

## NIC Annual Meeting 27 November 2024, VID Stavanger

### Minutes

#### Participants:

Elisabeth Ahlsén, Jens Allwood, Ane Bergesen, Øyvind Dahl, Gunnar Furseth Klinge, Anne Brit Hatleskog, Linda Kasali, Margit Krause-Ono, Øystein Lund Johannessen, Ines Niksic, Ngirin Shutl Marcel, Paul Shertoli-Nielsen, Paulo Rocha, Memory Tembo, Sofiya Zahova

#### 1. Opening

Jens Allwood opened the meeting.

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

Elisabeth Ahlsén was elected as secretary for the meeting.

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

The minutes of the previous Annual meeting were presented by Jens Allwood and approved.

#### 4. Other information

Participants reported about the situation for university education and research on intercultural communication in the following countries:

In general, there are concerns about budget cuts and fees for students from outside of the EU, especially in Norway, where fees are being introduced, and about integration of ICC into other subjects where it risks to "get lost", but some new initiatives were also reported and developing more online education was discussed.

#### 5. The Journal of Intercultural Communications and NIC Web Pages.

The JICC is published by its new owner. Paulo Rocha from Stavanger is now on the board of editors. The NIC web pages are now under the marstonhill.com website.

#### 6. Proposals from the participants

Paulo Rocha reported on book publishing plans based on the NIC symposium, possibly with the theme ICC and professional practices. Proceedings and/or a special issue was discussed. Possible journals: Journal of Intercultural Communication (JICC), Nordic Journal of Comparative and International Education (NJCIE, published by Oslo Met.).

Jens Allwood mentioned that the possibility of a summer school was mentioned and initiatives are welcome.

Jens Allwood also offered to arrange on-line seminars. He will send invitations to the participants, who can then distribute them to other interested persons. Sofiya Zahova will speak during the spring of 2025.

## 7. Election of the NIC Board for 2024.

The NIC board was re-elected with the present members, including Memory Tembo as second board member for Norway. < memory.tembo@vid.no >

Two new board members from Iceland were elected:

Member 1. Sofiya Zahova, zahova@hi.is

Member 2. Kristín Ingvarsdóttir, kristini@hi.is

## 8. The next NIC Symposium

The NIC symposium in 2025 will take place in Helsinki, Finland on August 13-15.

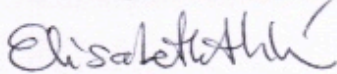
## 9. Other business.

There were no other business points.

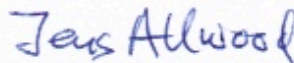
## 10. Closing of the meeting.

Jens Allwood thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

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Elisabeth Ahlsén  
Secretary



Jens Allwood  
Chairman