



Nordman Network

A Nordic Baltic network
A collaboration within Nursing and
Health Care Education since 1995

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The start of Nordman network

- The network was **founded in March 1995** in Jyväskylä
- Possible cooperation discussed
- Mobility was planned
- **Six Nordic partners joined;**
 - Ersta högskola/Ersta University College, Stockholm
 - Sophiahemmet sjuksköterskeskola/Sh. Nursing School, Stockholm
 - Högskolen i Agder/Agder College, Kristiansand, Arendal
 - Vårdhögskolan Eskilstuna/Health Care College in E-tuna
 - Middle Finland's Health Care College, Jyväskylä
 - Slagelse Nursing School [did not attend but joined the network]

(N, SF, DK, 3 x SWE)

Annual Network Meetings

- The annual network meeting **usually** takes place in September/October in two days
- One partner school is hosting the meeting, presenting itself and the region, providing a cultural program
- **Internal dialogue** is the core of the working procedure, *evaluating and planning* activities in the network
- 23 annual meetings performed in Nordman's 19 years (1995 – 2014)
Comments; in 1996, 1997 & 2000 meetings took place twice yearly

Cooperation agreement

Editions from 1996, 2001, 2007

- A network between nine Nordic & Baltic institutions **within** the **subject areas of Nursing and Health Care**, *Nordman* network for higher education
- The network operates **within the framework of the Nordplus programme** of the Nordic Council of Ministers
- The agreement regulates mobility procedures & partner's responsibility, network organisation and network coordinator
- **New editions 2001 & 2007 audit process** on the network meeting, each paragraph

New partners 1999/2000 & 2007

and network language



- Unbalance? Six partners, three were Swedish
- **Enlargement with two new partners** was decided in 1998;
 - **Ålands Vårdinstitut**, Mariehamn, (entered in 2000)
 - **Viborg** sygeplejeskole/Nursing school in Viborg (attended in 1999)
- **Enlargement to Baltic region?** A second generation of Nordplus program opened in 2008 for Baltic Higher Education partners
- **Tartu School of Health Care** entered in 2007
- The Network language changed from Scandinavian to English in 2007/2008

Partner reductions

in 2011 & 2012

- In **2011** three partners left

- In 2011 **Sophiahemmet** Univ. College left. Claiming; *wanted to be active in only one Nordplus network* - but came back late 2012

- **Sealand University College**, Nursing School in **Slagelse**; Claiming; *Re-organization of international collaboration*

- **Esta Sköndal** University College

Passivity was observed; Not attending network meetings in 2008, 2010 & 2011 (partly 2009) & not taking part in the mobility program

- In **2012 University of Agder** left

Claiming; *Decreased interest by students for mobility in Nordic countries implying that one network has to be cut out*

New partners 2012 & 2013

- **Lithuanian University of Health Sciences** entered 2012
- **Riga Stradins University** entered in 2012
- **Dalarna University College**, Falun entered in 2013

Nordman's nine partners 2013;

Dalarna University College, Falun, SE

JAMK University of Applied Sciences, Jyväskylä, SF

Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Kaunas, LT

Mälardalen University, Västerås & Eskilstuna, SE

Riga Stradins University, Riga, LV

Sophiahemmet University College, Stockholm, SE

Tartu Health Care College, Tartu, E

VIA University College, Aarhus, DK

Åland University College, Mariehamn, Ax

Nordplus Higher Education Program

- **MOBILITY GRANT** (about 17 000 EUR yearly)
allocated to Nordman since 1996/97
 - *Teacher mobility* (about 10 yearly)
 - *Student mobility* (about 20 - 25 yearly)
- **PROJECTS**
 - Intensive courses* (seven courses from 1998)
 - Teacher conferences* (two one weeks in 2003 & 2005)
- **SUPPORT 2007/08** *Integrating a new Baltic partner*
Teacher mobility plus translation of the Nordman
webpage (about 6 000 EUR was used and report approved)



Nordplus

Higher Education Program

Pre-requisites to get an application funded

- Planning (Application and Nordplus Handbook)
- Decision from CIMO (Nordplus office)
- Implementing
- Evaluating and disseminating results
- Reporting

Intensive courses

- Skottevig, (N), May 1998; Theme; ***Supervision in Clinical Education***
- Rönbjerg, (DK), Sep 2001, Theme as above
- Lövudden, Västerås, (S), Sep 2006, Theme; ***Internationalization at home***
- Summerschool, Jyväskylä, (SF), Sep 2007 Theme; ***Family Health Promotion – Culture and Well-Being*** (A cooperation with JAMK)
- Grimstad, (N), May 2010, Theme; ***Intercultural aspects in Nursing and Leadership***
- Jyväskylä, (SF), May 2012; ***Resilience, positive capacity building and sexual health promotion in nursing - couples, families and communities***
- Tartu, (E), May 2014; ***Resilience, positive capacity building, transition and equality related to human rights in nursing of families***

Grimstad(N), May 2010



An excursion to
a rehabilitation
centre with
outdoor activities
in
Kristiansand

Teacher seminars

Educational conferences



- Metochi, Lesbos, N/Greece, Sep/Oct 2003; *Educational conference* in one week focused on ***developing the understanding of the Nordic nursing and health care training from a cultural comparative perspective***
[All partner schools participated, 15 participants]
- Grimstad, N, Sep 2005; *Educational conference* in one week ***investing elective courses*** in partner schools, and development possibilities in Nordman, annual network meeting
[16 participants, 13 teachers and 3 students, 8 of 9 partner schools attended]

(2 x N)

The network coordinators

The role and responsibility

- Supports and facilitates collaboration in the network
- Writes the annual Nordplus application
- Allocates mobility grants and reports the outcome to CIMO
- Reports about the network's activities internal and on the webpage
- Current and previous network coordinators;

2012-



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2004 – 2011



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2002 – 2003



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Viborg Nursing School

Today VIA Univ College

1995 – 2001



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The Nordman webpage

- The first edition of Nordman webpage was published 2004 at the Mälardalen University's web
- In 2008 the webpage was translated to English
- In 2012 with a new network coordinator changes became necessary; agreement with a webhotel plus own domain address;

www.nordmannetwork.net

Network Meeting
in Aarhus, Outside
Women's Museum
October 1, 2013



Bentling, S & Lennander, Å (2005):

Report: Idea, Ambition and Reality

A description and critical review of Nordman network **1995 - 2004**

- **Teacher mobility** abroad impacts on teachers' personal development
- **Intercultural experiences** were considered as meaningful importance (first intensive course 1998)
- Teachers' **choice of mobility host school** was decided on personal contacts & preferences, workload and opportunities
- Nurse **students' mobility** was carried out primarily as **clinical education**
- Significant differenties were discovered between teachers' and students' reports

- Teachers' mobility has to be planned with support from the school management, be part of qualification and be linked to profiles
- The ambitions of the network have exceeded the outcome
- **Conclusions;**
- International collaboration requires **preparation** and **follow up** by **reflections** over achieved knowledge and experiences
- Exchange students have to be involved in education in a conscious way
- Intensive courses have to be planned with regard to partner schools' profiles, educational ideologies, interpretations of subject areas and professional knowledge fields