Nordic ISAE enquiry 2013

Preliminary dates for the next Nordic ISAE symposium
15.-17.1.2014
Place: Oscarsborg fortress, Norway
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Summary

• The questionnaire was carried out in the beginning of 2013
• 35 members answered

Summary of your opinions
• The symposium should be organised either every year or every 2\textsuperscript{nd} years
• January is good date for the symposium and 2 ful days is preferred length
• Workshops, specific mini-seminars in connection to the symposium and more presentations from senior researchers are wanted
• The symposium could maybe sometimes be organised together with another European region
• Meeting colleagues, networking and listening to talks are the most important reasons to participate to the Nordic ISAE symposium
• Symposium shoud be cheaper for ISAE members than for non-members
• More representation from Nordic Region in ISAE council is wanted
1. Traditionally the ISAE Nordic Region has organised an annual symposium in January. In future, how often do you think the symposiums should be organised
2. Date of the symposium

Why January is good?
- Most other conferences are during the summer months, like international ISAE (3)
- January is usually not that busy (1)
- Then you can go skiing when held outside Denmark. (Not Satu’s answer 😊) (1)
- Could also be on some warmer month (1)

Suggest another month:
- March or April (3)
- May (1)
- October-November (1)
- Any (1)
3. How could the symposium programme be developed?

- Workshops (19)
- Specific mini-seminars in connection to the symposium (18)
- More presentations from senior researchers (16)
- Poster sessions (7)
- More focus on long plenaries (6)
- Activities for students (6)
- Additional social programme (6)
- More student presentations (4)
- Some other scientific programme (2)
3. Give reasons for your answer and tell what kind of programme you wish

- The programme should attract both seniors and students
- Reference symposium held 5 years ago (*Oscarsborg, Norway, 2008?*)
- More interactive with a social aspect
- Mini seminars can focus on something more specific
- It would be good to attract more senior researchers
- It should be student focussed, BUT also be inspirational for supervisors
- I think there has been too many master-student presentations
- I think it is needed to combine the meeting with e.g. a 3 day PhD course
- A good opportunity for students to have presentations
- Deepening the knowledge of participants
- The workshops could deal with practical issues that have relevance especially to students, such as how to communicate with animal owners or which statistical methods are best suited for which types of data
- A mix of seniors and students presenting reviews or new results
- Workshops enhance active participation
4. How could the symposium format be developed?

Could be organised together with another ISAE region each year, indicate which regions

YES (7)
• East Central Europe
• Baltic and other European countries
• Any other European regions
• West Central Europe
• UK/Ireland or the Benelux
• Collaboratively with different region each time
• Any

NO (6)
• We are large enough with all the Nordic and Baltic countries
• Will increase work and travel costs
• Too far and big since we have the international every year
4. Could sometimes be organised with another ISAE region, indicate which regions and how often?

YES (12)
- Every 2\textsuperscript{nd} year
- Benelux and or East Central Europe
- West Central Europe and UK/Ireland
- Every 2\textsuperscript{nd} year with different regions
- Germany once in a while
- Other European regions those years the main congress is outside Europe
- Every third-fourth year with another region
- West and East Central Europe
- Whatever European region when possible / convenient
- Yes, could differ
- Yes, every fourth year with Benelux or Britain
- Yes, with neighbouring regions

NO (2)
- Only if really necessary
4. Something else to develop the symposium format?

• OK as it is
• Should stay regional
• ISAE region with special guest speakers from other regions
• Do we need this general annual meeting that much?
• Together with course/seminar, total 5 days
5. Preferred length of the symposium?

- **2 ful days** (20)
- 2 half days, lunch to lunch (9)
- Depending on the program (7)
- More than 2 days (5)
- 1 day (0)
6. Should the symposium be cheaper for ISAE-members than for non-members?
7. Are you attending the next meeting

• I do not know yet (23)
• Yes (11)
• No (1)
8. What is the main reason for you to participate?

• Opportunity to meet colleagues (27)
• Networking (26)
• Talks (19)
• Plenaries (13)
• Opportunity to meet new students (7)
• Other reasons: meeting old friends, present own work, getting updated on Nordic activities
9. What is the main reason if you don’t plan to participate?

- Lack of **time** (22)
- Lack of **money** (12)
- Other: lack of interest in the subjects presented, lack of time & money, lack of input - need invited speakers/seminars/courses, too many student presentations also without results, retirement and graduation
10. How the Nordic dimension of the ISAE may be strengthened?

- More representation from Nordic Region in ISAE council (24)
- More info from ISAE council (18)
- Other: facebook page for Nordic ISAE or other networking online, advertising the symposiums to non-ISAE member students, direct email updates on activities via regional secretary, get seniors more involved, regular newsletters, more collaboration between the Nordic countries in science and education
11. Any other suggestions for how to develop the activities of our region?

- The annual meeting is important, and PhD courses where Nordic PhD students can meet are essential.
- More common activities in both teaching and science, important that we know each other.
- Why should the Nordic dimension be strengthened? If you strengthen one thing you will weaken something else.
- It's important to keep the Nordic dimension of ISAE alive. If every year is too often then every second year is the other possibility to keep up the Nordic research.
- Common discussion about education, meeting related to other Nordic networks in relation to the Nordic ISAE meeting.
- During international ISAE meeting Nordic ISAE could organize social event for its members. Like announce one break for Nordic socializing or night in the local bar. To strengthen ISAE the most important task is to lure new students to attend their first meetings and by involving them socially get people into habit of regular attendance. In case of any additional funds members presenting their first speech should be subsidized for registration fees. The societies for old men are boring.
Thank you for your participation!

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