

ISU Local Branch Report Telemark	Prepared by: Chameera Jayarathna Date: 10/10/2008 Prepared for: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY NAii08 - Ås
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A) ISU Local Branch Members

Period Autumn 2008

NAME	POSITION
Chameera Jayarathna	President
Xi Zhimin (Jackie)	Vice President
Sahar Lotfi	Finance manager

B) Summary of Activities during Academic Year 2008

- Chinese week Celebration, Chinese decorations were in the main building and Chinese food was available in the canteen.
- Sri Lankan new year, Srilankans have prepared Srilankan cultural food and invite the whole academic staff and the master students in the University.
- Italian Course. One of our Italian member organized a Italian course for several weeks (once a week). Lots of the students were coming and learning together.
- Master Party. We organized a master party for our members and the whole master group. This event was held in Student House, which is one of the biggest place for student to have parties and celebrations.

C) General Assemblies

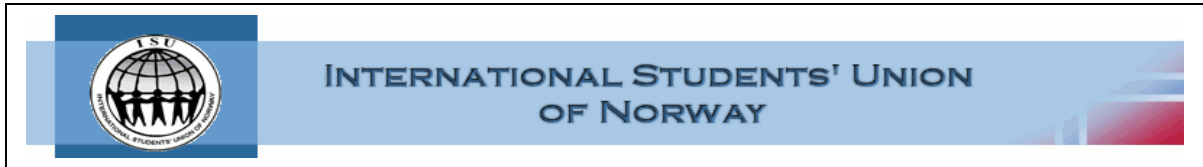
General assembly was held on 1st of October and new TISA board has appointed. There were around 40 members at the meeting which is about 80% of the total members.

D) Social Activities

- Tisa has organized sports activities in a sport complex close to the university every Wednesday.
- New master courses has started in august and TISA has organized sports activities and dinner at a famous café in Porsgrunn for new master students. (In telemark all most all the international students are from Master Courses) This helped a lot to for new students to get know each other and make new friends.
- We invited some people from Tekna and a professor of our college to give a speech of how to apply for a summer job and a course of how to use Scientific Work Place. Everyone learned a lot and many of them became members of Tekna.

E) Cases, Campaigns and Student Politics

None



F) Comments, Evaluation and Future Improvements

International student in telemark having problems to find summer job even if Porsgrunn. There is many industries. Most of the time no one can get a summer job without any good contact even with excellent results. Has to do something to change the attitude of the companies around here with the support of the staff. We are on planning.

G) Budget

The budget cannot be send at the moment as it is still in the process of approval from the school. Will try to send the budget as soon as possible.