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# WINHEC Newsletter

## Te Karere / Newsletter February 2010

Dear WINHEC members and friends;

We at the head-office welcome the new year of 2010 and send you the new *Te Karere* with some updates on WINHEC issues. Our most important work for the moment is of course to make everything ready for the AGM 2010, so that all you members will have a pleasant and interesting time in Guovdageaidnu, Norway. We also present a new working group. See more on that below!

In *Te Karere 7* we mentioned that the Executives and Chair are working on reviewing the Working Group Reports as we receive their final versions. This work remains undone as we still have not got all the reports. We did though manage to publish the reports we got on our homepage for you to read.

We are also working on new solutions for our web page and are happy for all comments upon how you think it should be. One of the main challenges is to combine the function as home page for the outer world and the function as a tool for interaction and cooperation among our members. Please send me or our new web master – who also will be presented more thoroughly below – your ideas and wishes on this issue.

***Greetings!***

***/ Jan Henry Kesķitalo***



Photo: Ville Söderbaum

## WINHEC 2010 AGM reminder

As earlier announced at [www.win-hec.org](http://www.win-hec.org) the WINHEC 2010 Annual General Meeting is hosted by Sámi University College, Guovdageaidnu (or in Norwegian: Kautokeino), Norway. The meeting venue is the college campus' new main building in the village centre. Kautokeino is a Sámi inland village, in the heart of Sápmi (see map below), in County Finnmark in the northernmost part of Norway.

The most convenient travel route is by air via Oslo (capital of Norway) up to Alta, Norway which is the closest airport. From the airport there is bus service to Guovdageaidnu/Kautokeino (2 ½ hours, 135 km). If you arrive at times other than scheduled public bus services, we arrange for pick-up from airport at certain times.

The regular AGM meeting days are Aug 24-26, 2010 (arrival Aug 23; departure Aug 27). But there will also be separate pre-meetings for planning purposes arranged in the following way:

Executive committee (chair and co-chairs) meet Aug 21-22. Arrival Aug 20.

Working group chairs' planning session Aug 22. Arrival Aug 21.

WINHEC Affirmation Board regular board meeting Aug 22. Arrival Aug 21.

Executive Board meeting Aug 23. Voting members others than those included in the groups above should arrive Aug 22.

Other WINHEC members' meeting days Aug 24-26. Arrival as mentioned above Aug 23 and departure Aug 27.

The organizer has booked blocks of rooms in nearby hotels, and these will be open for your booking during registration.

Look up for more information about draft program and details about registration and deadlines that will be posted at [www.win-hec.org](http://www.win-hec.org) during February 2010. There you will also find the link to our new site, devoted exclusively to this year's AGM.



[http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/2/2c/Scandinavian\\_states\\_with\\_flags.png](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/2/2c/Scandinavian_states_with_flags.png)

## WINHEC 2010 AGM focus

The host and the chair has agreed upon the following focus action areas for this years AGM:

- Language endangerment and language vitalization
- Traditional knowledge and capacity building
- Sustainable development and climate change

These three focus areas give an opportunity for members and working groups to start focusing on challenges, goals and action related elements to bring to the AGM.

Of course, the focus action areas are meant to be linked to speed up the development of goals and actions in the regular working groups.

As three main areas are mentioned we think along the lines that these are together a tripod, which is a well-known sámi construction structure. Also, they match many of the already established focus areas of WINHEC.

This year the host will present to the WINHEC audience a new working group focusing on “sustainable developement and climat change”.



Sámi University College bathing in snow in February 2010. Hopefully there will not be any snow in August, during the WINHEC Annual General Meeting.  
Photo: Ville Söderbaum

The host already has many research and development projects that matches the focus areas, and you will have the opportunity to learn about some of them during the meeting days by presentations, discussions and posters.

## **WINHEC Head Office New Personell**

Functioning as webmaster and Executive Chair's right hand, Ville Söderbaum (31) from Uppsala, Sweden, replaces Sara Beate Eira at the WINHEC Head Office in Guovdageaidnu, Norway. Ville Söderbaum received his MA (Saami linguistics) from Uppsala University in 2006, and has during the last years taught North Saami in schools and preschools in Stockholm and Uppsala as well as at Uppsala University, Sweden, and Sámi University College, Norway.



He started in the new head office advisor position on January 1, 2010, and will be at WINHEC service for 2 years, until December 31, 2011. In his capacity as advisor he runs the daily operations of the head office. Feel free to contact him for all kinds of questions concerning the work and possibilities of WINHEC at mailing address [winhec@samiskhs.no](mailto:winhec@samiskhs.no).

## **2010 Membership Fee Reminder**

Please note that the 2010 membership fee is due April 1, 2010.

For payment instruction look up the membership form at our web-site, fill in the membership form and mail it to head-office together with the receipt of your bank payment.

## **WINHEC Journal 2010**

Veronica Arbon has announced the call for contributions for the WINHEC 2010 Journal. You will find that posted on the web-site. Please contribute to the journal.

**EALE DEARVAN! – Take care!** until next newsletter.

// WINHEC Head Office, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009