

Report from the chairman of NHF on the period June 2002 – June 2004.

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

Country	Ordinary member	Deputy member
Denmark	Anne Steensen Blicher	Finn Plauborg
Estonia	Alvina Reihan	Arvo Järvet
Finland	Juha Kajander	Riitta Kamula
Iceland	Jona Finndis Jonsdottir	Sigmundur Freysteinnsson
Latvia	Tatyana Koltsova	Agrita Briede
Lithuania	Kestutis Kilkus	Arvydas Povilaitis
Norway	Dan Lundquist	Hege Hisdal
Sweden	Lars Lundin	Gunlög Wennerberg

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

1. Røros – August 2004 – 12 persons present
2. Uppsala – April 2003 – 7 persons present
2. Roskilde – March 2004 – 8 members present
3. Tallinn – August 2004 – to be held before the opening of NHC-2006

Other appointed tasks in NHF have been:

Treasurer	Hans Stjärnskog, Sweden (SMHI)
Auditors	Bo Leander, Sweden Lennart de Maré, Sweden
Head publicity councillor	Anne Steensen-Blicher, Denmark
Editor Nordic Hydrology	Dan Rosbjerg, Denmark
Technical editor Vannet i Norden website	Peter Andersson, Sweden

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

- The negotiations regarding a joint publishing of the international journal **Nordic Hydrology** together with International Water Association (IWA) Publishing was finished in 2003, and an agreement between NHF and IWA Publishing was signed by the chairman of NHF. The first issue of 2004 was subsequently published in co-operation with IWA, both in printed and electronic form. A sample issue can be found on www.iwaponline.com/nh/035/1/default.htm. It is the opinion of the board that this co-operation will secure the future of Nordic Hydrology for many years to come.

- The website **Vannet i Norden** (www.vannetinorden.com) has now completely replaced the old homepage of NHF. It is updated four times per year and the members are informed on updates by e-mail. As an attempt to attract contributions to Vannet i Norden the board members so far has been acting as national scientific editors, unfortunately with little success.
- As a follow-up from the general assembly in 2004 the board has had an internal discussion on **the strategy of NHF**. The result has been published on the Vannet i Norden website (www.vannetinorden.com/documents/nhf_strategy_20040306.pdf). This document will be continuously updated as to be a guideline for future work of the board. It is expected that the General Assembly every second year will give its contributions, so that the strategy document reflects the wishes and needs of the members.

The number of members has been rather constant during the last years, with a slight increase in 2003.

Number of members Country	Personal members			Institutional members		
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
Denmark	18	15	16	1	1	1
Estonia	12	12	16			
Finland	11	14	11			
Iceland	23	22	24	4	4	4
Latvia	12	12	12			
Lithuania	15	17	16			
Norway	31	30	38	2	2	2
Sweden	48	51	49	7	7	7
Total	170	173	182	14	14	14

Figures for 2004 are not yet available.

NHF has had a good surplus during the last years, and the assets (excluding Nordic Hydrology) has grown with nearly 170 000 SEK since the General Assembly in 2002. The total assets however have decreased with approximately 30 000 SEK because the assets of Nordic Hydrology, also called the Danish publication fund, has decreased to cover the expenses of Nordic Hydrology after the external contributions had ceased. With the agreement between NHF and IWA Publishing all expenses of Nordic Hydrology in the future will be covered by IWA Publishing.

	2001	2002	2003
Total income	113 348	161 843	99 458
Total costs	97 084	76 603	39 803
Financial income	6 533	10 044	12 944
Surplus of the year	22 797	95 284	72 599
Assets at the end of the year except NH	571 643	676 954	739 526
Assets of Nordic Hydrology	297 806	224 338	103 243
Total assets	869 449	901 292	842 769

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