

Report from the chair, August 2012 – August 2014

1. Organisation

In 2014, the Nordic Association for Hydrology has 194 registered individual members; of whom 35 are students and 14 are pensioners, and 16 institutional members.

The statutes were changed and approved for the second time at the General Assembly in Oulu in 2012 (Attachment 1).

Officers

The board of the Nordic Association for Hydrology has had the following members during the last two years:

Country	Board member	Deputy board member
Denmark	Dirk-Ingmar Müller-Wohlfeil	Troels Kærgaard Bjerre
Estonia	Arvo Järvet	Tiiia Pedusaar
Finland	Johanna Korhonen	Ville Keskiarja
Iceland	Thorsteinn Thorsteinsson	Hrund Ó. Andradóttir
Latvia	Iveta Indriksone	Elga Apsite
Lithuania	Zenonas Gulbinas (chair, Publicity Committee)	Diana Meilutyte-Barauskiene
Norway	Hege Hisdal (chair)	Sjur Kolberg
Sweden	David Gustafsson (vice chair)	Linus Zhang

The election committee has included:

Country	Election committee member	Deputy member
Denmark	Anders Bækgaard (chair)	Dan Rosbjerg
Estonia	Arvo Iital	Anna Pyrh
Finland	Timo Huttula	Markku Puupponen
Iceland	Kristinn Einarsson	Helgi Jóhannesson
Latvia	Ilze Rudlapa	Anda Bakute
Lithuania	Jurgita Daubariene	Saulius Vaikasas
Norway	Knut Ola Aamodt	Lars Evan Pettersson
Sweden	Karen Lundholm	Cintia Bertacchi Uvo

In addition, the following officers have served the association:

Position	Name
Treasurer	Martin Bergstrand (Landstinget i Östergötland, Sweden)
Secretary	Heidi Lee (NVE, Norway)
Web-editor	Karin Nyström (SMHI, Sweden)
Auditors	Bo Leander (Sweden) and Lennart de Maré (Sweden)
Editor HR	Chong Yu-Xu (University of Oslo, Norway)

2. Activities

Board meetings

The board has had five meetings since the General Assembly in 2012:

- 15th August 2012, Oulu, Finland
- 27th November 2012, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 16th May 2013, Tallinn, Estonia
- 10th December 2013, telephone meeting
- 14th March 2014, Oslo, Norway

The sixth meeting is to be held on August 10th 2014 in Stockholm, prior to the Nordic Hydrological Conference and General Assembly in 2014.

Development of the association

- The strategy of NHF has been updated and published on the website (Attachment 2). In particular, we hope that our activities now reflect in a better way the long and short term goals of our association.
- We would like NHF to become more visible and amongst others, we are now testing Twitter as a communication platform.
- Hydrology Research is now the official journal of four hydrological associations: our association and the British, German and Italian associations. The chair has participated at annual meetings with the publisher (IWA Publishing), editors and the British Hydrological Society. At the meetings, actions to increase the impact factor of HR and improve the quality of submitted papers were discussed. Amongst others, a letter has been sent to all members of NHF to encourage the submission of papers to the journal. It should also be noted that members can subscribe to the journal at a discount rate for personal use.
- The routines related to collection of membership fees and accounting have been improved, and now allows the annual closing to be made on time.
- The International Association of Hydrological Sciences has initiated a network of national hydrological associations. In July 2013 NHF officially became a member of the network and signed a network agreement (Attachment 3) at a meeting in Gothenburg. There was no great desire on the part of the participants to set a formal programme of work for the Network for the first years of its existence. Preference was for joint activities to be developed naturally out of contacts established between the Members of the Network and discussions held at future IAHS General Assemblies. There was however a clear interest in adopting three principal foci:
 1. bridging the gap between the science and practice of hydrology
 2. stimulating international and regional cooperation by holding joint symposia on topics of common interest
 3. exchanging good practice in the context of working with young people, i.e. how to be a forum where young and more experienced hydrologists can meet



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- NHF has approved to support a Nordic study course on “Climate and Hydrology” for PhD and Post Doc students from the Nordic and Baltic countries. The activity has been initiated by professors at universities in Finland, Sweden and Norway and both the preparations and the study course itself, will contribute to hydrological collaboration across the Nordic and Baltic region.

NHC 2014

The association has actively participated in the preparatory phase of NHC 2014.

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