

# **Minutes from the NORSLIS Board Meeting, Royal School of Library and Information Science, Copenhagen, 25. November 2008**

## **Present at the meeting:**

Olle Persson, Outgoing Chair, Sweden - Niels Ole Pors, Denmark - 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

## **Absent:**

Audrone Glosiena, Lithuania

## **Agenda**

### **1 The New Board**

The new board active from the meeting constituted itself and had a round of presentations.

The members of the new board are:

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

### **2 The next board meeting**

It was decided that the next board meeting will take place in Uppsala the 28 January 1200 – 1800.

Kerstin Rydbeck will arrange the practical matters concerning the meeting.

At the moment, it is unclear if Norslis will be able to support the meeting financially.

### **3 Things to be done in the near future**

- It was decided that the Norslis.net will continue with Niels Ole Pors as webmaster. Olle Persson will pass over the necessary information during the coming weeks.
- It was further decided to approach the existing contact persons at the participating institutions and get an update concerning both senior researchers and PhD students. We also wanted the existing contact persons to confirm their continuing role as institutional contacts. Niels Ole Pors is responsible for carrying out this task during December 2008.
- We decided to draft a letter to the participating institutions to inform them of the reorganised Norslis and the changed conditions. In this context we would also in-

investigate the support the single institution could give to Norslis. Niels Ole Pors will draft a letter in December to the board members for approval.

- We further decided that the board members should look into possible channels of funding in their country with special regard to financial support for courses, PhD – travel grants and mobility and other area of interests for Norslis. All board members are responsible to give an overview to the chair at least one week before the Uppsala meeting (21 January 2009)
- We decided that the chair with the help of the research support staff at RSLIS should scan the Nordic and European funds that could be of interest for the Norslis activities. Deadline 21 January.
- The chair will – hopefully – be able to summarise all this information a couple of days before the meeting 28. January. The possibility for grants and funding will be discussed at the Uppsala meeting and will contribute to the formulation of a plan for applications, priorities and other matters of concern for the economic viability of Norslis.

#### 4 Courses and Workshops

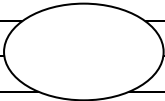
We had a longer discussion about future PhD courses and workshops beginning in 2009. Several issues were raised. The students have raised the question for online courses or courses that combined personal contacts with different forms of e-learning. It was decided to bear this in mind and follow the development and there was agreement that we should take this up at a later stage.

- Further, it was emphasised that coming courses and workshops ought to be able to attract PhD students from neighbouring fields.
- It was also emphasised that especially the contact persons should be active in promoting the Norslis courses to both colleagues and PhD students.

Concerning courses and workshops in 2009 and coming years, we agreed to continue to concentrate on theories and methodologies and methods. We further agreed to work on a model that combined elements from a more traditional course and from workshops giving room for a rather strong student influence in relation to the topics of the PhD projects.

The board discussed the following principles for courses/workshops:

- Each year Norslis will arrange a course in Theory and a course in methodology/methods
- The course will be arranged through participation of senior lecturers coming from at least 2 or 3 of the participating Norslis institutions
- Each of the courses will focus on for example competing theories and approaches in relation to broad areas in library and information science as outlines in the figure below.
- The single course can emphasise one or more of the areas of the field
- The single course ought to emphasise both the epistemological and historical dimension of theory, approach and methodology and should focus on the merits and demerits of the single approach in terms of the usability in different areas and different kind of research.

	Theory	Methodology/Methods
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Finally, it was decided to draft an outline of one or two courses based on the principles above to be discussed at the Uppsala meeting in January. The chair will draft an outline and distribute it for amendment, comments, and corrections in December 2008.

Further, it would be beneficial if the board members would start to think about possible venue and organisers of 2 courses in 2009.

### **5 End of meeting**

The planning of this meeting would have been very difficult without the useful input that came from the meeting of PhD students and senior lecturer.

The meeting ended with many thanks to especially Olle Persson and the outgoing board for their achievements and hard work beneficial to all LIS – institutions participating in the network.

Niels Ole Pors

6. December 2008.