

## Minutes

### NIC Annual Meeting, Reykjavik, 25 November 2022

**Participants:** Jens Allwood, Elisabeth Ahlsén, Audur Haunsdottir, Saira Poutianen, Stefanie Stadler, Klaus Geyer, Renata Matkiviciene, Mai Shirahata, Margit Krause Ono, Monica Tove Vattedal, Hanne Tange, Kristin Ingvarsdottir

#### 1. Opening

The meeting was opened by Jens Allwood

#### 2. Election of secretary for the meeting

Elisabeth Ahlsén was elected as secretary of the meeting.

#### 3. Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting

The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were presented and approved.

#### 4. Other information

Participants reported about the situation for university education in Intercultural Communication (ICC) in the following countries. Japan, Lithuania, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Iceland, and Sweden. In general, ICC is, in most places, with a few exceptions, mainly included in various programs, such as teacher training, communication, media, business etc.

#### 5. Report about the Journal of Intercultural Communication (JICC)

Jens Allwood reported that JICC was published from the Immigrant Institute in Sweden, as an initiative from NIC, during the years 1999-2022. Publication had to be discontinued in 2022, due to illness, computer breakdowns and a lack of resources. Since the summer of 2022 JICC now has a new publisher, ICRP (International Collaboration for Research and Publications) in Malaysia. NIC no longer has influence over the publication. ICRP has introduced publication fees for authors, while the journal is still Open Access. Many of the earlier reviewers remain, but new review processes are also introduced.

#### 6. Suggestions from the participants

1. Suggestions concerning JICC were:

- a separate webpage with JICC issues from previous years. This was unanimously approved by the participants
- information about the time for change of ownership in the About section
- perhaps a Wikipedia text about the journal

The old web pages do contain all information.

The suggestions could be negotiated with the new publisher.

2. There has been a suggestion from the Estonian representatives on the board of NIC to arrange a short, intensive Nordic summer institute of ICC. Participants expressed support for this idea. A university has to be involved in the

arrangement, for credits to be accepted. The Estonian participants and Jens Allwood can be contacted about this.

**7. Election of the NIC Board for 2022.**

The NIC Board was elected with current members remaining, except for the following changes:

Anne Kankenranta will be replaced as member 2 for Finland by Malgorzata Lahti, University of Jyväskylä.

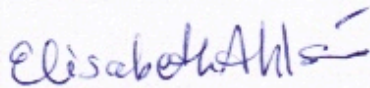
The two Icelandic members will be replaced – the meeting accepts that the current Icelandic members will present the new members. The replacement of Krista Vogelberg by Silvi Tenjes as representatives for Estonia was approved.

**8. The next NIC symposium**

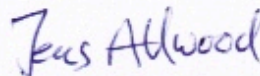
The next NIC symposium in 2023 will take place in Sweden, more information will be sent out when the dates and host university have been settled.

The NIC symposium in 2024 will take place in Stavanger, Norway.

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Elisabeth Ahlsén  
Secretary



Jens Allwood  
Chairman