



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' UNION

ISU NARVIK REPORT

Narvik University College has about 1100 students. About 20% of this amount are foreign students. Mainly from Russia and China (about 100 chinese students, about 70 russian students). There are also some students from Finland, Sweden, Sri-Lanka, Mexico, Kenya, Scotland, Ukraine, Bulgaria.

That's why it was important to establish a local branch for such an organization as ISU, an organization that would represent interests of international students, assist them in whatever way possible, and integrate them into Norwegian Society.

Narvik is a small town (about 19.000 people) and students from different countries come to study here for at least 3 years. That is a good chance for ISU local branch to work successfully.

Narvik became a member of ISU on the National Assembly in October 2003.

First Elections of the Board were hold January, 29, 2004.

Executive Board:

The first Board was functioning from January to ≈September. On the 10th of September new Board was elected. A part of members from previous Board are having the same positions in the new Board. New President, Vice-President, Secretary and some Organizing Officers were elected on the meeting 10th September.

The new Board (ISU Narvik Executive Board, autumn 2004) consists of:

President – Elena Shelygina - *Russia*
Vice-President – Li Wen Lei - *China*
Secretary General – Tanya Lochehina - *Russia*
Treasurer – Irina Kudryashova - *Russia*
Public Relations - Maria Ivanova - *Russia*
Web Master - Alexandr Medvedev - *Russia*
Organizing Officers – Anatoly Jernakov - *Russia*
Tianyu Mai (Kenny) - *China*
Muxi Zhang (Tracy) - *China*
Gleb Sizov - *Russia*

It was decided to have organizing officers that would be contact persons for different groups of students. Since international students in Narvik are mostly represented by students from China and Russia, but also other countries are represented by one or two students, have we decided to elect Organizing Officers for Chinese students, Russian student and one for other nationalities. One Russian student and one Chinese student are organizing officers for those two groups. Organizing Officer for all other nationalities is to be elected on one of upcoming Board meetings.

Contact with Students' Parliament in Narvik:



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The President of ISU Narvik is also sitting in the Students' Parliament. So ISU Narvik has contact with the Students' Parliament all the time.

President, Vice-President and Treasurer of SPiN have also had a meeting with ISU Narvik Board one week after Elections.

Web-site:

Work on making web-site for ISU Narvik is finished, but it's not placed on internet yet because of some problems with hosting. It's expected to be functioning very soon and the address is to going to be: <http://isu.samfunnet.no/> (nowadays a part of the web-site is functioning on the following address: <http://hinux.hin.no/~isu/>).

Constitution:

Members of the First Executive Board (Vice President and Public Relations Officer) have worked out the Constitution of ISU Narvik. The final version was presented and accepted on the 18th of March, 2004. New Board is going to work on some changes of the Constitution.

Activities last year:

- Chinese week
- Russian week 2004, week 9, 23rd-28th of Februar (Russian culture, traditions, etc.).

Activities that are planned by the new Board:

- Russian and Chinese weeks 2004-2005
- International parties at the Studentkroa
- International evenings at school
- Movie-nights
- Theme-evenings both at school and studentkroa
- Russian language course
- Etc..

We already have Friday evenings for international students where we've been watching movies, presentation of cities we are coming from... Both students from other countries and students from Norway are participating in those evenings.

From Wednesday 29th September are we starting the Russian Language course that's going to be held year 2004-2005. That is a course for those who wish to learn writing and reading in Russian, communicating a little bit.

Representatives from ISU Board have also been contacted for co-operation in planning of Narvik winter Festival.

Media:



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An article about ISU Narvik was published before the new elections. The Students' newspaper is printed every month and ISU Narvik was asked to go in co-operation with the newspaper for writing some articles ourselves.

Introductory week:

Students from Russia and China were met by HiN International Coordinator (administration). Those from Russia came with the bus from Tromsø, that was ordered by ISU Narvik-SPiN-HiN. Two first weeks of the study year were Introductory weeks for all the new students where international students were active participants in most of the activities.

Funding:

ISU Narvik have not got any money yet.