



Nordic Association
of Agricultural
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NJF Board 2/2017

**Minutes NJF board meeting, 5 October 2017 at SEGES, Axelborg,
Copenhagen, Denmark**

Participants: Fredrik Fogelberg NJF president; Oliver Sada, Estonia;
Snorri Sigurdsson, Iceland; Linas Stabingis, Lithuania; Kirsty McKinnon, Norway,
Anders Larsolle, Sweden

General Secretary: Anna Mårtensson

1. The president Fredrik Fogelberg opened the meeting.
2. The general secretary was appointed for keeping the minutes.
3. The agenda was approved.
4. Linas Stabingis was appointed to, in addition to the president, verify the minutes.
5. The minutes of the last board was approved.
6. Reports from the National boards:
Estonia - A legume conference will be arranged in November. No changes in the board.

Norway – No more meetings since May. A scholarship has been given to a Master student presenting her/his work on a conference.

Sweden – A board meeting has been held, they are planning a review of the member register. Christina Holmström has been appointed new board member of the Swedish board.

Lithuania – No formal meeting but lots of footwork. An excellent folder has been made and attempts for recruiting new members have been made.

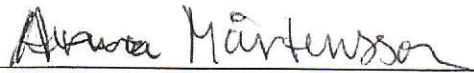
Iceland – New chairperson will be chosen. An offer of a one year free membership to all new graduates from the agricultural schools has been made. The board welcomes the initiative, may be an opportunity for recruiting new young members.

Finland – NJF Finland is going to organize a 100 years jubileum conference in January. This will take place in the opening session of the scientific agricultural society of Finland. The programme will be announced iwthin a couple of weeks. 400-600 participants are expected.

Latvia – No report available.

7. Congress planning. Linas Stabingis described the initiatives taken so far. A local congress secretariat has been formed, with three persons. The chairperson of this group is the vice-chancellor of the agricultural university in Kaunas, and deputy chairperson is Linas Stabingis. Linas Stabingis is also responsible for communicating, and be head of, the Congress Scientific board. As decided by the Scientific Board each section will have at least one person, preferably the chairperson of the section, to be an active partner in the Congress Scientific committee. A preliminary budget of 70 000 euro for the congress was presented. The board pointed out that it is crucial that a specified budget is presented for NJF-C within the next weeks for approval. Linas presented a tentative schedule for the congress. It is important that breaks for coffee and lunches etc is enough long to allow all participants to get food and beverages. The board is very impressed by the work done so far by Linas and colleagues and look forward to receive on going reports on the progress of the congress planning.
8. Report from NJF-C. Applications for supporting the congress have been submitted to Nordic contact organisation for agriculture and the Swedish Royal Agricultural Academy. A new accountant has been hired, the NJF office and archives at RISE is now use for free. . A shift from PWC as accountant has been made to a local accountant which will be cheaper, Swedbank has been informed. Letter of invitation to the 100th anniversary in national language to be distributed to all members including pins and info material is under its way.

9. Any other business. Snorri Sigurdsson was thanked for long-term and committed work for the benefit of NJF.
10. Place and time for next meeting is suggested to be in May in Finland, Jarkko Niemi to be contacted by NJF-C.



Keeper of the minutes
Anna Mårtensson



President
Fredrik Fogelberg



Minutes verified
Linas Stabingis