



The Swedish Construction Industry Training Board (BYN) is a joint body who represents employers and employees whose role is to ensure that there are skilled professional workers in the Swedish construction industry. Together with the high schools that have construction course and companies in our industry, we are promoting the Swedish upper secondary education and the subsequent apprenticeship period that occurs in construction enterprises meet the requirements of our industry. We want to raise the status, increase interest and promote the development of vocational education and as a means to achieve this we participate in competitions in vocational skills. By showing young athletes as role models and show opportunities for personal development, we create attention and interest in vocational training. When our young boys and girls can measure their strength in professional competitions against other youth from other countries increased professional knowledge and exchange between occupations increases. Already in the 50s skills competition has been organized by international professional championships and Sweden has since 1995 taken part in WorldSkills and since 2004 has there been a joint Swedish National Championship every other year, last in Gothenburg in 2010. The professional competitions that BYN is engaged in are The Swedish National Championship, the Swedish Championship for young machine operators, WorldSkills Competition and EuroSkills Competition.

Uneven year there is WorldSkills (last Calgary in 2009) and even years Swedish National Championship. In the WorldSkills youths under the age of 23 from around the world compete against each other in various professional disciplines. At WorldSkills 2009 there were 900 contestants from 51 countries in 45 professions. During WorldSkills there are also meetings between representatives from the participating countries' industries, sponsors and professional boards to discuss updates of job descriptions, training issues and how training can be developed.

Championship for Young plant machine operators takes place every year. The contest has been conducted annually since 1994. 2010 25 schools took part in a theoretical test to qualify as one of the 12 schools that compete for both individual championships and a School championship. Read more about the school Championships 2010 here http://www.byn.se/byn/byns-tavlingsverksamhet/sm-maskin_2010/default.asp

On the 19-21 of may 2010 the Swedish Championship took place in Gothenburg. In the Championship BYN introduced a new contest task. This competition task consists of a house where the professions of masons, carpenters, wall & floor tilers, sheet metal workers and supervisors competed both as a team and individually. Read more about Professional Championships on <http://www.byn.se/byn/byns-tavlingsverksamhet/yrkes-sm-2010/default.asp>

