



Report  
of

International  
Students'  
Union

in Narvik



## About us

ISU Narvik was established in October 2003. Now it consists of about 215 international students in Narvik University College (HiN) from 27 different countries. It covers nearly 20% of the total number of students in Narvik University College. The majority of them are Chinese and Russian.

<b>Nationality</b>	<b>The number of Students</b>
Afghanistan	1
Albania	1
Algeria	1
Bulgaria	1
Chile	1
China	118
Congo	1
England	1
Hungary	2
Iceland	1
Iraq	3
Japan	1
Liberia	1
Mongolia	1
Netherlands	1
Philippines	1
Poland	2
Romania	1
Russia	56
Serbia	1
Spain	1
Sri Lanka	3
Sweden	4
Thailand	2
Turkey	3
USA	1
Zaire	1
Others	4
<b>SUM</b>	<b>215</b>



As usual, international students come for minimum 3 years. First year includes course of Norwegian language and social science. Almost all of the courses at HiN are taught in Norwegian, so this first year is of great importance for the international students.

The Master program takes 3 years (Norwegian course + 2 years).

The Bachelor program takes 4 years (Norwegian course + 3 years).

Current ISU Narvik Executive Board was elected on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2006 on the General Assembly (with some adjustments later). It consists of the following positions:

- President - Yongqiang Huang (China)
- Vice-President - Zhang Wang (China)
- Secretary - Youjuan Tang (China)
- Treasurer - Min Xiao (China)
- Public Relations Officer - Ilya Sizov (Russia)
- Organizing Officers:
  - Contacting Chinese students - Lingxiao Zhan (China)
  - Contacting Russian students - Yashuo Li (China)
  - Contacting other students - Nemanja Trecakov (Serbia)
- Web Master - vacant

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## **Current Situation of ISU Narvik**

In particular periods of our work some members didn't contribute as much as they could. We also lost our web-master.

On the next board meeting the following General Assembly will be discussed.

## **Direction and aim of work**

Serve the international students and strengthen the **COMMUNICATION** and **CO-OPERATION**:

- between Norwegian and international students
- between ISU Narvik and administration or other organizations in NUC
- between ISU Narvik and other ISU branches around the country



## Main work in the past period (September 2006 – April 2007)

- On 8<sup>th</sup>, September 2006 ISU Narvik held General Assembly and the new Executive Board was elected
- On 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> September ISU Narvik took part in National Assembly in Oslo
- On 10<sup>th</sup>, October ISU Narvik held Questionnaire among all the students and teachers
- According to the result of the Questionnaire and the practical situations, our final plan and budget of the following school year were made
- In November ISU Narvik applied to HiN for the finance support based on the plan and the budget for period 06/07
- On 18<sup>th</sup>, November and 9<sup>th</sup>, December ISU Narvik held International Party in Soria Moria Kindergarten
- ISU Narvik held International Evenings arranging the films and competitions about different countries
- On 30<sup>th</sup>, November on behalf of ISU Narvik Nemanja Trecakov took part in the interview with NOKUT (Nasjonalt organ for kvalitet i utdanningen)
- On 30<sup>th</sup>, December ISU Narvik held New-year Party at Glassgata for those who spent *Juleferie* in Narvik
- In January and February ISU Narvik made preparations for International Cultural Week 2007
- On 12<sup>th</sup>, February the finance support of 25 000 was allowed to ISU's account from NUC



- On 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March International Cultural Week 2007 was held and it included:
  - Opening Day – Opening with a big cake offered to students and staff
  - Sports Day – Organized tournaments in volleyball and table-tennis
  - Presentation Day – Student presentations of their countries
  - Quiz Day – questions considering different countries, including prizes for the best
  - Film Day – movies from different countries
  - Party Day – That 70's party at Tekniker'n, dance competition with prizes
- ISU Narvik was successfully promoted in Narvik University College and in the town of Narvik in general:
  - ISU Narvik took part in Winter Festival in co-operation with VinterFestUka Stiftelsen
  - On 12<sup>th</sup>, March during Winter Festival international students appeared on a stage with live program at Narvik University College
  - Co-operation with Myklebostad Kulturhus in Tjeldsund
- ISU Narvik has good co-operation with the other student organizations in HiN:
  - ISU Narvik is present on meetings of SPiN and discusses the everyday work together
  - Co-operation with CSSAN during the celebration of Chinese Spring Festival
  - Co-operation with Fadderordningen in introduction week
  - Co-operation with Tekniker'n ( studentkroa )



- On 15<sup>th</sup>, April, 7 Chinese students travelled to Myklebostad and made preparation for Internasjonalt Aften that will be held at Myklebostad Kulturhus on 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> of April

## Financial Report

### Financial Report of ISU Narvik (September 2006- April 2007)

Comment		Expense	Amount
Remaining amount	10 827,62		
		Office equipment	203,00
		ISU International evening	296,00
		ISU International evening - print	42,00
		Fee	21,00
Lending rate	33,40		
Finance support from HiN	25 000,00		
		New-year Party	2 005,50
		International evening	216,00
		Prize of Quiz Day International Cultural Week 2007	811,00
		Printing expense for the posters of International Cultural Week.	77,50
		Participants fee of National Assembly 2007	2 000,00
		Gebyr	10,00
		Marsipancake for International Cultural Week 2007	1 500,00
		Party Day International Cultural Week 2007	2 564,00
		Cookies,papptallerken,kaffe,kaffebeger og popkorn etc.for International Cultural Week 2007	479,00
<b>Total</b>	<b>35 861,02</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>10 225,00</b>
Remaining amount	25 636,02		



## Evaluation: “Plan VS. Done”

When making the plan, the Executive board wanted to contribute as much as possible in order to make international students' life better which led to a plan that was little irrational. Besides, we met many unpredictable problems on the way that couldn't be conquered so easily. For example, the language courses were not carried out because of lack of teachers. For other activities, deviation causes usually were lack of time, and lack of interest among the students.

The things to be improved are:

- Better contact with students and more information about the organized events relatively early in advance
- Call on students to devote themselves more to international events
- Be more realistic and thoughtful when making the plan



## **Future Plan (Draft) (April – September)**

ISU will continue with organizing various different activities in effort to strengthen the communication and integration between students with different nationalities.

- General Assembly
- Find a web master and establish the homepage
- Language course
- International evenings / movie nights
- International parties
- Sport tournaments (football, table tennis, volleyball etc.)
- Participation in the Independence Day – 17<sup>th</sup> May
- Outdoor trip with picnic
- International Quiz
- Goodbye Party
- Welcome party for the new students

## **Website**

At this moment, ISU Narvik does not have a web master, and web site is not updated. We use student mail to inform about our activities. The URL for the site is <http://hinix.hin.no/~isu/>.

18<sup>th</sup>, April 2007

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## **Attachment 1**

### **Plan 2006-2007**

#### **Student's welfare**

- International evenings (Once a month)
- Sport competitions (board tennis, football, eventually others)
- Language courses (Chinese, Russian, etc.)
- International Cultural Week

#### **Advertisement and/or Co-operation**

- Participation in some important local celebrations
- Radio program (Co-operation with Narvik StudentRadio)
- Co-operation with Narvik Næringsforum (ISU Narvik fund raising, currently in development stage)
- Establish the homepage of ISU Narvik
- Participation in the school and local newspapers

#### **Political issues**

- Creation of the regulated communications with the administration or other organizations at Narvik University College (NSS, SSiN, SPiN, CSSAN and other)
- Active representation of ISU Narvik members interests at Narvik University College
- Participation in National Assembly



Schematics of the plan (9.06 – 4.07)

Main Time table of ISU Narvik 2006-2007																																		
	September				October				November				December				January				February				March				April					
Week	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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National Assembly																																		

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## Attachment 2

### Budget of ISU Narvik for 2006/2007

Expenses		Budget
<b>ISU Narvik Internal Expenses</b>	Office expenditure	<b>1500</b>
	Telephone expenditure for President	<b>1000</b>
	Advertising equipments(including T-shirts sticks etc.)	<b>4000</b>
	Expenses for printing documents(Get directly from IT)	<b>0</b>
<b>Meetings</b>	General Assembly (Spring 2007)	<b>2000</b>
	ISU Narvik Executive Board Meetings	<b>500</b>
	Participation fee for National Assembly (Spring 2007)	<b>2000</b>
<b>International Parties</b>	International parties in kindergarten and Tekniker'n	<b>1800</b>
	International Evenings	<b>1200</b>
	Picnic in Spring	<b>2000</b>
	Christmas and New-year party	<b>3000</b>
<b>Cultural activities</b>	International Cultural Week	<b>6000</b>
	Language courses	<b>2000</b>
<b>Sports activities</b>	Football competitions(including renting court , food and drinks and awards to winner)	<b>6000</b>
	Table-tennis competition	<b>1000</b>
<b>Assistant events</b>	ISU Narvik Questionnaire	<b>100</b>
<b>Other possible activities</b>	Family Host Program	<b>2000</b>
	Co-operating activities(Radio program, fund raising, etc.)	<b>2000</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>38100</b>

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