



ISU Trondheim

Activities Report
and
Financial Status

2003-2004

1. Introduction

In this document we present the current status of the ISU Trondheim branch. It has two sections:

- One corresponding to last year, 2003, where an overview of the organized events is shown and also the final budget for that year.
- The other, that is mainly an estimative of the year 2004 (with some activities already organized) and a draft of the budget for this year.

2. Goals and objectives

ISU Trondheim is a branch of ISU Norway, which deals with all foreign students at institutions of higher education in Trondheim. The goal is to promote social activities among international students and have an easier integration process for them, when they arrive to Trondheim. It is also a concern to integrate these students with the Norwegian culture and people.

This branch all has been living, in the last years, a difficult financial situation; as probably it is the only branch with a basement where the students can meet, which is an important step in the organization of all the activities but also an extra expense in a tight budget. This year, in fact, without the help of the Student Parliament, all the incoming money would be used to pay for the maintenance of this basement, which is, at the same time, the office of ISU Trondheim and a place of major importance for regular activities.

The strategy that is being followed is to consolidate a good financial situation without prejudice of the students that come. In fact, as the number of international students in Trondheim is high and their relation with ISU is becoming stronger, we also intend to organize more activities which involve a large number of people. This is the only way to have a strong international presence and interaction in Trondheim, which we believe is crucial for any university aspiring to major objectives.

3. Report of 2003

3.1. Activities of ISU Trondheim in the year 2003

The following document lists the activities that have been realized in the year 2003 by ISU Trondheim.

3.1.1. Regular activities

Weekly meetings of foreign students in the ISU basement (Herman Krag's veg 24), 3 times a week:

Mondays: Social games and open evening for meetings and discussions

Wednesdays and Sundays: movie evenings

In cooperation with Erasmus Student Network:

Thursday meetings in Edgar's cafe at Studentersamfundet.

3.1.2. Other activities

- 2x Welcome parties in collaboration with ESN
- 4x International parties in the ISU basement
- International dinner – exploring the food from all parts of the World prepared by our members (in cooperation with ESN)
- Dinner at Studenterhytta with games
- Easter cultural evening (into the cultural customs for celebration of Easter)
- One day downhill ski trip
- 2x weekend cabin trip
- 4x Excursions to chocolate factory in Trondheim (NIDAR)
- Hiking trips to the surroundings of Trondheim
- Meeting with the students from University of Groningen (The Netherlands) & barbecue at Moholt
- Various discussion and presentation (also in cooperation with the Office of International Relations at NTNU and at the Norwegian courses)
- Buddy programme – providing a supporting friendly Norwegian student to the new foreign students who will integrate them in the academic life at NTNU – in both semesters (Spring and Autumn)
- Renting cross-country ski to foreign students (in cooperation with the Office of Int. Relations)
- One International Buddy Quiz, that integrates Norwegian students with internationals
- Christmas dinner/party with the students that stayed in Trondheim
- Other activities based on the interest of foreign students and the available resources.

3.2. Budget for 2003

A budget for the activities that ISU has organized in the year 2003 is presented below. For each activity is reported a period and the amount that ISU has used.

Activities	Period	Expenses
2 Welcome Parties	Jan-Aug 2003	3000NOK
4 Parties at Moholt	Jan-May 2003	4000NOK
Easter cultural evening	20 th April	300NOK
Barbeque Party	16 th May	1600NOK
Trip to Vassefjellet	Aug 2003	1900NOK
Cabin trip to Agdenes	Oct 2003	600NOK
Studenterhytta (games&prizes)	Oct 2003	300NOK
Int. Dinner Contest	Oct 2003	2000NOK
Buddy Quiz	Dec 2003	2500NOK
Total amount	Jan-Dec 2003	16200NOK

Expenses basement maintenance for the year 2003

What	How much (NOK)
Basement rent (per year)	1200,-
Internet (per year)	1440,-
TV fee (per year)	1175,-
Maintenance costs (toilet paper, detergent,	1500,-

lamps, etc.) (per year)	
Energy (per year)	6000,-
Speakers	600,-
Ram for PC in the ISU office	450,-
Total	12365,-

Balance year 2003

Total outcomes (from expenses above)	28565,-
Total incomes (from Office of Int. Relations + National ISU)	17000,-
Total difference	-11565,-

4. Report of 2004

4.1. Activities of ISU Trondheim in the year 2004

The activities schedules of ISU are planned by the ISU Board. This year, the following people (with their respective positions) are:

- José Marçal - President
- Michael Firmian – Vice-President
- Inga Schieferdecker – Treasurer
- Kerstin Balka – Secretary for the Social Program
- Domenico Fanelli – Secretary for the Movies
- Guido Macconi – Secretary for the Trips
- Rickard Linder – Public Relations, WWW and mail responsible

The following document lists the activities that are planned the year 2004 by ISU Trondheim.

4.1.1. Regular activities

Weekly meetings of foreign students in the ISU basement (Herman Krag's veg 24), 4 times a week:

- Mondays: Social games and open evening for meetings and discussions
- Wednesdays and Sundays: movie evenings
- Sundays: music playing

In cooperation with Erasmus Student Network:

- Thursday meetings in the cafe at Studentersamfundet.

4.1.2. Other activities

- 2x Welcome parties in collaboration with ESN
- 4x International parties in the ISU basement
- 2x International dinner – exploring the food from all parts of the World prepared by our members (in cooperation with ESN)
- 2x Dinner at Studenterhytta with games

- Easter cultural evening for the students that stay during the holidays
- Four days downhill ski trip
- 4x weekend cabin trip (two each semester)
- 8x Excursions to chocolate factory in Trondheim (NIDAR) (4 per semester)
- Hiking trips to the surroundings of Trondheim
- Meeting with the students from the Athens programs
- Various discussion and presentation of each country's culture (also in cooperation with the Office of International Relations at NTNU and at the Norwegian courses)
- Buddy programme – providing a supporting friendly Norwegian student to the new foreign students who will integrate them in the academic life at NTNU – in both semesters (Spring and Autumn)
- Renting cross-country ski to foreign students (in cooperation with the Office of Int. Relations)
- Two International Buddy Quiz, that integrates Norwegian students with internationals (one per semester)
- Christmas dinner with the students that stay in Trondheim
- Football tournament in both Spring and Autumn semesters
- Cultural events with ICOT (2 movie evenings, 2 parties with African/Asiatic students)
- Promotion of trips and events that interest the International Students, as trips to Russia

4.2. Budget for 2004

Activities	Period	Expenses
2 Welcome Parties	Jan-Aug 2004	3000NOK
2 Parties at Moholt	1 per semester 2004	5000NOK
Easter cultural evening	20 th April	300NOK
Barbeque Party	16 th May	1600NOK
Trip to Vassefjel	Aug 2003	1900NOK
Cabin trip to Agdenes	2x semester 2004	2400NOK
Studenterhytta (games&prizes)	2004	300NOK
2 Int. Dinner Contest	Oct 2004	4000NOK
International Buddy Quiz	1 per semester	4000NOK
Total amount	Jan-Dec 2004	22500NOK

Expenses basement maintenance for the year 2004

What	How much (NOK)
Basement rent (per year)	3600,-
Internet (per year)	1440,-
TV fee (per year)	1910,-
Maintenance costs (per year)	1500,-
Energy (per year)	6000,-
Sound system	4500,-
Total	18950,-

Total amount of the expenses in the year 2004: **41450,- NOK**

Our only funding, until now, comes from the International Office. We expect to get around 15000NOK, based on the past years.

This year we expect to receive 27000NOK from the Kulturstyret.

We remind you that a majority of the International students in Trondheim go to ISU activities. We do not charge for membership because our existence depends on the International Office at NTNU and the Norwegian Students. All the members from the board are volunteers and all the money that we get is used for our activities and basement maintenance.

5. Conclusion

We, in ISU Trondheim, are trying to be a strong organization at NTNU and in Trondheim. The percentage of International students is increasing and so is our effort. As seen in the budget for 2004, we expect to have more expenses with our basement (as SiT Bolig changed their policy towards the basements in the student villages) and also because we want to organize Quizzes, which involve international and Norwegian students. A faster integration of foreign students in Norwegian society is required so that the plan for a bigger international recognition of NTNU can be done.