundet Træ-Industri-Byg i Danmark, TIB
- Ingeniørforeningen i Danmark, IDA

FINLAND

- Kemia-liitto
- Metalliliitto
- Paperiliitto
- Rakennusliitto
- Sähköliitto
- Toimihenkilöunioni, TU
- Uusi Insinööri-liitto, UIL
- Tekniikan Akateemisten Liitto, TEK

ICELAND

- Samiðn samband iðnfélaga
- Starfsgreinasamband Islands, SGS

NORWAY

- Fellesforbundet
- Handel og Kontor i Norge, HK
- Norges Ingeniør- och Teknologorganisation, NITO
- IndustriEnergi
- TEKNA, Teknisk-naturvitenskapelig forening

SWEDEN

- IF Metall
- Sif
- Svenska Pappers
- Sveriges Ingenjörer