

NIC Annual Meeting August 2025, University of Helsinki, August 14, 2025

Minutes

Participants:

Elisabeth Ahlsén, Jens Allwood, Kristine Billmyer, Claudia Jeltsch, Eila Isotalus, Ines Niksic, Paul Sbertoli-Nielsen, Hanne Tange, Liene Locmele, Avishan Keshavarz, Maryna Starodubska, Mahnaz Shirdel, Shomaila Sadaf, Malgorzata Lahti, Laima Neviskaite, Lidan Gong, Serol Karalar, Ikhom Khalimzoda, Saila Poutiainen

1. Opening

Jens Allwood opened the meeting.

2. Election of secretary for the meeting

Elisabeth Ahlsén was elected as secretary for the meeting.

3. Minutes of the previous Annual meeting.

The minutes of the previous Annual meeting were presented by Jens Allwood and approved.

4. Other information

Participants reported about the situation for university education and research on intercultural communication in the following countries: Lithuania, Latvia, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, IS, Ukraine, UK, Finland. The situation seems to be as before or better, several programs on Master level and increasing number of students.

5. The Journal of Intercultural Communications and NIC Web Pages.

The JICC is published by its new owner.

The NIC web pages can be found under the marstonhill.com website. Write <https://marstonhill.com/nic/>

There is a button you can click for becoming a member and receiving information about NIC events on the NIC home page.

The list of members will be removed.

6. Proposals from the participants

The organizers of the 2024 Stavanger conference are planning publication of selected papers in a special issue of the JICC.

Jens Allwood is arranging on-line seminars, some of which are on ICC. He sends invitations to the NIC board, who can then distribute them to other interested persons. He will also send to participants in the Helsinki board meeting who want it. There is also a button on the homepage for this. Upcoming speakers from NIC might be: Björn Kjellgren, Pavel Rodin, Rebecca Bergman.

7. Election of the NIC Board for 2025

The NIC board was re-elected with the present members, amended by:

Denmark: both places vacant from now. All interested Danish ICC researchers or practitioners are welcome to contact us at jens@allwood.se.

Ane Bergesen was replaced by Paul Sbertoli-Nielsen as first board member from Norway.

If Elena Maceviciute agrees, she will be replaced by Laima Neviskaite.

8. The next NIC Symposium

The NIC symposium in 2026 is not yet determined. There seems to be no Danish sites willing to arrange the symposium. Lithuania may therefore take over. Laima Neviskaite will check in September. The time will be decided by the organizers.

9. Other business

There were no other business points.

10. Closing of the meeting

Jens Allwood thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

Helsinki 14 August, 2025



Elisabeth Ahlsén
Secretary



Jens Allwood
Chairman