

Minutes of KUF meeting 29

12/11-2008, 10-15.50, LIFE, Copenhagen, Denmark

Present

KUF members

Lena Andersson-Eklund, SLU (chair)
Trine Hvoslef-Eide, UMB
Yngvild Wasteson, NVH
Aija Ryyppö, JO-F
Marketta Sipi, HU-AF
Grete Bertelsen, LIFE
Emma Kathrine Lorenzen, NSB
Christian Mørk Hansen, NSB

Observer

Henriette Giese, *Agricultural Sciences, Univ. of Aarhus*

NOVA coordinators

Melanie Etchell, NVH
Stina-Lena Hellgren, SLU
Thorbjørn Gilberg, UMB
Sari Mikkola, HU-AF
Ulf Jonsell, NOVA

Other

Karin Klitgaard-Møller, LIFE

Absent

KUF members

Björn Þorsteinsson, LBHI
Outi Vainio, HU-V

NOVA coordinators

Riitta Kaitajärvi, HU-V
Halldóra Lóa Þorvaldsdóttir, LBHI
Michael Guldager, LIFE

29.1 Opening and approval of agenda

The meeting was opened by chair and the agenda was approved with the comment that items 29.6 and 29.7 are combined.

29.2 Follow-up of KUF meeting 28

The following comments were made regarding item 28.6:

- The time for preparatory work at home university can not be included in the requested minimum hours for Nordplus teaching mobility, thus phrasing; “at home university” should be deleted and sentence changed to: “Sari explained that the minimum 8 teaching hours needed to obtain a Nordplus mobility grant can include preparation and complementary work.”
- The NOVA/BOVA Nordplus group has decided to change the express mobility grant according to KUF’s suggestion (70 euro/week + standard travel grant)

29.3 Information from Board meeting 51 and NOVA/BOVA boards meeting

Lena and Ulf reported from the board meetings 21 October with emphasis on:

- Budget 2009 – see 51.6 in board meeting protocol
- Aarhus – new member – see 51.7
- NOVA/BOVA agreement – see 51.3

29.4 Funding of applications

Decisions

- That the following PhD course applications were funded:
(Marketta did not participate in the decision on course in Wood Technology.)

Head Applicant	Network	Project Title	Amount (€)	SE*
Thomas Mark	Animal Breeding	Design and optimization of animal breeding strategies	47 888	
Nasko Terziev	Wood Technology	Wood Technology	21 111	YES
Kjell Martinsson	Forage evaluation	Forage evaluation in small ruminant nutrition	21 944	
Anu Näreaho	Veterinary Parasitology	Annual graduate course in advanced veterinary parasitology, 2009	13 500	YES
Sigmund Hågvar	Soil zoology	12th Nordic-Baltic Soil Zoology Symposium and PhD course	5 400	

* Approval of Series of Events status

- That the following MSc course and project applications were funded:

Head Applicant	Network	Project Title	Amount (€)	
Anders Kiessling	Aquaculture	Aquaculture – intensive course	5 000	1)
Åsa Ode	NOLA	Nordic Landscapes - Landscape Analysis and Landscape Planning in the Nordic Countries	8 750	
Ellen Bjerkås	NOVA vet	Veterinary Ophthalmology	5 000	
Jonathan Yuen	Plant Pathology	Plant Pathology in a changing world	5 000	2)
Jan Philipsson	Veterinary medicine	Breeding, development and training of the young horse	5 000	
Anders Kiessling	Aquaculture	EM-SA: European Master in Sustainable Aquaculture	10 000	
Paavo Pelkonen	EM network in forestry	MSc European Forestry (MSc EF)	10 000	
Timo Soveri	BeeNOVA	Nordic MSc/PhD level teaching collaboration 2009	10 230	

1) The course team is strongly advised to change the timing of the course in order to facilitate for students to be able to take the course. The course should preferably run during the NOVA autumn window – weeks 33-34.

2) Corresponding grant for course 2008 must be reported before approval of application is definitive.

29.5 NOVA's general activity plan 2009

Decision

The draft activity plan, revised after comments and discussions from last KUF meeting and from last Board meeting, was approved with minor additions.

The final plan is attached as Appendix 29.5.

29.6&29.7 Report on local activities 2008&Drafts of local activity plans 2009

Local coordinators reported on activities 2008 and plans for 2009.

Decisions

- All teams must, if not already done, hand in a local team report 2008.
- Final local plans 2009, signed by the board and the KUF member, must be submitted to the secretariat at latest in mid-January.
- Local plans must follow the structure of the general NOVA plan.

29.8 Increasing mobility within NOVA - suggestion

Emma (NSB) presented a suggestion on targeted summer courses on BSc level on “hot topics” that would stimulate student mobility and awareness of NOVA.

KUF responded positively to the suggestion, but stated clearly that all such courses must reward higher education credits.

The issue was already presented to the board in October. The board delegated then to KUF to take actions to realise the idea.

Decision

That areas for pilot courses and the necessary incentives for course organizers are discussed in the local teams and reported back to KUF in March. Existing summer course options at the member institutions can be offered and marketed in a NOVA context.

29.9 Information from Nordplus

Stina-Lena informed on activities and news from the NOVA/BOVA Nordplus group:

- Decisions on Nordplus grants finally received.
- Mobility grant amounts settled. Travel grant will also be given to teachers.
- New forms for Nordplus mobility have been produced.
- A folder with information on Nordplus and the member universities will be produced.

29.10 Additional cover of expenses regarding NIMC

Decisions

- 1) NOVA will pay grants corresponding to the Nordplus student mobility grant to students from Aarhus participating in NOVA intensive MSc courses during spring semester 2009. Thereafter Aarhus is anticipated to be part of the common Nordplus network.
- 2) On off-campus courses a NIMC grant can be used for student accommodation. It will be the decision of the course leader if and how much to charge different student categories.

29.11 MSc course database

Item was, due to time constraints, postponed to after 29.13. Trine, Marketta, Aija, Yngvild, Melanie, and Sari absent.

Ulf presented ideas on how to improve the MSc course database. A discussion of necessary content and the importance of student focus in the presentation of the database followed.

The work with MSc database will continue, with the comments from the discussion in mind.

29.12 Other issues

No other issues

29.13 Meetings 2009

Decision

That KUF will meet on the following dates and locations:

- 5 March – Video meeting.
- (8)-9 June – Aarhus, with demonstration of Aarhus facilities. Timing, use of two days, programme etc will be settled later.
- 9 September – Video meeting.
- 18 November – SLU.

29.14 End of meeting

Meeting was ended by Lena at 15.50.

Lena Andersson-Eklund
Chair

Ulf Jonsell
Secretary