

Minutes of the

Annual meeting of NIC – The Nordic Association for the study of Intercultural Communication

Jönköping University, 28 November, 2015

1. Opening of the meeting

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

2. Election of secretary for the meeting

Elisabeth Ahlsén was elected as secretary for the meeting.

3. Minutes of the last annual meeting

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

4. Other information

Other information was reported:

Meetings:

- A SNICC meeting was held in Gothenburg in September 2015-09-23.
- No NoFIK meeting took place in 2015, one will be held in conjunction with NIC 2016.

New courses and other activities:

Sweden:

- Jönköping University started a new course in Global studies
- Chinese university teachers from Wuhan University were given a course on Media and ICC at Jönköping and Marston Hill in July 2015. A new group is planned for 2016.

- Finland:

JAMK has course on ICC as an important component (courses, projects, teaching tools), also on refugee crisis.

- Denmark:

Activity has been slowing down. There is interest in the school system, but not official or formalized.

- Norway:

The first Master program in ICC has been launched by NLA in Bergen, which has active teaching and research in the ICC area.

5. The NIC website and the Journal of Intercultural Communication (JICC)

The NIC website and the JICC (Journal of Intercultural Communication) can be found on the websites: <http://sskii.gu.se/nic> and <http://www.immi.se/intercultural>

Statistics for the JICC was presented:

Since 1999, a total of 652 papers have been submitted, from 75 countries, most from the USA, China, Australia, Iran, Germany and the Nordic countries.

The rejection rate is 56,5%

The number of visitors/readers is about 37 000 per year.

The editorial board has 46 members from 15 countries.

Jens Allwood invited all contributors to submit papers to JICC for peer review.

6. Proposals from members

Gunhild Aakervik suggested that NIC should think about challenges in the Nordic countries connected to the increase of refugees and possible initiatives that could be taken concerning communication skills. Gunhild Aakervik and Jens Allwood formed a committee for this.

7. Election of the board of NIC for 2016.

The sitting board of NIC was re-elected for 2016.

8. The next NIC conference

The next NIC conference will take place **in Bergen, 24-26 November, 2016**. The meeting will be arranged by NLA University College and possibly also the University of Agder. The 2016 meeting was presented by Øyvind Økland.

Preliminary themes:

- Communicative knowledge and values in multicultural settings
 - Power, asymmetry and politics of repression
 - Extremism, hate rhetoric, anti-semitism
 - Discourses, policies and intercultural challenges in migration
- Other suggestions and papers on other themes are also welcome.

The following preliminary plans exist

Call for papers will be sent out before Christmas 2015.

Registration will start Feb 1.

The first deadline for registration and abstracts will be in April.

The hotel deadline for reserved rooms by the conference is 4 months prior to the conference, i.e. July 24, 2016.

There will be an extension for people who arrange their own hotel rooms.

The fee will be 3 000 NOK, including lunches and conference dinner.

The pre-reserved hotel rooms will be 890 NOK/night, including breakfast.

9. Other issues

No issues

10. Closing of the meeting

The meeting was closed by the chairman, Jens Allwood and the local representative Ylva Lindberg.

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Chair of the meeting

Secretary of the meeting

Jens Allwood

Elisabeth Ahlsén