

REPORT FROM ISU ÅS BRANCH

The board of the International Students' Union in Ås, for the 2003-2004 academic year, held its first meeting on October 3, 2003; minutes after the vice president, treasurer, and general secretary were elected into office. The president and social secretary were elected into office two weeks earlier.

The board started by making a work plan of activities for international students studying at Ås. We organized a sport's gala followed by a party and get together in November 2003. We recorded success in both activities, many of our students were involved and we also had some Norwegian students. In the same month, ISU together with the international office organized an international dinner in which we had a variety of food from all over the world. It was a great night of testing all the different kinds of food. It was estimated that we had about 400 people who attended this dinner. These ranged from staff, international and Norwegian students.

In December we had 2 parties, Christmas and end of year. We were able to give our students a good Christmas away from home. They were able not to notice that they had Christmas away from their usual dwellings. We had all kinds of food from Asia, Africa Europe and South America. It's the students who were involved in the preparation of all the dishes.

Three members of ISU joined the International Committee, which works to get more international students to visit Samfunnet, which is the recreation center at Ås. The hope being that it will be a great place for international and Norwegian students to meet and get to know one another better. Through cooperation between ISU and the International Committee, we hope that we can both give international students more things to do and give them the opportunity to meet more Norwegian students outside of the classroom. ISU and the International Committee are now offering a Norwegian course at Samfunnet and arranging lectures and parties, cosponsored by ISU and the International Committee. ISU looks forward to working in close cooperation with the International Committee in the semester to come.

We are also in very good working relations with the international office. In most cases they give us a hand when we are cash stricken. They have been of great value to us.

This semester we have been involved, and intend to be involved in the following activities.

ISU activities outline for spring semester 2004

At various times during the semester:

- Work with IC:
- International dance exchange.
- International day as part of Creative week. (End of February).
- International beer evening.
- International dinner.
- Halvor's Verden.

Saturday 7 February:

- Skiing competition (Saturday the 7th).

Thursday 12 February @ 17:00

- An evening where second year students can describe their experiences to first years. Perhaps PhD students could be involved as well. Should have a diverse selection of topics.

Saturday 6 March

- Field trip abroad. Kiel boat perhaps. Sweden? Talk to Haavard about how to arrange it.

Sunday 14 March

- Holmenkollen Ski jump trip.
- @ 150 NOK for ticket and 150 for transport.

Late March

- Sports and socializing in GG-hall.

17 or 24 April

- End of semester party and/or dance

As for our financial standing below is the financial report.

International Students Union (ISU) – Ås Branch FINANCIAL REPORT

In October 2003, a new board was elected to run the office of the ISU in Ås in the academic year 2003/2004.

At the time of the handing over the amount of money transferred to the incoming board was, 30343.50. This amount deviated from the actual amount of 35,888.52 due to

expenditures on executives from the ISU - Ås branch to the National Assembly Meeting in Tromsø. An amount of 5546 kr was used up to cover for this trip. This money, however, was later on refunded by the ISU national.

Despite the lateness of the new board to take office, the final semester of the year 2003 has been an eventful year. The board was able to achieve most of the objectives it set out with due to the support it was able to get from various agents.

The financial summary of ISU – Ås in 2003/2004 is hereby attached.

Sincerely,

Selam Ataklt,
Treasurer, ISU – Ås.

Patrick Byakagaba,
President, ISU – Ås.

Income

Support from Norges landbrukshøgskole	Kr 19.071,00
Support from ISU National	Kr 5292,00
Other Income ¹	Kr 4572,50
Balance brought forward	Kr 30.343,50
<i>Total income</i>	<i>Kr 59.279,00</i>

Expenses

Office expenses ²	Kr 253,50
Social activities ³	Kr 1238,00
Parties ⁴	Kr 11.769,50
<i>Total expenses</i>	<i>Kr 13.261,00</i>

Balance

Kr 46.018,00

Selam Ataklt
(Treasurer)

Patrick Byakagaba
(President)

¹ Income from sale of beer and soft drinks at various parties

² Stationeries, mailing services

³ Expenditure on sports gala and refreshments

⁴ This comprises: Mid semester party, Christmas, New Year and Eid celebrations.