

NACS BOARD MEETING (new and old members)

Thursday 9 June, 2005, at 1 pm at Workers Academy, Kauniainen, Finland

Present at the meeting: Tiina H. Airaksinen, Lena Rydholm, Unn Målfrid Rolandsen, Gørild Heggelund, Raisa Asikainen, Nis Høystrup Christensen, Mads Holst Jensen, Helena Löthman, Mikko Suutarinen, Juha Vuori, Morten Laugesen, Lauri Paltemaa and Mikael Mattlin.

1. Election of the chair and the secretary for the meeting. Lena Rydholm was elected as chair and Tiina Airaksinen acted as secretary since the appointed secretary for the meeting (Helena L.) turned out to have a problem with her hand and could not take notes. Tiina's notes were complemented by Lena Rydholm's and Raisa Asikainen's notes.

2. Agenda was accepted. Points 8-10 below are further issues brought up during the meeting.

3. Approval of the last NACS board meetings 17 April, 2004 and email meeting 20-21 October, 2003. Minutes are at the NACS web-site (<http://www.helsinki.fi/nacs>) > Board Meeting Archive. Minutes were accepted.

4. NACS new and old board information change. Two NACS files will be sent to Sweden and the report of the NACS conference in Helsinki 2005 will be placed at the web-site.

5. NACS-web-site. NACS web-site has to be removed from the University of Helsinki -server by the end of year 2005, and also the mail-list nacs-list@helsinki.fi . Mikko Suutarinen, NACS web editor will end his work by the end of 2005. Sweden will take on the responsibility of the website and the mail-list and will first and foremost check out the possibility of buying a our own net domain (perhaps nacs.com, nacs.net is available) or in other case the web-site could be under the Stockholm university's serve. Mikko Suutarinen, will provide the materials and information to the new web-editor.

6. Plans for the future. In 200,4 Elin Saether and Nis Høystrup organized a workshop on fieldwork in China for MA students at NIAS, with financial support by NACS (5.000 DKK) and NIAS. This period, an intensive course on Chinese media for Nordic MA students and doctoral candidates will be organised at Stockholm university in the autumn 2006. The media course will be organised by Lena Rydholm and some other members the research program "Media and Globalisation in Contemporary China" based at the Chinese department of Department of Oriental Languages and Department for Journalism, Media and Communication at Stockholm university and The Nordic Confucius Institute in Stockholm at Stockholm university. NACS members will be invited to participate in this course and NACS could possibly be asked to help finance a part of it, just as we did with the workshop before.

7. Next NACS board meeting and conference. The next NACS conference will be held in Sweden, probably in Stockholm, in 2007. To save on costs, board meetings will be held mainly by e-mail, but one board meeting to which the board members will be invited to come in person will probably be arranged in Stockholm during the Spring of 2006, in order to make more concrete plans for the conference in 2007.

8. Conference 2005 publication. A few publishers have contacted NACS to ask if we are going to publish a conference publication. It is also possible to publish the conference papers in the Renvall Institute's own publication series. The conference organizers will look into editing a conference publication based on the conference presentations, and will contact everyone who gave a presentation. The publication could be an electronic publication or through the Renvall Institute's publication series. Some board members expressed that it would be a lot of editing work to publish the papers and thereby favoured web publication, but Raisa Asikainen promised to do the editing job.

9. Forming China research clusters for NIAS. This is something that NIAS is currently working on and informed us about during the conference, which could be interesting for NACS. Nis Høyrup Christensen, who is working at NIAS, promised to keep the NACS board informed of what is happening with this.

10. Iceland's participation in NACS. As Geir Sigurðsson, who has started a China-studies program at the University of Akureyri, Iceland, has written a letter to NACS expressing interest in cooperation, and the NACS general assembly was very positive to the possible participation of Iceland in NACS, the board decided to invite Geir to our next board meeting in Stockholm in 2006 to discuss cooperation and membership for Iceland.