

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ISU NORWAY

ISU TRONDHEIM BRANCH REPORT



SEPTEMBER 22-24th 2006

General Assembly:

In compliance with the ISU-Trondheim (ISU-T) constitution, on Wednesday, August 16th, 2006, a General Assembly of ISU-T was held by our branch.

The assembly took place at the basement of Herman Krag's veg 24.

After discussion and oral presentation of ISU activities by Pavel Petrovic, four proposals were voted on.

The result of these proposals are:

- It is recommended that there should never be more than two people from the same country of origin on the board so heterogeneity is secured
- Members of ICOT, the International Club of Trondheim and of the Student Parliament of NTNU are included on the ISU board
- For better transparency, the annual budget of ISU-T will from now on be published on its website.

After this, the new executive committee (board) was elected.

President.....	Mario Vahos (Colombia)
Vice-President.....	Roger Campllonch (Spain)
International Coord. of NTNU Student Parliament....	Ingrid Ødegaard (Norway)
ICOT Representative	Nurapati Pantha (Nepal)
Treasurer.....	Maja Sinn (Germany)
Sec. for Public Relations, WWW&E-Mail.....	Kristof Unterweger (Germany)
Secretary for Social Programme.....	Raquel Jimenez (Spain)
Secretary for Trips.....	Magdalena Solarek (Poland)
Secretary for Movies.....	Rokas Tamasauskas (Lithuania)

Consists of students who are willing to help us organize events and take turns bartending:

Luigi Carletti from Italy, Stefan Friedrich from Germany, Keno Hofmayer from Germany, Filipa Alfaro from Portugal, Marko Masic from Serbia, Nina Turani from Germany, Luca Parigi from Italy, Mahdi Chini from Iran, Lorenzo Lona from Mexico, Ryan Bright from USA, Ana Coelho from Portugal, Greta Legaité from Poland, Natig Nabiyev from Lithuania, Florian Johann from Germany, René Lidner from Germany, Olga Vasiadi from Greece, Pierre Ledee from France, Sabine Ross from Germany and Ekaterina Golovina from Russia.

International Students at NTNU Trondheim:

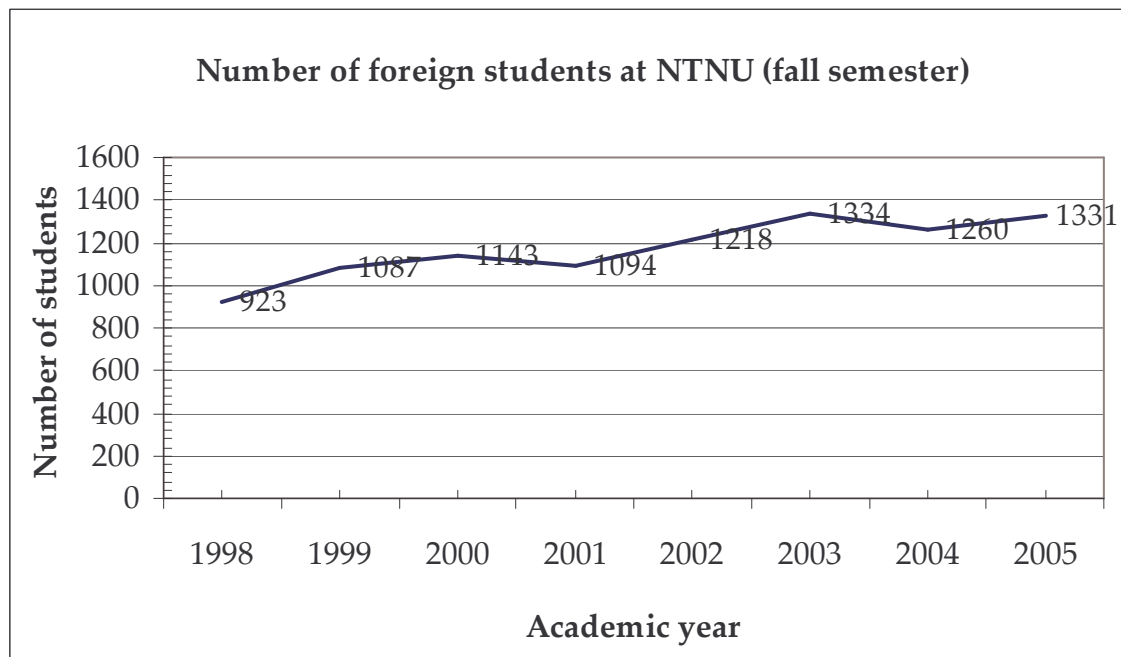


Figure 1: Development of the number of foreign students incoming at NTNU between 1998 and 2005.

Regular Events:

- **Monday** – basement open to everyone from 8.30pm till 11pm to come and have a chat with friends or meet new people
- **Wednesday** – ski rental in the afternoons + movie night at 8pm; movie to be announced on ISU-T's website; in addition, movie proposals can be made via e-mail to the Secretary for movies
- **Thursday** – ESN's „Club Thursday“ at Edgar café at Studentersamfundet, as a great meeting place to exchange opinions and plans for the weekend
- **Friday** – basement open from 8.30pm till 12am to have a drink with friends and to meet new people
- **Sunday** – movie night at 8pm, movie to be announced on ISU-T's website.

Irregular Events:

- Carnival party / Halloween party
- ISU/ESN Buddy Welcome Party at Tiger Tiger (downtown Trondheim)
- Valentine party at Babylon (downtown Trondheim)

- ISU/ICOT/ESN dinner at Studenterhytta, usually attended by many students
- Eurodinner, a place for international students to present their country's national cuisine
- Private parties at the basement (no charge for rent)
- Trips (potential destinations: Geiranger fjord, other big cities, other popular attractions like interesting factories in Trondheim)
- Motto parties, for example to celebrate a country's National Day

What We've done so far this Semester:

- Renovation of the basement (partly new paint jobs, sorted out old equipment, give-away of unused equipment to students)
- Purchase of new equipment for the computer, music
- Thought of new strategies to lower the prices of drinks, so that more affordable prices for students
- Improved cooperation with other international and norwegian organizations: representatives of ICOT and NTNU student parliament on the Board, good communication with ESN
- More than one assembly to ensure that there is enough communication between the Board and the Social Committee
- Arranged many successful open basement nights
- Meeting with Welfare Council of NTNU to give them input about international students' opinion about housing and related subjects
- Started a survey addressed to international students about their feelings about ISU and their stay in Norway.

Prospects:

- Purchase of another fridge for stress relief for barmen
- Arrangement of more motto parties, probably with ESN and/or ICOT
- Planning of several trips

- Improve information flow on the internet
- Demand better accessibility and more information about Norwegian language courses at the university, hopefully with NA input
- Continue to communicate with NTNU's International House, Welfare Council and Student Parliament
- Create a Board hand over guide with specific instructions for the new board members.

ISU offers students in Trondheim:

- GPS systems and maps of the region so they can go out and discover
- Affordable drinks in a cozy atmosphere
- More than one meeting place to get in touch with people from all over the world
- A place to come to address problems (though no one has done so so far)
- The chance to see movies for free
- Some free snacks at parties so one one gets hungry
- Literature to read in many different languages
- Free learning material in Norwegian
- ISU-Talk, ISU-Announce and ISU-Football, e-mail mailing lists as a) a forum for everyone and b) information source and c) chance to organize football matches
- The Buddy Program - a great way to get to know Norwegians
- The change to take part in all activities regardless of which university the students attend

Budget for ISU Trondheim, Fall 2006 up to Sep 18, 2006

<i>Expenses / Balance</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Furniture, decoration, movie accessories, cables, football et cetera	NOK 1614
Food and drink for board and all students at parties, items for bar	NOK 822
Input for ESN/ISU Buddy Program Welcome Party	NOK 1500
Guards for basement party	NOK 1164
Computer equipment	NOK 1100
Participants' fee for National Assembly of ISU Norway	NOK 2000

Money on bank account as of Sep 18, 06	NOK 32220
Money in cash as of Sep 18, 06	NOK 4320
→ current financial status after the above expenses as of Sep 18, 06	NOK 36540

Many activities are yet to be organized, which is why not too many costs have arisen this semester.

If there are any questions or comments, the ISU-T board is there to answer and listen.

Thank you for your time,
 Mario Vahos (President), Roger Campllonch (Vice-President) and Maja Sinn
 (Treasurer)
 for ISU-Trondheim

*For more information, see our website @
<http://www.org.ntnu.no/isu>*