

NIC meeting 2017 Jyväskylä 24.11.2017

Minutes of the Annual NIC Board Meeting, Jyväskylä, November, 2017

1. Opening

The meeting was opened by Jens Allwood

2. Election of secretary for the meeting

Elisabeth Ahlsén was elected as secretary.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes from the last NIC meeting in Bergen 2016 were approved.

(One editorial change was made Crawford should be Crowther).

4. Other information

Reports of meetings, new courses etc.

Sweden: The Chinese Wuhan University teacher course on media and ICC at Jönköping and Marston Hill has taken place for the third time and a fourth course is planned for 2018. Several ICC courses are given at the University of Gothenburg in the Master in Communication program.

Finland: University of Jyväskylä: A merger of international programs of language department language studies and communication ICC & language and communication is on the way.

Helsinki: no changes, ICC courses work fine.

Norway: NTNU Ålesund and University of Bergen courses in intercultural understanding have been started.

Denmark: No real changes. Part of Icelandic program – Nordic funding program.

Iceland: The Vigdis Finnbogadóttir Center for World cultures and Languages has been opened.

Latvia: Summer school next summer Media literacy and democracy – June 19-30.

Lithuania: Nothing new. Master degree program and course in ICC.

Russia: Moscow State Institute of international relations: The Faculty has been renamed as the Faculty of Linguistics and ICC” The departments of of pedagogy and psychology do research in cultural and cross-cultural communication and now also have 150 students; there is a student conference on ICC.

Japan: The SIETAR World Conference will take place in Japan next year.

Germany: Berlin: Programs in ICC modules within Communication in a cultural context.

5. The NIC Web site and the Journal of Intercultural Communication

The board members are reminded of the decision from last year to include presentations of the board members. A picture and a link to web site will suffice.

A suggestion that the home page should be modernized was discussed, as well as presence on Facebook or Snapchat. At present, there is nobody who can keep these updated, members who can are welcome to contribute.

Statistics for JICC were presented:

JICC is still a success story – still going strong.

There have been suggestions for a review section, but this has so far not worked out. Reviews have not been coming in.

A suggestion was to maybe send out a request for reviews of books that members have already recently read?

Members who would like to become reviewers of submitted papers for JICC can contact Jens Allwood. Only 1-2 reviews per year will be asked for.

Statistics on Readers, Visits, Who reads JICC + Policy and Content were presented.

6. Proposals from members

Possible publication of conference papers from NIC in a special issue of JICC was suggested. This has been discussed, but since such an issue would mean being ranked lower, participants who wish to do so should submit articles for JICC after the conference in the usual, peer reviewed way.

7. Election of board members

The present board members were reelected.

8. Next NIC conference:

The next NIC conference will take place in 2018, late November in Copenhagen. Denmark, arranged by Aalborg University in Copenhagen, preliminary dates 28 nov – 1 dec to be confirmed). Perhaps, there will be a short PhD course in conjunction with conference.

There will be a special workshop with Wuhan University, China. There will also be some Art on the theme of Inclusion-Exclusion, Performance ICC and panel discussion in circle.

The 2019 NIC conference will take place in Latvia, in Valmiera, perhaps in combination with Riga. There may be a special session on Media culture, strategic comm. & security.

9. Other issues

There were no other issues.

10. Closing

The meeting was closed.

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Secretary of meeting



Jens Allwood
Chairman