

Minutes of NIC Annual Meeting in Oslo 26th of November 2010

1. Opening

Jens Allwood opened the meeting.

2. Election of secretary

Eila Isotalus was elected secretary.

3. Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

4. Other information: National Networks

- New national network has been founded in Norway NOFIK, *Norsk forening for interkulturell kompetanse*. First annual meeting was organized. Read more: www.nofik.no
- Third meeting of SNICC (Svenskt nätverk för interkulturell kommunikation) was held in Kalmar: Integrate Conflict Management and Intercultural Communication. At the year 2011 there will be another meeting in Lund.

4. Other information: Situation in different countries with study programs and courses in the field

- Master programs in Intercultural Communication, in the beginning of the year there are application times to these programs, so spread the word:
 - In Norway, School of Mission and Theology (Stavanger) offers a Master in Global Studies where one specialization is study of cultures and intercultural communication.
 - In Sweden, the Master and PhD Programs in Communication are offered in the University of Gothenburg where intercultural communication is included.
 - In Finland, University of Helsinki offers Master Program in Intercultural Encounters and University of Jyväskylä Master's Degree Programme in Intercultural Communication
- Several “bad news” related from different countries especially regarding language and intercultural studies:
 - In Stavanger all other language studies are closed except English
 - In Denmark foreign language and intercultural communication at the university of Copenhagen closed as well as translation studies in Spanish, German etc, but intercultural management is booming
 - In Finland at the University of Tampere Intercultural Communication program give more than 10 years is frozen; at the University of Jyväskylä Master's Degree Programme in Intercultural Communication is without a professor at the moment.
- Good news from Sweden: Intercultural Communication Courses are coming in many universities.

5. NIC website

- Information about the webpage content and different activities.
 - Wish for updated information on grants, current events and bibliography; invitation to all members to help with this (contact Nataliya Berbyuk Lindström <berlinds@chalmers.se>)
 - The link to NOFIK to be added

6. Journal of Intercultural Communication

- All participants in the NIC 2010 conference were invited to send their contributions to Journal of Intercultural Communication for publication after peer review.

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- *JICC homepage*: The heaviest readership concentration is in the USA. European classification: A; good rate of incoming papers and international reviewers.
 - There was a wish that one could get a notice in e-mail that a new issue is published
 - New reviewers needed and welcomed to apply

6. BIC Board members

No changes

7. Proposals of the members

- In one workshop in the morning came an idea that in NIC website there could be place where one could share the contents and methods of Intercultural Communication courses.
- As a hint to Finnish organizers the comment that in early phase of NIC the key note speakers where from different Nordic countries. In Oslo they had made the decision to use Norwegian keynote speakers as other presentations come anyway from different countries.
- Discussion about participants' possibility to evaluate the sessions
 - ideas and needs would be then transmitted easier to next organizers
 - but as there is a wish to have "obligatory part of organizing" as limited as possible, and NIC does not have resources, this was decided to be up to the organizers how they want to organize the feedback
- Discussion about the quality of papers
- Structure of the congress: More participants, more papers
 - In some congresses poster sessions are organized to get more students in
 - Encourage more papers from the participants
 - Wish for more interactive parts for the program
 - If one would get a certificate?
 - Encouragement especially for board members but also for others to get active in marketing NIC congress

8. Next NIC

- Welcome to Helsinki, Finland 1st-3rd of December, 2011! Institute of Behavioral Sciences (University of Helsinki) and Department of Communication (Aalto School of Economics) are organizing bodies.
- 2012 NIC Congress will be organized in Aarhus, Denmark and 2013 probably in Tartu, Estonia.

9. Closing

Secretary

Chair person

Eila Isotalus

Jens Allwood