

## NACS BOARD MEETING BETWEEN OLD AND NEW BOARD MEMBERS, OSLO, 18 JUNE 2003

Present (of the new board):

Tiina Airaksinen (chairperson), Raisa Asikainen (secretary), Lena Rydholm, Nis Høytrup Christensen, Ane Bislev, Elin Sæther, Lauri Paltemaa (deputy), Juha Vuori (deputy), Marina Thorborg (deputy), Liu Baisha (deputy), Rune Svarverud (deputy)

The purpose of the meeting between old and new board members was to pass on information from the old board to the new board. Former board members who attended the meeting included Liu Baisha (NACS chairperson for 2001-03), Elin Sæther (NACS board member and secretary for 2001-03), Marina Thorborg (board member for 2001-03) and Tiina Airaksinen (vice chairperson for 2001-03).

Conference information

The old board agreed to send all the information regarding the Oslo conference to the new board after the conference.

Website

It was decided that NACS would first look into buying a website address. If buying an address such as <http://www.nacs.org> turns out to be too expensive, the board should apply for its own website at the University of Helsinki (keeping in mind the need for an easy-to-reach website for the conference in 2005). The board should also approach NIAS and ask NIAS to include a link to the association's website from its own website.

Juha Vuori from the University of Turku agreed to find out and inform the board about the costs of buying a website address.

Mikko Suutarinen, who's a student of East Asian Studies at the University of Helsinki, has agreed to be in charge of updating the NACS website. A compensation of 4.000 SEK per year will be paid to him for updating the website. The sum is the same as during 1999-2001 and 2001-2003.

Plans from the future

The board should apply for financial support from NIAS in 2004 and 2005. NIAS prefers applications for certain concrete projects. Further developing the association website was mentioned as a possible option.

The question of the association logo will continue to be discussed in future board meetings.

The board agreed that extra effort is needed in Sweden to attract more participants. Lena Rydholm from the University of Stockholm promised to do her best.

Next conference

The board will have to decide a theme for the conference in 2005, which is to

be arranged by the members from the University of Helsinki, with help and support from the other Finnish members. Globalization in China was suggested as a possible theme. Liu Baisha (NACS chairperson for 2001-03) reminded the new board of the importance of attracting "big names" for keynote speakers.

It was decided that the next board meeting could be arranged in Heidelberg, Germany, in connection with the EACS conference in the summer of 2004, if enough many NACS board members are present.

A preparatory meeting for the coming NACS conference should be arranged in Helsinki 7-8 months before the NACS conference.

In the meantime, the board should keep in touch via e-mail.