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# WINHEC Newsletter

## Te Karere / Newsletter March 2010

Dear WINHEC members and friends;

This issue of *Te Karere* is a short one. We decided to make a new issue as we had some important information to carry out. The main message is that the new AGM 2010 site is now up and going at [www.winhec2010.org](http://www.winhec2010.org), and registration is open. Below are some information cut from the new site, as well as some information about what WINHEC Head Office works with for the moment and a couple of reminders considering membership fee payment and journal articles.

Very welcome to Guovdageidnu, Norway, in August! // Jan Henry Keskitalo

### **AGM dates**

The regular AGM meeting days are Aug 24-26, 2010 (arrival Aug 23; departure Aug 27). There will also be separate pre-meetings for planning purposes on the weekend before the AGM. See more information in *Te Karere* 8 or on [www.winhec2010.org](http://www.winhec2010.org) > Preliminary programme. Please notice that the Early Bird fee (1800 NOK) is available until April 12, and that registration ends at May 28 (2200 NOK).

### **Travel & Accommodation**

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 Guovdageidnu/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 organizer has booked blocks of rooms in nearby hotels, and you can book these on [www.winhec2010.org](http://www.winhec2010.org) > Registration. As it might be of high concern – it is indeed possible to access Internet from the hotels as well as from the AGM venue in Guovdageidnu.

## What did the Head Office do the last month?

Here are some of the things we did:

- We spread information about WINHEC at a local charity foundation festival called Mama Sara, that is building a school to Masai children in Loliondo, Tanzania on the motto: "Indigenous peoples help indigenous peoples".
- We have moved from our former offices in the big University College building to the former University College barracks some 30 meters to the side of the larger building. Here we share common areas with the recently established *Centre for Sámi Language in Education*.
- We opened the new AGM web page at [www.winhec2010.org](http://www.winhec2010.org)



## To UNPFII 2010 with Joint Statement on Indigenous Higher Education

WINHEC will also this year be represented in New York on the United Nations' Permanent Forum for Indigenous Issues, Ninth Session, in 19-30 April 2010. The Head Office (Jan Henry and Ville) will be there for the first week, and we hope that also co-chairs Boni, James and Trevor from the Executive Board will join.

WINHEC's executive chair and co-chairs have discussed the possibility of making a global joint statement on indigenous education, possibly together with NIHEN, AIHEC, FNAHEC, NAIHL and some organization in Aotearoa as well as Sápmi. We are just sending out the invitations to such a statement, and we hope to succeed on one. The possible Global Joint Statement on Indigenous Higher Education would be presented during the days of the UNPFII in New York.

## Reminders

**2010 Membership Fee.** 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.

## Share information at [www.win-hec.org](http://www.win-hec.org)

If you have information, such as news or links to new websites, that you think should be spread to others through the WINHEC network, please let us know! The home page [www.win-hec.org](http://www.win-hec.org) is for you.

**EALE DEARVAN! – Take care!** // WINHEC Head Office, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009