

Minutes of the ENN Business Meeting
March 11, 2011 – 2 pm

The Meeting was opened by Per Krogh Hansen, organizer of the 2nd ENN Conference at the Southern Denmark University, who gave the floor to Wolf Schmid, the ENN's first Chairman, in order to present the status report.

1. Status report

Members

Wolf Schmid, Chairman, pointed out that the ENN now includes 350 members.

Among the services provided by the ENN website (www.narratology.net) are the member profiles. These profiles include members' contact data as well as a brief summary of each member's research interests, the purpose of which is to facilitate exchanges among researchers. At present, a good number of members have not provided this information; the Steering Committee thus asks that members take a few minutes to fill out the **profile form** available on the ENN homepage and also that, where applicable, members update their data.

Newsletter and resources

In addition to the list of members, the homepage releases announcements of colloquia, calls for papers, titles of recent publications, etc.

An important tool is the ENN **Newsletter**. Published twice yearly and sent by e-mail to all ENN members, it provides information on narratology projects in various countries, conferences, publications and other items likely to interest ENN members. To date, three issues have been published and are available on the ENN website.

Members are requested to send in any relevant information to the editorial staff, which is transferred to Kolding as of this day.

Very popular with ENN members are **three resources** offered on the homepage.

The first is the **NarrBib**, a bibliographic database of narratological publications. This database is fully indexed and continuously growing.

The second resource is **NarrDiBi**. NarrDiBi is a narratological digital library comprising some 1,500 full-text articles to date. The library is password protected and restricted to ENN members. It is maintained by the Interdisciplinary Center for Narratology on the AGORA platform at Hamburg University. Consequently, access is possible only via the Agora-platform. As the articles are as a rule copyrighted, each user is required to send a signed statement that he or she will observe the copyright. NarrDiBi counts numerous accesses. The peak for the week of February 28 was 996 accesses.

The third resource in the homepage is **NarrList**, the ENN discussion list accessible to registered ENN members. Any posting submitted to the list address by an ENN list member will be forwarded to all members on the list.

Publication

A special problem is publication of the conference papers. A number of talks delivered at the 1st ENN Conference in 2009 were published in the *Amsterdam International Electronic Journal for Cultural Narratology* together with the discussants' comments. Publication in this journal will be possible this time once again. In addition, it may be possible to organize a coherent collection of articles in the Narratologia series published by Walter de Gruyter.

2. Change of headquarters and corresponding changes in the duties of the members of the Steering Committee

It was decided at the time of the General Meeting held in Hamburg on 24 January 2009 that the ENN headquarters would change countries every two years. According to § 7.2 of the amended Constitution, the chairperson will be responsible for organizing the bi-annual ENN Conference. According to the same paragraph the change of headquarters is required to take place no less than six months prior to the conference. The new headquarters will be located at the institution where the bi-annual ENN Conference is to take place.

The members of the Steering Committee have agreed that Per Krogh Hansen will act as Chairman starting with the current ENN Conference. The ENN headquarters will be transferred to Paris in September 2012 at which time John Pier will become Chairman. The 3rd ENN Conference will take place in the spring of 2013 and will be organized by the Center for Research on the Arts and Language.

The question is now the future of the ENN after the conference in 2013. Where will the conference in 2015 take place? Who will succeed John Pier as chairperson? These questions mean that future members of the Steering Committee must have backing from their institutions provided with good logistics for organizing the ENN Conference.

3. Election of members of the ENN Steering Committee

According to the Constitution, elections of the members of the Steering Committee are to be conducted by the General Meeting. Nominations are to reach the Secretary no less than eight (8) weeks prior to the General Meeting. The members of the current Steering Committee must admit, however, that due to the focus on preparations for this year's conference in Kolding, they neglected to call for candidacies in observance of this requirement. On the other hand, no ENN member has expressed his or her interest in presenting a candidacy. Given the fact that, with the present conference, the ENN is just now completing its start-up phase and also that the conference which is to take place in 2013 is already in the planning stage, the most reasonable alternative appears to be to continue with the Steering Committee as presently constituted. The Steering Committee will ensure that candidacies are called for well before the deadline and that elections will take place during the General Meeting in accordance with the terms of the Constitution.

The General Meeting acknowledged this proposal unanimously.

4. Amendments to the constitution

The amendments to the Constitution are as follow:

1) Electronic voting for members who are unable to attend the General Meeting.

Due to practical constraints, the Meeting voted unanimously against this amendment.

2) Suppression of clause 6 – Budget.

Due to the fact that the ENN has no budget in its own name, the General Meeting voted unanimously in favour of removal of this clause from the Constitution.

5. All other business

The Chairman of the Steering Committee as of this day is Per Krogh Hansen.

All correspondence is henceforth to be directed to him at pkh@litcul.sdu.dk with a copy to Pernille Dahl Kragh at pdk@sdu.dk.

All persons taking part in the present ENN Conference who are not already members of the ENN will be added to the list of members and will be included on the ENN listserv.

With no further business on the agenda, the General Meeting was adjourned at 2.30 pm.

The Members of the Steering Committee.