

Minutes from NIC (Nordic Network for Intercultural Communication) board meeting

Copenhagen 2001

The NIC conference 2001 was an inspiring and well organized conference. By choosing international keynote speakers as Dolores Tanno (USA), Steven Wilson (USA), Michael Billig (UK) and John Kuada & Hans Gullestrup (DK) the danish organizers Anette Villemoes and Anne Marie Büllöv-Möller had guaranteed a high professional level at the conference. And luckily all the keynote speakers were excellent speakers. Unfortunately only two board members showed up. As a consequence of that fact we were not able to take many decisions - but had instead some good discussions and suggestions for the future.

We suggest that the participants of NIC conferences shall be in better contact between the conferences. The two organizers at CBS in Copenhagen told about their basic problems with not knowing who to invite. (The same problem was posed in the mail from Peter Siegfried, who were not invited). We suggest a better way of organizing this part, so we don't miss interested researchers of > our network in between the conferences. We suggest a new mailing list. The list could start with the participant at the conferences in 1999, 2000, 2001. We suggest a website. And as part of the web site, we suggest a place for exchanging good literature for teaching and research in intercultural communication.

The organizers would have loved to make a publication with the best papers of the conference. But they choose to spend the money at the key note speakers. We suggest that the electronic journal of intercultural communication edited by Jens Allwood invites the participants to send their papers to the journal for referee. The organizers have already asked the key note speakers also to mail their speaks. The day of the conference Jens Allwood sent a mail for the board meeting from USA suggesting that we asked Latvia, Estonia and Sweden - but as none of these countries were represented at the meeting we had no one to ask or persuade. The reality is at the moment that we still have a work to do by finding someone who will host and organize the conference of 2002. Hans Gullestrup asked to be replaced by Marlene Gram of University of Aalborg, Denmark.

I will contact Marlene as soon as possible. I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year - see you at the NIC conference 2002 - somewhere! Iben Jensen, University of Roskilde, Denmark