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Report from the ISU National Coordinator

Changes in the National Administration

The former National Coordinator Ruth Bett finished her studies in Norway and left for her home country. I took over as the National Coordinator on the 1st of August (before that I was in the National Office as the Vice-national Coordinator).

Being Vice National Coordinator I was attending the National Meetings of NSU and representing ISU at the National Assembly of StL.

There were some other changes in the national Administration recently. The temporal National Secretary who was employed by an interview panel of ISU and NSU representatives, was relieved of his duties on July 1st. He was replaced by Arlene Pearce, who was our National Secretary until October 1st and now Kasia Piesla is resuming her duties. The temporal National Secretary caused ISU National a few problems and as the result of this we were a bit late in the fulfillment of the duties we were supposed to. Although we should admit that the temporal National Secretary contributed to the work of ISU at some point as well. Now all the problems are solved.

Cooperation with NSU and StL

I was working together with NSU National on the case concerning the Norwegian Police Security Service (NPSS) - in Norwegian: Politiets Sikkerhetstjeneste – PST. We had a meeting with the representatives from PST in July where they gave us the explanations concerning the actions they did towards international students during the last academic year and summer. PST was invited to come to the National Meeting of ISU, they accepted the invitation.

During the summer I was working also on the case concerning visa application fee and work permit fee and the case concerning travel expenses for the students over 25 years old. I had a few meetings with the political representatives, Parliament, the Ministry of Education and Kommunal-og regional departement.

I should mention that all the cases mentioned above were introduced during the National meetings of NSU and StL and both student organizations have supported ISU and attended the meetings together with me.

I have also signed the agreements between ISU and NSU and ISU and StL and we are working on the free station agreement as well.

Establishment of ISU branches

Concerning the establishment of ISU in the University Colleges I have contacted Høgskolen I Kristiansand (this is the main target for ISU) and the representative from Kristiansand was invited to the National Meeting. Together we are working on informing the students about the ISU and I am planning to come to Kristiansand for the meeting with the students on the 6th of October

Organizational cases

Me and Arlene are working on the organizational booklet which includes the information about the ISU, its structure, description of the positions of the National Coordinator and the National Secretary, General Assembly etc. The organizational booklet will be available on the ISU National website www.isu-norway.no and distributed to brunches during the meeting.

We have also prepared the ISU posters which were sent to the branches in the beginning of academic year.

I have also prepared for the branches the leaflets and the information about the ISU, explaining what ISU is and it was sent out before the introductory week at the Universities.

I was working with the International Officers at the University College of Oslo and the Agricultural University of Norway, Ås, on holding the meetings with the International Students and the arranging of General Assembly.

I have attended the seminar arranged for the ISU board of Oslo University where the main points of ISU as an organization were introduced.

In the beginning of this academic year I was also functioning as the president of ISU Tromsø and I was working on the Introductory week for new International students, held the General Assembly and arranged the Introductory seminar for the new ISU board together with NSU Tromsø. I am also working with ISU board now within an overlapping period.

I am staying in the office till the end of October, though I am leaving Norway on the 13th of October I will still continue working with ISU and the new National Coordinator. Overlapping period is one month after the elections.

I would like to thank all the ISU branches, NSU and StL for a good start of the year and thank you for a very good cooperation.]

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