

NIC

Nordic Network for Intercultural Communication

NIC Board Meeting, November 24 2006, in Roskilde, Denmark

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1. Opening

Jens Allwood opens the meeting.

2. Election of secretary

Randi Myhre is elected secretary.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting are read.

4. Other information

- **Selected papers from the NIC 2004 conference**
Øyvind Dahl informs us that the publication of selected papers from the NIC 2004 conference in Kristiansand, Norway, will be published in the first week of December 2006.
- **Selected papers from the NIC 2005 conference**
Nancy Aalto informs us that the publication of selected papers from the NIC 2005 conference in Tampere, Finland, now is published and that it may be ordered.
- **European Intercultural Workplace project database**
Randi Myhre reports about the European Intercultural Workplace (EIW) project database under construction and encourages NIC conference participants to contribute with articles, papers and other written material on Intercultural Communication, Work and Studies in Europe, Legislation on Anti-discrimination in Europe to randi@ling.gu.se. The participants are also welcome to contribute with information on organizations and links to organizations dealing with these topics, in particular training organizations. In the future the EIW database will be merged with the NIC website.

- **Link to NIC conference website**

Information on future NIC conferences can also be communicated to the Immigrant institute in Borås in order for them to create a link to the NIC conference website. E-mail: migrant@immi.se

5. Journal of Intercultural Communication

Jens Allwood gives us information about the “Journal of Intercultural Communication” which is an electronic journal with peer review available at <http://www.immi.se/intercultural/>

The journal is run on 100% voluntary work, in cooperation with the Immigrant institute in Borås, Sweden. The journal works well and has a very large number of readers from all around the world. Statistics on the number of readers shows for example that in October 2006 there were 34 000 hits. The statistics are available at the website <http://www.immi.se/internetstatistik.htm>

The Journal of Intercultural Communication belongs to category A on the European ranking scale on academic journals.

Maria Isaksson raises the question whether participants at the NIC conference should publish their papers in the Journal of Intercultural Communication rather than in a conference publication.

Liisa Salo-Lee suggests a special edition of the Journal of Intercultural Communication with selected peer reviewed articles after the conference. Another suggestion is to have an edition devoted to a specific theme, ‘Power’ for example.

Jens Allwood concludes that it could be possible to have certain issues of the journal on special themes (like power and intercultural communication).

The NIC2006 conference participants are invited to contribute with articles in the Journal of Intercultural Communication. Articles should be sent to Managing Editor Beatrice Dorriots:
E-mail: beatrice@ling.gu.se

There are two peer reviewers for each article. The peer reviewers are encouraged to provide suggestions on how the author(s) can improve the article if they consider the content of the article suitable for publication, but not quite ready.

6. NIC website

Jens Allwood presents the main contents of the NIC website.

Øyvind Dahl informs the meeting about the responsibility of the members, particularly the NIC board members, to check if the website content needs to be updated and to communicate necessary updates to Nataliya Berbyuk Lindström,
E-mail: natasha@ling.gu.se

The NIC members are informed about the possibility to have their publications listed on the NIC website.

If the contact details for the NIC website, e.g. of Nataliya Berbyuk Lindström, are not found at the NIC website they will be added on the NIC website.

7. Election of NIC board

- **Norway:** unchanged (Øyvind Dahl and Maria Isaksson)
- **Sweden:** unchanged (Jens Allwood and Nataliya Berbyuk Lindström)
- **Finland:** unchanged (Liisa Salo-Lee and Nancy Aalto)
- **Denmark:** unchanged (Iben Jensen and Marita Svane)
- **Estonia:** Leen Rahnu is unchanged and a new board member is elected: Krista Vogelberg.
- **Latvia:** Aila Priedite is unchanged and a new member is elected: Liene Paegle.
- **Lithuania:** Elena Maceviciute is unchanged and a new member is elected: Renata Matkeviciene.
- **Iceland:** a new member is elected: Oddny Sverrisdottir.

To sum up, the following board members are elected:

Norway	Øyvind Dahl	Maria Isaksson
Sweden	Jens Allwood	Nataliya Berbyuk Lindström
Finland	Liisa Salo-Lee	Nancy Aalto
Denmark	Iben Jensen	Marita Svane
Estonia	Leen Rahnu	Krista Vogelberg
Latvia	Aila Priedite	Liene Paegle
Lithuania	Elena Maceviciute	Renata Matkeviciene
Iceland	Oddny Sverrisdottir	-

8. Next NIC meeting

NIC 2007 - Renata Matkeviciene will organize the conference at Vilnius University in Vilnius, Lithuania. The conference will start on Thursday, November 29 and end on Saturday, December 1.

NIC 2008 - will be held on Iceland according to contacts with Oddny Sverrisdottir.

9. Other issues

There are no other issues raised.

Jens Allwood closes the meeting.

For NIC Jens Allwood

Randi Myhre