

The annual NFF Fall Conference



For Norwegian tunnellers the annual *NFF Fall Conference* has been the most important arena for exchange of information on tunnelling matters during the recent fifty years.

During the first seven years, most presentations concerned ongoing projects, new techniques, new machinery and production capacities. The increasing interest in rock mechanics led to cooperation with NBG (Norwegian Group of Rock Mechanics and member of ISRM). From 1970 onwards the conference is a joint undertaking, five years later also NGF (Norwegian Geotechnical Society) joined in. The oil and gas sector, increasingly important for the country, introduced presentations of new challenges onshore.

A review of the Fall Conference proceedings from 1963 through 2014 the number of papers by topics shows:

- Project summaries, techniques, equipment, blasting methods 907 papers
- Rock mechanics, engineering geology 394 papers
- Rock mechanics/Geotechnique 218 papers
- Geotechnique 276 papers

A fair guess would be that the total 1795 papers presented, represent some 20.000 pages.