

Minutes from the Norslis Board Meeting in Uppsala, 28 January 2009

Present

Nils Pharo, Norway - Sanna Talja, Finland - Augusta Palsdottir, Iceland - Kerstin Rydbeck, Sweden - Aira Lepik, Estonia - Liga Krumina, Latvia - Elina Late, PhD student, Finland - Tanja Svarre, PhD student, Denmark - Niels Ole Pors, Denmark

Absent

Rimvydas Lauzikas, Lithuania

Agenda and Minutes

Welcome and constitution of the Board

- The Board thanked Kerstin Rydbeck for hosting the meeting.
- The Agenda was approved.
- Audrone Glosiene passed away a couple of days before the meeting. The new Board member from Lithuania is Rimvydas Lauzikas. It was not possible to invite him to this Board meeting in time.

Norslis.net

Several matters concerning the NorslisNet were discussed. Niels Ole Pors gave a short description of how the revision of the NorslisNet went. It is a rather huge task and it will be done in small steps when time allows it.

- We agreed to continue with the existing template for board members and contact persons since the homepages of the single experts are too heterogeneous. Niels Ole Pors will write to the contacts and Board members with a template and ask them to update the biographical information.
- We also agreed to relaunch the link at the webpage, that announces core LIS events, e.g. central conferences, work shops, doctoral forums etc. Niels Ole Pors will ask Olle Persson how he has received the information previously. It is probably the contact persons that have to deliver the information.
- We also decided to place minutes of Norslis board meetings at the webpage.
- We discussed whether we should use the NorslisNet page for announcing local courses of departments across Scandinavia/the Baltic countries but ended up agreeing to just announce the relevant courses/events we hear of at the mail list. Thus, there might be reasons, e.g. language problems that might cause that e.g. courses are not announced on the NorslisNet.
- During the next couple of weeks, the NorslisNet will be updated and old information will be removed from the start page and the advice received from Board members will be incorporated. The list of experts, senior lecturers and PhD – students will be updated.

The present financial situation

- Niels Ole Pors has emailed with Olle Persson to get an overview of the remaining Norslis fund. We will not have a clear picture of the financial situation before the end of February. Olle Persson has still some invoices not paid yet and

all the invoices from the PhD conference and the workshop on Information Behaviour in November in Copenhagen has not been received yet.

- In case that there will be funding left from Norslis, the funding will be used for covering travel costs and accomodation for board meeting in 2009.

Responses to the letters to HoD and contact persons

- Niels Ole has received responses from all institutions except from Trondheim and Lund. Nils Pharo will contact Trondheim in order to find out whether they want to participate in Norslis or not. Niels Ole Pors will contact Lund.
- We also discussed Växjö. Kerstin will contact Joachim Hansson to see if they are interested at all. Växjö will not have a PhD programme for the next couple of years but the board would appreciate that the senior lecturers will be affiliated to the network as experts and contac persons. Niels Ole will write to Växjö to investigate the interest and possibilities.

The courses in 2009 and funding opportunities

- The course will take place in Iceland, ether in August or October. The preference is October but it will depend on funding possibilities.
- Our plan is to make a theoretical and a methodological course, each lasting 5 days. The students can attend either one or both of the courses. In this way it may be considered a summer school and thereby hopefully attract even more funding.
- Augusta is the chair of the planning committee. The other members of the planning committee are: Niels Ole Pors, Nils Pharo, Sanna Talja and Aira Lepik.
- Prior to the more detailed planning of the course, Niels Ole will contact Olle in order to find out who to contact at Nordic Council (Nordforsk). Then Niels Ole will contact first Nordplus and then CIMO (Erasmus funding) in order to find out what is emphasized when funding courses.
- If we end up having no funding, we will still go through with the course, but draw on lecturers from participant institutions and the hosting institution. It was emphasised that running courses in 2009 is important for the future of Norslis.

Ideas concerning cooperation with other networks

- The board members gave an overview of at least some of the networks they either were involved in or that looked interesting for a future cooperation. Aira Lepik gave an orientation on the research school named HIPOLIRE. It is a Nordic – Baltic – Russian network on the history of books, reading and libraries financed by NordForsk.
- The Danish research School named KAF (Kulturarens Forskerskole/ the research school of Cultural Heritage) could be interesting to approach. It is funded by the Ministry of Culture and involves research institutions like museums, archives and educational schools in the cultural arena. It is hosted by the Royal School of Library and Information Science.
- Aira Lepik is Board Member of the Baltic Graduate School for Social Sciences and Humanities (BGS) founded 10. October 2008 and Head of the Section of Information Studies founded 27 January 2009 (www.tlu.ee/bgs).

- We also briefly discussed a possible cooperation between Norslis and the plans about establishing a joint Nordic research journal build on Dansk Biblioteks-forskning. Perhaps a development of Dansk Biblioteksforskning into a common Nordic online journal could be encapsulated into the Norslis regi and thereby make the network more powerful, easing the applications for funding.
- It was decided to monitor the developments and investigate possible arenas for future cooperation.

Other matters

- It was suggested that we monitor international conferences taking place in the Nordic and Baltic countries to investigate the possibility to offer LIS – related workshops in conjunction with the conferences.
- Due to the planning of next years courses, the next board meeting will take place in October in Tampere
- October will be the month of the annual physical board meeting. In 2010 we will meet in one of the Baltic countries

The meeting ended with the Board thanking Kerstin Rydbeck for the hospitality and help running the Board meeting.

Tanja Svarre Jonassen and Niels Ole Pors

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Status:

I have received positive answers concerning future participation and contact persons from:

Participating institutions and contact persons

1. Royal School of Library and Information Science, Copenhagen - Niels Ole Pors
2. Dept of Information Studies, University of Tampere, Tampere - Sanna K. Talja
3. Dept of Information Studies, Åbo Akademi, Turku - Gunilla Widen – Wulff
4. Dept of Information studies, Oulu University, Oulu - Maija-Lena Huotari
5. Dept of Library and Information Science, University of Iceland, Reykjavik- Ágústa Pálsdóttir
6. Library and Information Studies, Oslo University College, Oslo - Nils Pharo
7. Institute for Documentation Science, University of Tromsø, Tromsø - Andreas Vaarheim
8. **Information Management Group, NTNU, Trondheim**
Library and Information Science, Department of Sociology, University of Umeå - Olle Persson
9. Swedish School of Library and Information Science, Gothenburg University and University College at Borås - Lars Höglund
10. **Library & Information Science, Department of Cultural Sciences, University of Lund - Birgitta Olander**
11. Library & Information Science, Department of Archives, Libraries and Museums, University of Uppsala - Kerstin Rydbeck
12. Department of Information Studies, Tallinn Pedagogical University, Tallinn, Estonia - Aira Lepik
13. Department of Library Science and Information Science, University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia - Liga Krumina
14. **Faculty of Communication, Vilnius University, Vilnius, Lithuania**

(Red indicates that the issue is in process or that I have not heard anything)

I must say, that I have not received a formal reply from all, but until otherwise proved I take the appointment of a contact as an agreement to future cooperation in relation to Norslis

List of experts, senior researchers and PhD students received from:

1. Royal School of Library and Information Science, Copenhagen
2. Dept of Information Studies, University of Tampere, Tampere
3. Dept of Information Studies, Åbo Akademi, Turku
4. Dept of Information studies, Oulu University, Oulu
5. Dept of Library and Information Science, University of Iceland, Reykjavik
6. Library and Information Studies, Oslo University College, Oslo
7. Institute for Documentation Science, University of Tromsø, Tromsø
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Funding possibilities

European possibilities

We could take a look at more possibilities within the Erasmus program, for

example: Thematic Networks / Academic Networks
http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/erasmus/action13_en.html

Erasmus networks are designed to promote European co-operation and innovation in specific thematic areas of particular importance to higher education in a European context. In this way, they contribute to enhancing quality, defining and developing a European dimension within a given academic discipline, study area, or furthering innovation and good practice on other aspects of higher education development. This is achieved by means of co-operation within the network between higher education institutions, university faculties and departments. Such co-operation should also involve academic and other associations, learned societies, enterprises, professional bodies, other partners of socio-economic importance in the public or private sector and, where appropriate, student organisations. All networks should bring together an appropriate range of relevant stakeholders concerned by the theme addressed. Co-operation within networks is expected to lead to outcomes which will have a lasting and widespread impact on higher education institutions across Europe in the field concerned. Erasmus Thematic Networks may be of two types:

Academic Networks designed to promote innovation in a specific discipline, set of disciplines or multidisciplinary area
Structural Networks designed to help improve and modernise a specific aspect of higher education organisation, management, governance or funding (such as broadening access to higher education, promoting the "knowledge triangle" of education, research and innovation, improving university management, enhancing quality assurance and so on).

For the doctoral students there are some funding possibilities for travel at the University of Iceland.

CIMO

Erasmus intensive courses (IP)

dealine 14.3. 2009

- for instance, summer schools (can be funded 3 years, funding granted for 1 year at a time)
- minimum 2 weeks (10/12 days)
- doctoral candidates
- other European universities can be included
- see cf. International Summer School in Systematic, Comparative and Cognitive Musicology
- funding: " travel, accommodation, organization costs" - covers 75% of real travel costs, about 8000 euros for organization costs

The HERA Joint Research Programme (HERA JRP) partners have launched a joint call for trans-national Collaborative Research Projects (CRPs) in two humanities research areas: "Cultural Dynamics: Inheritance and

Identity" and "Humanities as a Source of Creativity and Innovation". By launching the first HERA JRP call for proposals, 13 national funding partners want to create collaborative, trans-national research opportunities that will derive new insights from humanities research in order to address major social, cultural, and political challenges facing Europe. In consultation with their national researcher communities, they have jointly defined and developed common research priorities, and created a new trans-national funding mechanism. The beneficiaries of this Call are eligible scholars located in Austria, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Sweden and United Kingdom, irrespective of their nationality.

Successful proposals will require the building of consortia of three or more partners based in three or more different HERA JRP countries. The total amount of funding available for both HERA JRP themes is 12,4

16,4 M€. To know more, please visit the HERA website at www.heranet.info Dead line 7 of April 2009

Nordic possibilities:

Nordplus Higher Education Programme

- deadline 2 March
- intensive courses
- student mobility
- teacher mobility
- support for networks and network activities
- funding period??

Nordforsk:

Networks of National Research Schools (DL beginning of April)

(preference: inter- or multidisciplinary) Another Nordforsk program has deadline 11.3. (RR)

Nordforsk theme-based:

Researcher networks - beginning of April

- multidisciplinary, research groups Nordic countries + Baltic countries

Networks of national Centers of Excellence (research teams from Nordic countries); needs co-funding from?

1. Research Training Courses -

<https://funding.nordforsk.org/nordforsk/call/call.jsp?cid=29>

NordForsk invites applications for funding for research training (PhD) from institutions in the Nordic and the Baltic countries. The objective is to offer research training in fields that are difficult for the national research institutions to cover on their own.

The courses can be within all scientific areas, but areas where the Nordic countries are or have the potential to become internationally leading are prioritised. The research training courses usually take place in the Nordic or the Baltic countries, and should be specialised intensive courses (minimum 5 days) for PhD students and young researchers (at the post doc. level).

Final submission date - 11.03.2009 16:00:49

2. Researcher Networks -

<https://funding.nordforsk.org/nordforsk/call/call.jsp?cid=28>

NordForsk aims to bring together prominent research groups in the Nordic and the three Baltic countries (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) in order to strengthen and increase the quality of research and research training at the Nordic, European and international levels.

The NordForsk networks should aim to establish joint research training in a given field, to consolidate research as a basis for joint European or international projects, or to strengthen a given field of research in order to establish a new Nordic Centre of Excellence.

It is decisive that PhD students and young researchers participate actively and that the network results in constructive cooperation that can extend beyond the period of NordForsk financing.

Final submission date - 01.04.2009 16:00:49

National possibilities

Academy of Finland

National researcher training courses

- can also be international
- must have international teachers
- application open in October
- funds travel expenses of international teachers and doctoral students

ESF exploratory workshops

<http://www.esf.org/activities/exploratory-workshops.html>

2010 call: deadline April 2009

The Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation, which is one of the biggest research funders in Sweden in humanities and social sciences, this year, creates a new support system which might be of interest to us. It is a specific network support. See:

http://www.rj.se/1/forskningsstod/soka_anslag/natverksstod (only in Swedish)

Other major Swedish research funders are for example the Wenner Gren Foundation: <http://www.swgc.org/index.aspx?languageID=5> They are specially interested in supporting international communication and exchange.

Svenska bankens jubilæumsfund dead line 11februar

Travel funding for students: Kirjastonhoitajien Säätiö

Høgskolen i Oslo, sentralt. HiO ønsker å bli universitet og derfor støtter de bl.a. opprettelsen av PhD-utdanning i bibliotek- og informasjonsvitenskap. Dette har jo du vært aktiv i arbeidet med. Jeg antar derfor at de kan være interessert i å finansiere Norslis med sentrale midler.

Norges forskningsråd - de har for tiden ingen utlysninger til forskerskoler ute, men dette kan jo skje. Dessuten er det en bibliotekmelding

på gang fra kulturdepartementet og det har blitt rettet sterke ønsker om nye bibliotekforskningsmidler. <URL: <http://www.forskningsradet.no/>>

ABM-utvikling - disse har gitt en del utviklingsmidler til bl.a. vår utdanning, jeg vet ikke hvorvidt de kan tenkes å finansiere forskerskolen, men Statens bibliotektilsyn og Riksbibliotek tjenesten (som er ABM-utviklings forgjengere) var sterkt inne med midler til det forrige bibliotekforskningsprogrammet. <URL: <http://www.abm-utvikling.no/>>

Norsk bibliotekforening - jeg vet ikke om disse gir denne typen støtte. <URL: <http://www.norskbibliotekforening.no/>>

Nasjonalbiblioteket - de var også støttespiller for bibliotekforskningsprogrammet i sin tid og kan tenkes å bidra. <URL: <http://www.nb.no/>>

Fritt ord er en privat stiftelse som bl.a gir prosjektstøtte innen programområdene "Medier og demokrati, Informasjon og offentlig debatt, Stipend og undervisning eller Kunst og kultur" <URL: <http://www.frittord.no/no/soknader/>>

Biblioteksentralen er en bedrift eid av bl.a. norske kommuner, de har stipendordninger "som kan tildeles ansatte i offentlige biblioteker", men det skader ikke å prøve. <URL: <http://www.bibsent.no/ombs/stipend.aspx>>

Other fonds like bilateral private funds

1. **Den Letterstedtska forening** – har en del midler, - og riktig formulert vil der kunne opnås støtte til reise for et antal enkeltpersoner. Foreningen har to ansøgningsformer: fælles – i Stockholm, og nationalt. Prof. Jørn Lund representerer sammen med Steen Cold(engang dir. for Nordens Hus i Thorshavn) DK
2. **Fonden Dansk Norsk Samarbejde (Schæffergården og Lysebu)** – her kunne man søge om afholdelse af en konference på et af de mindre søgte tidspunkter – f.eks. ultimo juni i København.
3. Så der fondet **Dansk – Svensk Samarbejde**, - her givers også rejsemidler til studerende og forskere
4. Endelig er der **Foreningen Finland- Danmark**, - også her vil der være rejsemidler.