

Minutes

of the meeting of the Assembly of Delegates at the hotel Norlandia, Oslo, on 15-16 November 2003

Participants: Sveinn Adalsteinsson (chairman), Harry Linnér, Sweden, Jørgen E. Olesen, Denmark, Oiva Niemeläinen, Finland, Magnús Sigsteinsson, Iceland, Svein Skøien, Norway, Irmelin Nyman, deputy for Ole Callesen (section III), Marja Jalli (section IV), Nils Petter Kjos, deputy for Torben Hvelplund (section V), Gustav Tengesdal, deputy for Krister Sällvik (section VII), Mogens Lund (section IX), Meeri Komulainen (section X), Jens Hansen Möller (Working Group Analytic Agr. Chemistry) and Tord Eriksson (Secretary General),

Special guests: Jens Wulff (former Secretary General) and Lars Sjøflot (Secretary Norwegian association)

Prevented from coming: Siri Anzjøn, NKJ,

| Items | Decisions |
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| 1. Opening of the meeting | The President wished welcome and expressed his sincere thanks for support and that he was honoured to accept this new task. He also thanked the Finnish representatives for a very well organized congress in Turku. |
| 2. Appointment of a member who, in addition to the president, will verify the minutes. | Appointed: Mrs Irmelin Nyman. |
| 3. Approval of the agenda | Approved. |
| 4. Minutes of the Assembly of Delegates in Tune on 2-3 November 2002. | Approved. |
| 5. Information | The Secretary General informed that: - The President and the Secretary General have had a meeting with NOVA's rector Paul Jensén to discuss future cooperation. - The President and the Secretary General have had a meeting with ACTA's publisher Taylor & Francis in order to clarify the relations and discuss the future of ACTA C, Food Economics, |

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| | <p>in particular.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The third investigation about the Nordic cooperation within Agriculture (and this time also Forestry, Food Sciences and Fisheries) has started with Lisa Sennerby-Forsse, Formas, as chairperson and Nils Pedersen as secretary. Lise Lykke Steffensen, Council of Ministers, NMR, coordinates the group of reference persons. - The number of members of NJF are about 2 000. |
| <p>6. The new Secretariat General</p> | <p>The Secretary General informed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The archives of NJF have been moved from Ringsted to Ultuna. - The General Secretariat has its office at the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the currency of the economy is now SEK - Internet payment is applied - the register of the members has been updated - No. 4/03 of NJ is at the printer - application to NKJ has been sent - the web site is being completed |
| <p>7. Approval of accounts for 2002. Discharge from liability for the Presidium.</p> | <p>Approved. The Presidium was discharged from liability.</p> |
| <p>8. Reports from the sections and working group of Analyt. Agr. Chemistry.</p> | <p>During the presentations the following comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Baltic representation desirable in the working groups - Section IV need a Danish representative - Crop rotation is an important issue, which is not mentioned - Could NJF take any responsibility for in-service training of technicians? - Organic farming mentioned by several sections. Possibilities for cooperation. - To the Billund-conference – seminar 357 - 22-24 April 2003, DKK 50 000 were granted, 50 % of the possible profit goes to NJF-C. - The presidium need to take the leadership for interdisciplinary topics. <p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The sections are commissioned to prepare newsletters to be sent to the members of the section and also presented on the new web site. |

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| | <p>- The permanent working group of Analytic Agricultural Chemistry will not make a body belonging to the Presidium. The group was requested to discuss if they want to belong to former Section I or to be divided between I and V.</p> <p>Report to the Presidium in March 2004.</p> <p>- The President and the Secretary General were commissioned to make an annual plan of the presented material for 2004 with outlook to 2005. The plan will be sent to the chairpersons of the sections for additional remarks and adjustments.</p> <p>- The numbering of sections will only be used internally.</p> |
| 9. Working group. Food Science | <p>The Food Science issues are of great importance for the society and it is necessary that NJF takes an active interest.</p> <p>The President and the Secretary General were commissioned to formulate some thoughts, to be forwarded to the Assembly of Delegates for further contributions. The sections shall then produce one page each about their ideas in this field.</p> |
| 10. Audit procedure 2003 | <p>NJF is a Swedish association from 1 January 2003. Auditing material per 31 August 2003 has been sent to the Swedish auditor Jan-Erik Söderhielm.</p> |
| 11. Economy report | <p>Notification.</p> |
| 12. Budget 2004. | <p>Approved according to Rev. attachment p. 12, AD 1/03.</p> |
| 13. Membership fee to be paid by the national associations to NJF-C; today DKK:110; OAP and students: DKK 50. | <p>From the calendar year 2004:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SEK 140, regular price - SEK 70 for OAP and students. - Baltic members: 50 % discount |
| 14. Auditors for 2004-2005 Today: Authorized public accountant: Jan-Erik Söderhielm General examiners: Per Andersson and Carl Johan Lagerkvist | <p>Authorized public accountant: Jan-Erik Söderhielm with Magnus Fredmer as deputy. General examiner: Carl Johan Lagerkvist with Per Andersson as deputy.</p> |
| 15. Scientific editor for Acta Agriculturae Scandinavica section A from 1 January 2004 to succeed Mr Nils Kolstad. | <p>Nominated: Professor Odd Vangen. He will be put forward as new scientific editor to Taylor & Francis.</p> |

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| 16. Acta C. Food Economics | Section IX will nominate a new scientific editor after Ole P. Kristensen. The Presidium was commissioned to propose a the new editor to the publisher and to discuss the economy. |
| 17. Planning and carrying through of NJF-seminars. | The President, the Secretary General and Mrs Meeri Komulainen were commissioned to produce a manual for section work and planning of seminars. |
| 18. Final revision of the statutes. | Accepted to be in force from 15 November 2003 according to Rev. attachment p. 18, AD 1/03. |
| 19. Long-term plan of NJF. The future role of sections and seminars of NJF. | A work plan for the year 2004 with outlook for 2005 will be worked out by the President and the Secretary General. It will be completed by the sections before 1 January 2004. |
| 20. The role of the President | The Presidium aims at making a proposal during 2004 for the role of the President. |
| 21. Marketing of NJF | An important group to reach are the PhD-students. The President is responsible for the task of producing a new brochure. |
| 22. Graphic profile of NJF | The proposal from Mr Skøien - Attachment p. 22, AD 1/03 (pdf) – will be the basis of the future work. Mr Skøien was commissioned to continue the work. |
| 23. NJ | The first issue of NJ of the year will be printed. The other three issues will from 2004 only be sent by e-mail. |
| 24. Web site of NJF | The President and Mr Skøien were commissioned to obtain tenders from professional companies to redesign and host the new web site. |
| 25. Rules and rates for travelling from 1 January 2004. | Approval according to Rev. Attachment p. 25 a-b, AD 1/03. The travel account will be available on the new web site as a spread sheet. |
| 26. NJF Congress 2007 | Mr Olesen proposed 27-29 June 2007 in Copenhagen (at KVL). Mr Olesen was commissioned to go ahead. |
| 27. Place of the Assembly of Delegates in 2004 | In Stockholm/Sigtuna on 20-21 November 2004. |

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| <p>28. A.O.B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Baltic integration- The Turku congress | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- One objective during this congress period is to work for the establishment of national associations in the Baltic countries. The Finnish association was commissioned to inform the Presidium about suitable contacts in the Baltic countries. NOVABA is also a contact body.- Mr Niemeläinen informed that 441 persons participated in the Congress. |
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After the Agenda had been processed the President conveyed his thanks to the former Secretary General Mr Jens Wulff for his long and impressive work for NJF.

Secretary

Tord Eriksson

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Sveinn Adalsteinsson

Irmelin Nyman