

Report from meeting NTA and NTC in Copenhagen June 2008

The meeting between NTA board and representatives from NTC was held in Copenhagen the 15th of June 2008

The purpose for the meeting was to discuss and to plan for coming activities in the future and to find a winning and efficient structure for the cooperation between NTA and NTC. We started with open discusses around different topics on the agenda and later in the afternoon, we agreed on conclusions.

We also discussed membership, economy and our website and settled the agenda for the coming years 2008 – 2011.

Present in the meeting was Britta Kleberg chairman of NTA, Caroline Lindkvist, Barbro Roos, Kajsa Oeme all members of the NTA board together with Eli Nordbø (N), Raija Jokinen (SF), Gina Hedegaard Nielsen and Lisbeth Tolstrup (DK). Malena Karlsson (S), Elsa Agélii (S) from the NTC council.

The meeting was organized by Gina Hedegaard and Lisbeth Tolstrop from Denmark.

Who is doing what - Structure

It's important to notice, that there is a big difference between traditions in the different countries how we, as artists are organized. In Denmark there are a lot of societies and associations based on interest and professionalism, while there in Iceland and Finland is only one. Sweden has some smaller organizations. This difference reflect upon how we bond and cooperate within NTA and therefore it could be a problem if the structure of NTA is made too formal and rigid, it could hinder and make our work less effective. Different possibilities for a structure in the future were discussed.

Conclusions:

NTA will still be the mainframe, based in Sweden and functioning due to traditional rules for professional associations. NTA is responsible for the main – economy.

NTC will be more involved in specified projects and to promote local work in the other participating countries.

Long - term plans and visions are to be made in NTA and NTC together.

Visions have to be long-term - like for 3 years.

To obtain and coordinate our information and work better between NTA - NTC we decided that the best way, is to continue with mutual meetings like this in Copenhagen.

All activities should be planned in better time to ensure information and involvement from all over the Nordic countries.

Responsibility must be divided into smaller parts - easier to handle for the all involved.

It's important to distinguish between NTA as a whole and specific projects to come.

NTC is supposed to support in specific matters like meetings, exhibitions, publications (*Experience is mentioned regarding: The nordic Triennial of Textiles, (1976-1996), Northern Fiber, ETN, Beatrijs Sterk, (European Textile Network) and Täcklebo Broderiakademi.*)

Website:

It's important, that the website is under constant development and it is also important to keep informing and to involve old and new members of NTA. It was suggested that we apply for money for extra manpower to keep it updated.

We formed a new group with Barbro and Kajsa (S), Eli (N), Raija (F), Gina (DK), Kristveig (Isl)) to take the website into the future,
The "Photo show" is taken care of by Emma Jönsson.

Membership

It's obvious that there is a need to redefine membership, some of the old associations are losing members because the internet has made it cheaper/easier to communicate. Membership has to be discussed in each country. The future function of NTA reflects how we will define membership; this has to be clarified before the next meeting in Helsinki.

Economy

It was mentioned, that NTC need to know more about the work and economy in NTA. Britta and Caroline continues to apply for money. Kerstin Quentzer, member of the board will work as adviser regarding funds and grants. We will apply for money to a webmaster and a secretary.

Possible Foundations: Letterstedtska föreningen, Det nordiske Kulturkritikerstipendie, Nordic Cultural fund. We have received 40.000 € from the Cultural Fund of the Nordic Minister Council to support our Nordic meetings

We will have to apply for money to cover:

Press –PR and communication, Documentation, Website, A virtual gallery, Workshops in Ramsvik 2009, Meetings in the future, Exhibitions and projects.

Agenda 2008 -2011

2008

12 -13 October NTA-NTC meeting in Helsinki, where Raija Jokkinen is organizing together with some Finnish colleagues.

28 November: Website release-party in all the different countries.
At the same time, and with Big press release of our plans.
Responsible: Barbro and Kajsa (S), Eli (N), Raija (F), Gina (DK), Kristveig (Isl)).

2009

6, 7 and 8 March: NTA annual meeting in Malmö
with 1 day + 1 day seminar.
Responsible: Britta + Kajsa

8 June – 18 October Exhibition in Borås + seminar
2-3 workshops in Ramsvik, Bohuslän
Responsible: Malena, Caroline, Lisbeth

2010

Feb – March

NTA annual meeting, Stockholm, or Nääs near Gothenburg,
Responsible: Emma Jönsson? + ???

The Borås exhibition is shown in Tampere, Finland
Responsible: Malena, Caroline, Lisbeth, Raija.

Exhibition with Mini - Textiles by invitation from S & V - DK, Mette Lise Rössing
Exhibition in two parts: 1 invited + 1 juried + workshops
Has to be shown in Algeria, Denmark (2 x) and Sweden, somewhere?
The Jury: 3 from DK and 2 from NTA: Eli Nordbø, Norway + Josabet Werkmäster,
Sweden, both has agreed. Responsible for contact to S&V is Britta Kleberg
britta.kleberg@bredband.net Working group has to be decided.
We will demand it to be open to all Nordic countries.

2011

Before the end of march - NTA annual meeting - any ideas???

Turku (Åbo) Finland, is appointed cultural city of Europe ([HYPERLINK "http://www.turku2011.fi" www.turku2011.fi](http://www.turku2011.fi) www.turku2011.fi)

Museum of Textile is working on project about textiles - virtual and real.
Information: Kati Reijonen

NTA - exhibition in Copenhagen -. Rundetårn ? Responsible: Gina and Lisbeth