

**Minutes of meeting with Agromek organizers and NJF Technology Section Board
meeting
25th January 2018, at 10-16 (GMT+2:00)
Axelborg, Copenhagen**

Participants

From Agromek: Claus Hermansen, Sisse Fløe Merrild Nielsen, Lene S. Bøgedal.

From NJF TS Board: Nils Bjugstad (Norway), Anders Larsolle (Sweden), Hannu J. Mikkola (Finland), Oliver Sada (Estonia), Kestutis Navickas (Lithuania) Gints Birzietis (Latvia) - chairman.

Alastair Ward (Denmark) could not participate due to illness.

Referent

Nils Bjugstad

**Meeting with Mr. Claus Hermansen, director of Agromek fair about 3rd NJF - Agromek -
EurAgEng Joint seminar**

Each participant of the meeting introduce by self, main responsibilities or research area.

Claus Hermansen gives the presentation on "Agromek in change"

The number of new things are planned in coming Agromek event: new topics, student challenge, innovation area and guided tours in specialization areas. Agromek is open in collaboration in all these areas in NJF. The division of tasks for preparation of the event was discussed between Agromek and NJF board.

Board agreed on Nils proposal to involve Technology section board in organizing committee.

NJF seminar is planned during the first day of Agromek fair – Tuesday. Participants will arrive in Monday evening and stay in Silkeborg.

Face to face marketing is absolutely needed in order to keep and rise the number of participants. Announcement on student competition could be spread via Technology board to universities. The topics on advisory services and future farming were suggested. Short presentation about NJF will be necessary in the beginning of seminar. Key note speakers from leading companies would attract the participants.

Nils will sent draft of programm structure, dates, topics and key note speakers within two weeks.

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1. Referent - Gints Birzietis

2. Activities in 2018

a) NJF-EurAgEng-Agromek conference in Herning

We have to go through the last year programme and proposed changes in the list of topics.

Conference abstract book will be prepared. Abstract 1 or 2 pages.

Nils will prepare the draft of the program for other participants.

Discounts would be expected for students.

Info on time, place and accommodation we have to prepare and set up within within the 1th week of the February and to place in the NJF home page. The keynote speakers should be found.

The topic list will be sent out for proposals from board members

Draft will be sent for proposals and afterwards published in NJF webpage.

b) NJF congress 2018

NJF congress/conference 27-29 of June 2018. Information on home page <http://www.njfcongress26.eu/>. First deadline for submitting the summary of presentation 16th of March. Handouts on NJF-Agromek-EurAgEng should be spread during the congress. Also face to face marketing from the members.

c) AgEng 2018 conference

The same as in congress, the handouts on NJF-Agromek-EurAgEng should be spread during the event as well we face to face marketing from participating members.

3. Possible activities in 2019 & 2020

a) Bioenergy/biorefinery in Danmark 2019 (Alastair)

Due to Alastair cannot participate the development of seminar planning are postponed to the next meeting.

b) Horse husbandry 2019 (Ragnar Finnur Sigurdsson?)

Gints informed that Snorri send the info that Technology section of Island have a new member Ragnar Finnur Sigurdsson who is agricultural engineer from Ås University in Norway. He is a farmer now with dairy cows and it could be possible that Ragnar could be involved in organizing of this seminar. Board supported the change of responsible persons.

c) Milking technology 2018 (Esa Manninen ? or Kaj Nymann ?)

Gints informed that Snorri regarding the Milking technology seminar proposed to contact Esa Manninen or Kaj Nymann from Finland which are super qualified specialists in this area, but Snorri is not sure that they are NJF members.

Hannu had also info that they have NMS meeting in 8-9 of February and this question about the seminar are in agenda. Hannu will inform about their decision regards to the seminar and inform us.

d) Advanced measurement technique/ spectroscopic techniques in agriculture 2019 (Alastair)

Nils proposed to extend the topic to a wider imaging. Due to Alastair cannot participate the development of seminar planning are postponed to the next meeting.

f) Insect farming 2019?

There are still problems to find the expert - responsible person. No ideas from the board members.

g) Other seminar ideas with contact

Gints had the information from Snorri that they have already started preparation for AMS conference in Iceland 2018 and Gudmundur Johannesson from Animal section has taken over the lead there. This is though a joint venture so the Gints is asked to talk with Gudmundur about the needs for support from NJF-Technology section.

h) Other seminar ideas without contacts

Oliver proposed that lightweight farm buildings as well as small energy independent - renewable farms topics might be interesting.

4. Information's from NJF

Gints reminded on information send by e-mail from the NJF president about the elections in National boards and further elections in Section Boards. Board members are asked to think about candidates.

Nils assessed that there will be problems in Norway technology section to find suitable candidates. Gints agrees that also in NJF Latvia Technology section will be problem to find candidates for the board.

Anders reminded that during the selection the candidates for the elections we have to consider gender equality aspect. Since Technology board we have only males, it would be good to have some female representatives.

Some of Technology section board members have two terms in the board, some have started from 2011, and some have only part of the term. The possibility to continue work for existing board members is very important considering that preparation work for NJF - Agromek - EurAgEng joint seminar in autumn 2018 is already started and some agreements with partners already established.

5. Home page information (www.njf.nu)

Gints informed that in NJF homepage is extended with new information and asked to check information on Technology section. Now additional information available on NJF anniversary congress via link to Congress homepage.

6. Reimbursement of expenses

Reimbursement template form is downloaded from home page and procedure is the same as before. First to Gints, he will sign and send to secretary.

7. Next meeting

Next Technology section board meeting is planned during the congress or day before in June 26 when the old board will meet the new board. Exact date will be announced later.

25th January 2018

Nils Bjugstag, Gints Birzietis