

NIC Annual Meeting - Bergen 2016-11-25

1. Opening

The meeting was opened and the agenda was presented by the chairperson of NIC; Jens Allwood. The agenda was approved.

2. Election of secretary:

Elisabeth Ahlsén was elected secretary for the meeting.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last annual meeting (Jönköping 2015) were presented and approved.

4. Other information

Other information was reported:

Sweden:

A SNICC meeting was held in Falun in September 2016. The next meeting will take place in September 2017 in Gothenburg.

New courses.

25 Chinese university teachers from three universities were given a course on Media and ICC at Jönköping and Marston Hill in July 2016.

3 ICC courses are given in the Master in Communication program at the University of Gothenburg.

Norway:

NoFik:

A panel discussion on Multiculturalism was arranged in conjunction with the NIC meeting in Bergen 24 Nov 2016. A meeting will take place in Bergen 25 Nov 2016.

VID:

Stavanger Bachelor and Master in Global Studies including ICC

Oslo University

NLA Kristiansand: starts a web-based course in ICC offered in all of Norway

Master in IC work competence on the web

Kristiansand also Global Journalism

Oslo: Plan for joint master degree including development studies and multicultural understanding, also internationalization at home and other initiatives and courses preparing Norwegian students for going abroad.

FLEKS – Scandinavian Journal of Intercultural Theory and Practice: NLA, Oslo and

Akershus univ college: Own journal. Thematicly based. 2 volumes each year.

Scandinavian languages and English.

Finland:

Jyväskylä Master program on ICC, 1-2 PhD:s per year. Stephen Crawford leads.

Tampere: 3 universities will merge, specialist on language centers, offered as minors or collection of courses from different departments.

Helsinki: Master of IC Encounters exists, will expand, from 18 to 40 students/year. ICC will be a core element.

There is a professor in IC pedagogy.

Denmark:

More and more courses including ICC in masters education. Growing interest from schools. Growing discourse about IC competence. Maybe time to form national IC group/conference?

Aalborg: Intercultural management cooperation including Danish and foreign students exists (from 15 years back).

Iceland

The new Vigdis Finbogadottir "Center for the world's languages and cultures" has now got money and is being built.

Latvia

Two master programs in IC education, one on ethnical relationships at the Russian border. Undergraduate level for Erasmus students.

Italy

ICC in linguistics

Educational and psychology faculty

Tradition: Integration of immigrant students

France

Master in IC work in the Catholic University of Paris for teachers, society workers, NGOs

Japan

Organization: US and Japan initiated

"Human library" inviting people with different backgrounds – tables with people talking to resource person, is spreading

Different groups of people inside countries invited.

Hungary

Courses for students in business and tourism in Budapest

5. The NIC web site and the JICC

<http://sskkii.gu.se/nic/>

The website looks a bit old and needs a modernization. This will be tried, if possible.

Suggestion: Email addresses – information about journal sent out. This has existed but it has been removed because of spam. Now only closed register.

<http://immi.se/intercultural/>

Statistics for JICC: submission from 77 countries

59 reviewers from 18 countries in all continents

70% rejection rate (2015)

Submissions from 77 countries

Published 2015: 21 papers, by 38 authors from 21 countries

Submitted 2015: 76 papers

A review section is being re-introduced.
Perhaps a short section with statements, e.g. reports from debate, will also be introduced

6. Proposals from members

Web page updating (see above)

7. Election of members to the NIC board

Denmark: no change

Estonia: no change

Finland: Nancy Aalto retired and will be replaced by Anne Kankaanranta

Iceland: no change

Latvia: no change (will be investigated for next year)

Lithuania: no change

Norway: no change (may change before next conference in Norway)

Sweden: no change

8. The next NIC meeting:

Finland will investigate possibilities (Helsinki, Jyväskylä, Turku) Saira will know before end of year.

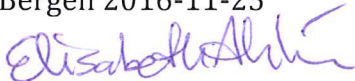
Denmark may replace Finland, if Finland cannot organize the conference.

Denmark is otherwise arranging the conference in 2018.

Latvia is arranging the conference in 2019.

Dates: Preliminary date in November 2017.

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Elisabeth Ahlsén
Secretary of meeting



Jens Allwood
Chairman