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A look to the future of Nordic-Baltic cooperation



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What do we (think we) know about future?

- Stronger competition between universities
 - Ranking
 - Concentration of activities
- Increased student mobility (Bologna)
- Growing demand for strong alliances
 - Like NOVA-BOVA



NOVA right now

- External evaluation (spring 2006) to prepare for the future
- Internal process to launch a new strategy from 2007
 - Seminar at Faroe Islands in May 2006
 - Board meetings
- Continued focus on higher education cooperation

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NOVA right now

- New organisation from 1 January 2007
 - New leadership model
 - Secretariat in Alnarp (SLU) and Oslo (NVH)
- New NOVA member
 - Univ. of Joensuu, Faculty of Forestry, Finland
- Fusion of NOVA institutions
 - KVL – University of Copenhagen from 1 January 2007
 - UMB – NVH ?

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Reactions from NOVA board

on letter from BOVA concerning further NOVA-BOVA cooperation, Sept. 2006

- NOVA welcomes further cooperation on equal terms
- Positive to concentrate on MSc and PhD education cooperation
- BOVA PhD students welcome to join NOVA PhD courses as before, but a principal (low) fee will be introduced from 2008
- Positive that NordForsk will continue to support Baltic PhD students with grants for accomodation and travelling costs
- Positive that Nordplus will be enlarged so that MSc students and teachers from the BOVA-side can get mobility support to NOVA-side from 2008

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Reactions from NOVA board...

- The further NOVA-BOVA organisation has to be discussed, but should be kept as small and cost-effective as possible, 1-2 meetings per year
- NOVA-BOVA Rector meetings once every second or third year

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The stepwise enlargement of the NOVA-BOVA cooperation

	Activities	Main/potential funding sources
1996-2001 (NOVA BA period)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Master courses 	NCM
2002-2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Master courses • PhD course cooperation • Teacher education • Some cooperation with Russia • BOVA secretariat 	KA Wallenberg foundation and NCM
2007-2009/11 (3-5 year period)	Analysis and brainstorming! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need of mapping/seminars • Need of full back-up from home institutions 	NCM and EU

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NCM funding possibilities

- The Nordic Centre of Excellence Programme on Food, Nutrition and Health 2007-2011 (NordForsk)
 - Total annual funding will be up to approx. 2.3 million Euro
 - Five-years support of 1-3 virtual research centres
 - Research teams from the Baltic states and NW Russia may participate
 - Application deadline 23 Oct. 2006
- Nordic Masters at excellence level
 - 2-3 initiatives
 - Application deadline: Before the end of the year?
- Knowledge Transfer and Networking Programme within the framework of the Russia Programme 1 Jan. 2007
 - Replace 11 exchange programmes
 - Funding will be increased from DKK 24 million/year to ca DKK 32 million/year
 - 4 sectors, one is Education and research
 - Wide-ranging consultation exercise with potential partners during autumn 2006

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EU funding possibility

- Marie Curie Conferences and Training Courses
 - PhD level
 - NOVA project "Safe and Innovative Food Production Systems in Europe" (including BOVA partners)
 - 2 attempts (2005 and 2006)
 - Good evaluations, but not good enough...
 - Third time...? Resources!

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A way to growth...

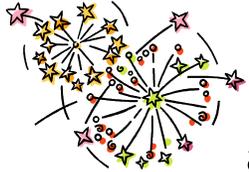
...giving added value to the NOVA-BOVA members in a 3-5 year period would be to:

- Focus on a few projects/areas, such as agroecology, veterinary medicine and forestry
 - Special invitation, area seminars, plans, applications, funding, realization!
- Act as the hub and engine of a wider European education cooperation
 - NOVA-BOVA is widely known as a good and experienced alliance example!
- Compete for common external resources
 - Internal base resources will be needed to get them
- Use the operative committees as the "driving force"
 - Leadership signals will be critical for success!

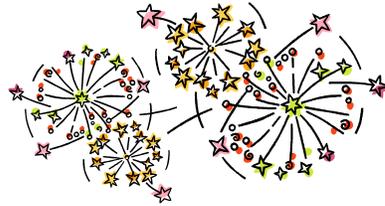
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and warm thanks
for these years!



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