

# NOVA KUF meeting

## No 26

Date: March 11, 9-13 Scand time

Place: Video link

	Time	Item
26.1	9.00	<b>Opening of meeting and agenda</b> <b>- presentation of new Secretary General?</b>
26.2		<b>Follow-up of decisions from meeting No 25</b> <b>- incl info from Board meeting</b>
26.3	9.20	<b>Annual report 2007</b>
26.4	9.50	<b>Activity follow-up 2008</b> <b>-incl comments on the Team plans for 2008</b> <b>-draft structure for Team plans 2009</b>
26.5	10.45	<b>Preparation of application round for NOVA PhD courses 2009</b> <b>- revised scientific criteria</b> <b>- fee for non-NOVA students?</b> <b>- workplan</b> <b>- other issues</b>
26.6	11.00	<b>Report from</b> <b>- NORBE</b>
26.7	11.15	<b>Boards decisions on financial support for:</b> <b>- student mobility</b> <b>- Erasmus Mundus applications</b>
26.8	11.50	<b>Other items</b> <b>a) Annual seminar - agenda</b> <b>b) KUF/BOVA CC meeting - agenda</b> <b>c) NOVA/BOVA rector meeting</b> <b>d) marketing of international MSc progr on the NOVA web?</b> <b>e) Information about the Nordplus application procedure</b>
26.9	12.30	<b>Information from member institutions and NSF</b>
	13.00	<b>End of meeting</b>

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**Present:** Lena Andersson-Eklund, SLU (Chairman)  
Björn Thorsteinsson, LBHI  
Marketta Sipi, HU-AF  
Yngvild Wasteson, NVH  
Outi Vainio HU-V  
Trine Hvoslef-Eide, UMB  
Aija Ryyppö, JU-F  
Grete Bertilsen, LIFE  
Britta Poulsen, NSF-LIFE

**Coordinators, others:**

Knut Wålstedt, NOVA  
Michael Guldager, LIFE  
Sari Mikkola, HU-AF  
Riitta Kaitajärvi, HU-V  
Haavard Reksten, UMB  
Henriette Giese, Univ of Aarhus, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Observer

**Absent:** Mårten Karlow, NSF-SLU  
Stina Lena Hellgren, SLU  
Melanie Etchell, NVH

### 26.1 Opening of meeting and agenda

Welcome to Aija Ryyppö from Univ of Joensuu, Faculty of Forest Sciences, as new NOVA and KUF member. Welcome to Grete Bertilsen, LIFE, as new KUF member. Welcome to Henriette Giese as observer from Univ of Aarhus, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. No comments to the agenda. Chairman presented Ulf Jonsell as the new Central NOVA Coordinator, starting from May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

Extra item: Election of Vice chairman.

<b>Decision:</b> -Björn Thorsteinsson was elected vice chairman of KUF for 2008 and 2009.
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## **26.2 Follow up of decisions from meeting No 25**

Item: Minutes from meeting No 25 and information from the Board meeting.

Material: Minutes from KUF meeting No 25  
Minutes from Board meeting No 49

<b>Decision:</b> -KUF accepts the follow-up from meeting No 25 and the information from Board meeting No 49
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## **26.3 Annual report 2007**

Item: Comments on the draft Annual report 2007

Material: Draft Annual report 2007  
Draft Annex to Annual report 2007

<b>Decision:</b> -KUF approves on the draft Annual report 2007, with suggested corrections -KUF approves on the draft Annex to Annual report 2007 -The reports may be sent to the Board for approval in time to be printed before the Annual seminar.
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## **26.4 Activity follow-up 2008**

Item: Comments from each member on their plans for activities during spring 2008

Material: NOVA strategy 2007-2010  
Activity plan 2008

<b>Decision:</b> -KUF approves the presentations from each member regarding plans for spring 2008 -All local plans shall be available on the NOVA web and linked in the KUF agenda. -Short summary of the presentations shall be sent to NOVA secretariat.
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## **26.5 Preparation of application round for NOVA PhD courses 2008**

Item: To discuss and agree on items before the final announcement of the application round for funding of NOVA PhD courses 2009

Material: Revised scientific criteria

Application Guide 2009 (draft)  
Workplan for application procedure

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| <b>Decision:</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-KUF approves on the suggested Scientific criteria, with some minor adjustments</li><li>-KUF suggests some adjustments of the Technical criteria</li><li>-KUF agrees to make the rules for making the possible amount of NOVA grant more flexible, will be discussed at the next KUF meeting.</li><li>-KUF agrees to the suggested changes of the rules for charging tuition fees for non-NOVA and non-Nordic PhD students, but the decision must be handled by the Board.</li></ul> |
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## 26.6 NORBE report

Item: Report from the NORBE network for the period September 2007 to March 2008.

Material: Report from NORBE

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| <b><u>Decision:</u></b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-KUF commits the NORBE network to consider, in close cooperation with local NOVA Teams, an application for funding of the period July-December 2008, focusing on the development of cooperation with Aarhus, and on the long term structure of the NORBE project.</li><li>-KUF asks Henriette Giese to follow up on the possibility of cooperation from Univ of Aarhus in the area of Biosystems Engineering</li><li>-All KUF members shall evaluate the possibility to include other relevant subjects and courses in NORBE.</li></ul> |
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## 26.7 Board's decision on extended financial support

Item: Follow up on the Board's decision to extend financial support for student mobility and for making applications for Erasmus Mundus status.

Material: Draft program for extended support for student mobility  
Draft Announcement for support for making Erasmus Mundus applications  
Erasmus Mundus partners

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| <b><u>Decision:</u></b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-KUF agrees to extend the financial support for Master student mobility and commits NOVA EC, in cooperation with the Nordplus network, to suggest detailed rules before the next KUF meeting</li><li>-KUF agrees to the suggested support for making applications for Erasmus Mundus status and commits NOVA secretariat to publish the announcement as soon as possible.</li><li>-Funding of PhD student travel expenses will be discussed at the next meeting.</li><li>-Increased total funding for PhD course will be suggested in the next Board meeting.</li></ul> |
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## 26.8 Other items

Items:        Agenda for the Annual seminar  
              KUF/BOVA CC meeting  
              NOVA/BOVA rector meeting  
              Marketing of international MSc programs on NOVA web  
              Information on the Nordplus application procedure

Material:     Agenda for Annual seminar  
              Draft agenda for KUF/CC meeting

<u>Decision:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-KUF approves to the final program for the Annual seminar 2008</li><li>-KUF approves to the suggested agenda for the KUF/CC meeting on the 24th of April 2008</li><li>-KUF accepts the information regarding the NOVA/BOVA rector meeting on the 21st of October 2008</li><li>-KUF approves to the suggestion that non-NOVA international Master programs can be marketed on the NOVA web, and commits the NOVA secretariat to make a suggestion before the next KUF meeting.</li><li>-KUF accepts the information on the procedure for Nordplus applications 2008</li></ul>
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## 26.9 Information from member institutions and NSF

End of meeting

Uppsala, March 11, 2008

Lena Andersson-Eklund  
Chairman

Knut Wålstedt  
Secretary General