

Standing Instructions for the Swedish Architecture Museum

The Museum's Standing Instructions are contained in SFS (Swedish Statute Book) 1988:1886 and Amendment 1996:459:

“The Museum shall illustrate architecture, urban planning and urban settlement research, and in particular shall highlight the connection of the environment with society and urban planning. It is incumbent on the Museum to specifically care for, list, scientifically process and enhance, through new acquisitions, the collections entrusted to it. It is also the duty of the Museum to keep the collections available to the general public, to conduct and support exhibition and other educational and debating activities and to provide information, advice and other assistance to regional and local museums.”

The Swedish Architecture Museum – history in brief

The Swedish Architecture Museum was started by SAR (the National Association of Swedish Architects) in 1962, as an independent foundation. In 1978 it was reconstituted as a national authority. In 1990 the Government and Riksdag (parliament) resolved on new premises for the Museum. Construction work began in 1996, the building was completed a year later and was officially opened on 14th February 1998, simultaneously with the new Modern Museum building. After a couple of years moisture damage was discovered in the building, necessitating a renovation which took almost two years to complete. During that time the Museum carried on its activities elsewhere. Its permanent home was reopened on 14th February 2004.