



Welcome to Bodø International

Bodø international Union is the organization that is made by Bodø international students. Here you can find different countries students and amazing culture.

We have students from Sri Lanka, Nepal, Turkey, Canada, Russia, Denmark, France, China, India, Iran, Spain, Italy, Chili, Germany, Poland, Kenya, Austria, and Australia and so on. We get together from all over the world and study in Bodø. We have many good activities to do every week, like Coffee hours and Movie Nights!

If you are interested in the international topic and want to know different language and culture, just come to us and spend a nice time with us!

You are really welcome!!!

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History of Bodø International (BI):

Bodø International was established in September 2000, on the initiatives of our first president, Kate Gordon and they had 30 members. They have believed that it will enable international to get acquainted with each other and to make friendship with fellow Norwegians. At the beginning, they had organised International day, International food party, quiz and Trips. In this first board, a student Kate Gordon from UK was the president of Bodø International.

In the academic year of 2001/2002, a Norwegian student Torgeir Skogvold was elected as the president. They have organised the same activities. In the following year, a student from China has been elected as the president and he was the president of Bodø International for 2 years. Under Qzing presidency, chess tournament, coffee hour and movie time were introduced. These activities were very popular. Even though, these activities were very attractive for Internationals, Norwegian participation had been very low, except for food party. At the end of academic year, BI has organized a farewell party for the first time.

Since, 2004/2005, academic year, a student from Sri Lanka, has been the President of Bodø International. New BI board decided to organise new activities. First, the board decided that internationals should cooperate with social organisations in Bodø. As the first initiative, BI assisted Red Cross to raise fund for Sudan and to collect funds for mentally disabled people in Norway. And BI helped the red Cross to organise football championship against violence BI continued to organise activities such as Coffee hour, movie Time, International day, food Party, chess Tournament, International quiz and Trips. As BI wants to say good bye to friend leaving from Bodø, the board agreed to organise a Farewell Party at end of each semester.

Changing the traditional way of organising activities, BI has attempted to participate in activities organised by Norwegian student. For the first time, BI has participated in student Union day in the school. On the other hand, International took part in Independence Day celebration (17th may). In the academic year of 2005/2006, BI organised Funny game to celebrate the Open Day of school. As an innovative way to integrate internationals and Norwegians, BI arrange an international Disco Night for the first time in the history.

Structure of BI

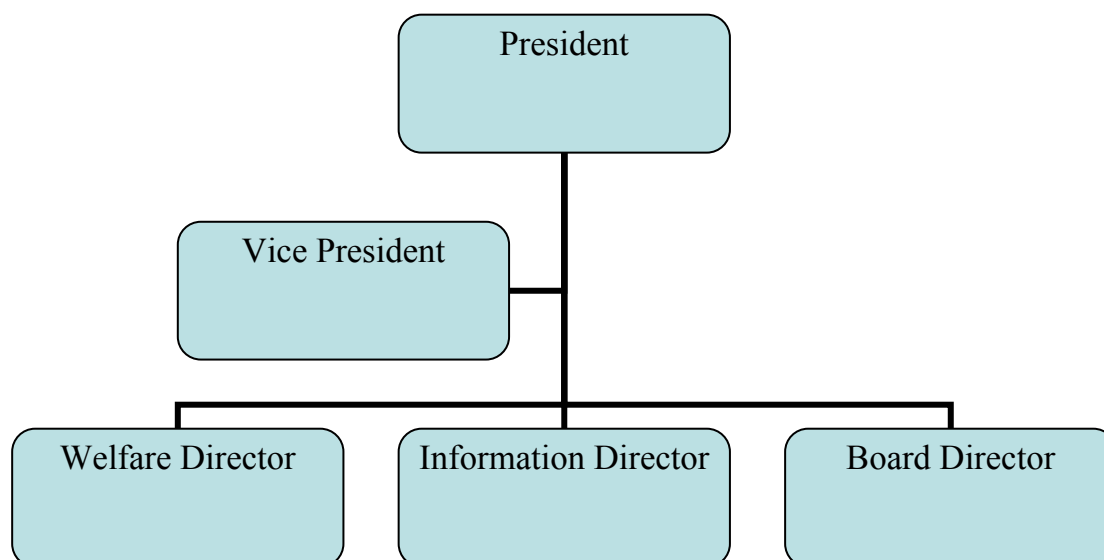


Table No-1: Contact Information of BI

Name of Office Bearer	Position	Country	Mobile no.
Chamara kuruppu	President	Sri lanka	95764796
Upendra Napit	Vice president	Nepal	93446352
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Table No-2: Countries & Students

Country	No. of Student	Time	PROGRAMME
Zambia	3	1 Year	Master Comparative SW
Zimbabwe	1	1 Year	Master Comparative SW
Uganda	1	1 Year	Master Comparative SW
Etiopia	1	1 Year	Master Comparative SW
Tanzania	1	1 Year	Master Comparative SW
Sør Afrika	2	1 Year	Master Comparative SW

Cuba	2	1 Year	Master Comparative SW Norther Hertage & Culture/Master Comparative SW/
Russland	39	6/months1 Year/ 2 years	MSc in Business/MSc in Energy Norwegian Language and Society
Mexico/USA	1	1 year	Norwegian Language and Society
Litauen	1	1 year	Norwegian Language and Society
USA	2	1 year	Norwegian Language and Society
Afghanistan	1	1 year	Norwegian Language and Society
Kina	6	2 years/ 3 years	MSc in Business/ Bachelor Norwegian Language and Society
Algerie	1	1 year	
Canada	2	2 year	MSc in Aquaculture Norwegian Language and Society
Burundi	1	1 year	Norwegian Language and Society/ Bachelor
Iran	2	1 year/3 year	Norwegian Language and Society
Filippinene	1	1 year	
Tyskland	3	6 months/1 year/3 years	Erasmus/ Bachelor
Sri Lanka	2	2 years/3 years	Master Aquaculture PhD
Portugal	1		
Tyrkia	1	2 years	Master of Science in Bus
Nigeria	1	2 years	Master of Science in Bus
Romania/Bodø	1	3 year	Bachelor
Polen	2	3 year	Bachelor Norwegian Language and Society
Ukraina	1	1 year	
Nepal	1	3 year	MSc in Business
Italia	2	6 months	Erasmus
Sveits	3	6 months	Erasmus
Frankrike	5	6 months	Erasmus
Østerrike	1	6 months	Erasmus
Danmark	2	6 months	Erasmus
Sverige	2	6 months	Erasmus
Grønland	1	1 year	Norwegian Language and Society
Total	82		

Brief Description of Activities:

What had BI organised in 2004/2005?

1. Coffee hours and movie times (weekly activities)
2. International day (in the first semester)
3. International food party (in the first semester)
4. Chess tournament (in the first semester)
5. Trip to Lofoton
6. Skiing and fishing trip
7. Barbeque
8. Farewell party (end of each semester)
9. Helping Red Cross (to organize football championship against violence each year)
10. Participating in Independent day rally
11. Supporting International office to launch promotional campaign about foreign universities to Norwegian students.
12. Helping international students to get to know Bodo.

What had BI organised in 2005/2006?

1. Coffee hours and movie times (weekly activities)
2. International day (in the first semester)
3. International food party and Beer fest (in the first semester)
4. Chess tournament (in the first semester)
5. International Quiz
6. Helping Red Cross (to organize football championship against violence each year.
7. Distributing flyers in Norwegian champions league match between Bodo and Molde
8. Helping the University to organise the opened day (funny games)
9. Semester CD
10. International disco night
11. Farewell Party end of each semester

Coffee Hours and Movie Time

In every week, Bodo International organised Coffee hours or Movie time as it brings international students as well as Norwegian students together. This is a unique opportunity that allows them to know each other and make friendships with others.

International day

An opportunity for the international students to promote their countries and universities in which, they display pictures films music and dress. A multicultural experience for Norwegian students and a great opportunity for the international office to inform students about studying abroad.

International Food Party and Beer Festival

A culinary travel around the world where different cuisines will be offered. An opportunity for students to experience tastes from the countries of their peers: the international students.

Chess tournament

The chess tournament generates a chance to promote and assess both international and Norwegian students' skills in playing chess. The winners of the tournament will be offered certificates and valuable gifts.

Excursion around Northern Norway

We have a wonderful opportunity to learn and see so much about this beautiful country, and for many of us this is a once in a lifetime chance. For this reason, we have planned many trips to see as much as we can, and to guide tours of the cities, and excursions to regions and museums. In this way we can learn about the history and social organisation of Norway. It is invaluable information and learning that we can take home with us and share our experiences with those abroad. We want every international student to have the opportunity to take part in these trips, and feel that a 25% sponsorship will provide a better chance of achieving this.

International quiz contest

Quiz competition provide an opportunity to assess the global knowledge of students in the university as the quiz is consisting of questions collected from different countries. We hope that it assists to improve the general knowledge of both Norwegian and International students..

Farewell dinner

The goal of the farewell dinner is to wish a safe journey back home and wish all the best for the examination. As well it provides a great chance to all students to remind their exciting experience and stay in Bodo. For this dinner, all international students, Norwegians students involving in internationalisation process and administrators in the International office and the Vice Chancellor of the University are invited.

Semester CD

The CD allows international students to take memories from Bodo University and let them contact their friends in the future, as we include contact information of international students in the CD.

Funny games

The aim of organising funny games is to allow everyone to learn about the international funny games which will be an unforgettable memory in Bodo University.

International disco night

The objective of disco night is to provide an occasion for both International and Norwegian students to have leisure time and enjoy. These disco nights provide a space where students, far from home, could come together and socialize.

Helping Red Cross, organising funny games, distributing flyers for the football tournament and participating in Independence Day will demonstrate that the international students of the University are highly interacting with the Norwegian society. And it will indicate that the University of Bodo is having a huge international net work.

All these events help international students to overcome their loneliness. On the other hand these activities assist them to realize that school is willing to take care about them and they will discuss about the experience of these

events and the friendly environment in Bodo University which will convince their friends to be an international students in Bodo.

We believe that BI has made a great contribution for the Internationalization programme launched by the University of Bodo and it will enable to attract more international students from different countries.

Bodo International Budget for 2006

Education

International day (stalls, snacks etc)	2000
International food festival	10000
Trips (25% discount, 25 participants):	
Trip to Aviation Museum(2x15x25)	750
Lofoten trip(2x200x25)	10000
Ski-trips(2x100x25)	5000
Cabin Trips(2x100x25)	5000
Fishing Trips(2x40x25)	2000
Total:	34750

Promotion

Advertising troughout the year	1500
Movie Time(6x500)	3000
Coffee Hours(13x500)	6500
Total:	11000

Uniting and welfare activities

Farewell dinner for leaving students:	
Autumn:	10000
Spring:	10000
Photo for leaving students	1000
Chess tournament	1000
International DJ(6x1500)	9000
Total:	31000
Total budget 2005/2006	76750

Sources of Income

01/10/2005	Income from Disco Night	4800.00
26/10/2005	Income from Food Party	7200.00
01/11/2005	Funds from SOB	17,500.00
06/11/2005	Income from Chess	400.00
07/11/2005	Income from Quiz	500.00
	Receivable from School	<u>10,000.00</u>
	Total	40,400.00

Information about election

The election for the next academic year 2006/2007 will take place in September. The present board is responsible for arranging it. Contact board members in table No.1.

Challenges and Problems

BI is not a student Union functioning without challenges and problems. The major challenge is to establish a strong relationship with Norwegian students. We think that organizing more Disco Nights will assist to over come this challenge. The problem is that this activity takes more time from board members to organize it and hiring a DJ is also expensive.

The low participation of Norwegian students in activities such as coffee hour and movie time is a major problem and it is a challenge for us to get their attention.

Lack of Finance is a problem and our challenge is finding more sources of income. We think that we can apply funds from City Council.

Political Involvement

At the moment, BI is not politically active. From next year, we will have a position in Student Union. From September 2004, we represent internationals at International Board in the school.