

Report from the ISU Vice President

I took over as National Vice President in October 2004.

Cases I was working on:

- Together with ISU National President and Studentparlamentet I Narvik I was working on the case concerning new rules for applying visa for self-financed students. We have written resolution on this case and introduced it on the National meetings of both NSU and StL. Both student organizations have supported ISU and signed resolution that was sent to UDI, UFD, with copy to KRD and Stortinget. We have also contacted media and Datatilsynet. The last one was critical to those new rules that were coming from UDI.
- Together with ISU National President and Studentparlamentet I Narvik we have also written a resolution concerning changing in the rules in applying for tourist visum. This was also introduced to NSU and StL and were supported of both NSU and StL.

In April 2005 I was voted in as President of the Students Parliament in Narvik. That was a great achievement since that was the first time a foreign student was voted in as representative of all students at institution in Norway. I have also been a member of the International committee at Narvik University College since it was established.

I've been also working closely with ISU - Narvik, we've had an East-European cultural week. Lately, in July-August 2005 we, in Narvik, have also established more contact with local authorities and have had a lot in media.

Contacting University Colleges in the North-Norway:

- University College in Finnmark: 2000 students, about 60 majors, about 20-30 international students coming each year. Have their own international organisation – The International student group in Alta:

[www.spif.hifm.no / HISA /](http://www.spif.hifm.no/HISA/)

HISA - Høgskolens internasjonale studentgruppe i Alta - The international student group in Alta

We are students who try to arrange activities for our international students. These activities are both related to the outdoor life here in Finnmark, and also to help you to get settled here and to establish a strong relationship between the different countries and cultures that appear in our learning environment!

During the years we have existed, we have had students from a wide range of countries (Italy, Spain, Germany, Finland, Denmark, USA, Russia, Belgium, Holland and China). This makes for a big cultural mix, which we are really glad we can experience!



- Harstad University College: about 1100 students. There are international students that can be interested in establishing of ISU local branch. ISU local branch should be established

in co-operation with the local students' organisation. It was difficult to come in contact with the students' parliament in Harstad. That was the reason why contact with international students was also difficult to establish.

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Harstad University College



Harstad University College is located in the northern part of Norway.

Harstad University College, situated above the Arctic Circle, has approximately 1100 students and 110 employees. The institution was established in 1983 and offers a friendly atmosphere where each student gets the attention he or she deserves. There are two departments, Business Administration and Social Sciences and Health and Social Work.

Harstad University College participates in the Socrates, Leonardo, Nordplus and Barentsplus programs. HUC has also signed a number of bi-lateral agreements with institutions spread over four continents. Students, teachers, researchers and administrative personnel may participate in the above exchange programs.

Our new and modern facilities were completed in 1997 and accommodate most of the activities under one roof, centrally and beautifully located close to the city center and the harbor.

- Bodø Graduate School of Business: have a lot of international students and work a lot with international projects. But they have also their own organisation for international students – Bodø International. That organisation is working with social activities, were not interested in being involved in political cases.

I've been also holding some official speeches about international students in Norway, as for example on the 17th of May and 50-year celebration at Narvik University College.

More information will eventually come under the meeting.

Best regards,

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