

Report from the chairman of NHF on the period June 2006 – June 2008.

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

Country	Ordinary member	Deputy member
Denmark	Troels Kaergaard Bjerre	Per Grønvald
Estonia	Arvo Järvet	Olga Kovalenko
Finland	Riitta Kamula	John Forsius
Iceland	Óli Grétar Blöndal Sveinsson	Stefanía Halldórsdóttir
Latvia	Inese Mikelšone	Agrita Briede
Lithuania	Arvydas Povilaitis	Zenonas Gulbinskas
Norway	Hege Hisdal	Sjur Kolberg
Sweden	Jan Seibert	Håkan Sanner

During the last two years the board has had four meetings:

1. Vingsted Centret, Denmark – August 2006 – after NHC-2006 – 11 persons present (previous and new board)
2. Helsinki, Finland – March 2007 – 7 persons present
3. Riga, Latvia – March 2008 – 9 members present
4. Reykjavík, Iceland – August 2008 – to be held before the opening of NHC2008

Other appointed tasks in NHF have been:

Treasurer	Hans Stjärnskog, Sweden (SMHI)
Auditors	Bo Leander, Sweden Lennart de Maré, Sweden
Head publicity councilor	(latest election in 2002 Anne Steensen-Blicher, Denmark)
Editor Nordic Hydrology & (NHF) Hydrology Reserch from 2008	Dan Rosbjerg, Denmark
Technical editor Vannet i Norden website	Peter Andersson, Sweden

Key issues for the board during the last two years have been related to publishing and strategies:

- The negotiations to join forces with *British Hydrological Society* (BHS) in publishing the international journal **Nordic Hydrology** started in 2006. The negotiations went over in mutual understanding, and on 30 March 2007 the agreement was signed by NHF. Nordic Hydrology changed into Hydrology Research from the beginning of 2008
- The board has discussed and amended the **Strategy paper** of NFH. In addition, the board has prepared the **Principles of arranging conferences and seminars. External and internal communications** have also been in discussions, and as results, the papers on **Revision of the web page** as well as **Suggested procedures to decide about themes for future NHC conferences** were prepared to be discussed in this general assembly 2008. In addition, **NHF flyer** has been updated frequently.

The number of members has been rather constant during the last years. The drop in 2007 most likely results from delays in membership payments and reporting.

Country	Number of members													
	Personal members							Institutional members						
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Denmark	18	15	16	24	24	27	-	1	1	1	3	3	4	-
Estonia	12	12	16	8	8	16	6							
Finland	11	14	11	12	12	13	14							
Iceland	23	22	24	27	26	26	-	4	4	4	4	4	4	-
Latvia	12	12	12	12	12	13	13							
Lithuania	15	17	16	12	13	14	13							
Norway	31	30	38	35	32	37	37	2	2	2	2	1	3	3
Sweden	48	51	49	46	47	40	36	7	7	7	6	5	7	7
Total	170	173	182	176	174	186	119	14	14	14	15	13	18	10

NHF has had a reasonably surplus during the last years, and the assets have been steady. The assets of Nordic Hydrology have been terminated and added in the assets of NHF in connection with the new publishing arrangements. Total amount of assets has increased, and management of the assets are being organized for better financial result.

	2005	2006	2007
Total income	97 779	189 117	76 970
Total costs	121 001	131 234	67 050
Financial income	3 792	697	697
Surplus of the year	-19 430	58 580	10 617
Assets at the end of the year except NH	743 860	806 024	813 057
Assets of Nordic Hydrology	26 804	24 121	0
Total assets	770 664	830 145	813 057

Oulu 6 August 2008,
Riitta Kamula (chairman)