



<b>ISU Local Branch Report</b> <b>ISU Bodø</b>	Prepared by: Julia Lavrova (President) Date: 4 April 2009 Prepared for: <b>NATIONAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>NAi09 - Oslo</b>
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### A) ISU Bodo Local Branch Members

<i>Period Autumn 2008</i>		<i>Period Spring 2009</i>	
NAME	POSITION	NAME	POSITION
Elena Egortseva	President	Julia Lavrova	President
Matthew Hastad	Vice President	Lidia Chikhareva	Vise President
Muhamamd Makki	Welfare Dir.	Muhamamd Makki	Welfare Director
Qian Kewei	Secretary	Qian Kewei	Secretary
Ganesh Koirala	Information Director	Asako Kadota	Information Director
		Narinder Kaur	Information Director

### B) Summery of Activities during Academic Year 2008 - 2009

2008 - Coffee hour every Wednesday

*International week: grand opening, country exhibition, grand coffee hour, international fashion show, international food party, international quiz.*

2009 - *Coffee hours: Taco hour, sweet hour, healthy hour, Pakistani & Indian tea hour, BBQ and Farewell international food party*

### C) General Assemblies

As I am a new elected president for the ISU, I am strongly looking forward to building relations with the other student union bodies and the international office

### D) Social Activities

The basic objective is to involve more and more students including Norwegian to join our activities so that we could act as a bridge between the international and Norwegian students. For this purpose communication plays a very important role, so I have strongly focused on this. Information directors are basically responsible for announcements of different activities and messages from ISU. We use email, Fronter, personal communication, posters etc, so that the existence of ISU and the message could be effectively decoded. And we expect feedback with new ideas from students.

### F) Comments, Evaluation and Future Improvements

To have a screaming voice of ISU we are seriously looking forward to making our deep relations with all the student organizations and international office. We are trying to highlight the ISU as much as we can. This is the basic strategy on which we are working and all the activities and plans which are currently organized are leading us to this objective.



Beside that we want to build ISU as a platform in the campus where we can solve the problems of international students, and our existence should be perceived seriously and influencing.

I think it will be very important for us to reduce gaps between other ISU branches around Norway. So this way, we can use their experience and improve our work. There is lack of consistency in the ISU board that is creating lack of learning from previous experiences, so we are looking to build also a complete recorded data that will help the upcoming board members to improve the operations of ISU.

Every week we organize meeting with my team, to see the work everybody has been done. We divide responsibilities for all activities, so this way we know that everyone has its own duty. We discuss our problems and opportunities together. Our office is open every day. We can follow current work every day.

### **G) Budget**

Currently we have very limited around 8000 approximately. As we are moving forward and organizing various activities, we need to increase the budget for ISU. For self-dependence, we are looking to organize such activities from where we can generate money for the ISU, for example selling tickets for organized events. We have planned to use about 400 NOK for every coffee hour. We are going to organize international evening and we invest about 1000 NOK and about 4000 NOK for tour in the middle of April. Our budget will be around 3000 by the end of April. As a part of our activities, we are going to do have outdoor BBQ. So we are limited in our budget.

## **SUCCESS STORY**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>Title of Activity</b>	Coffee Hour
<b>Objectives</b>	to reduce gaps between international and Norwegian students
<b>Target (for who was it prepared for)</b>	for international and Norwegian students
<b>Was it inclusive? Yes, no and why.</b>	It was necessary to improve communication between students, to get to know each other better and to reduce the cultural shock by sharing experience.
<b>Time Frame</b>	Weekly activity (every Wednesday)
<b>Means and Tools Used</b>	Decorations, different types of food and games.
<b>Comments from Others</b>	Positive feedback
<b>Self Evaluation</b>	Increasing number of students.
<b>Suggested Improvements</b>	We hope to involve more Norwegian students