

Secretariat
 Finnish Energy Industries
 P.O. Box 100, 00101 Helsinki
 E-mail: kaarina.lipsanen@energia.fi
 Telephone: +358 9 2305 2302
 Fax: +358 9 5305 2900



Draft Activity Report 2005 – 2007

Finnish Energy Industries has taken care of Nordvärme's secretariat from 11 of December 2005 until 22 of January 2008. During that period the chairman of District Heating Branch Committee of the Finnish Energy Industries Director Veikko Hokkanen has acted as President and Director Jari Kostama from the Finnish Energy Industries as secretary.

Presidium

The following persons have been members of the Presidium:

Uffe Bro, Dansk Fjernvarme
 Veikko Hokkanen, Finnish Energy Industries
 Atle Nørstebø, Norsk Fjernvarme
 Franz Árnason, SAMORKA
 Thore Sahlin, Svensk Fjärrvärme

The Presidium has had the following meetings:

Ålborg, Denmark 11.6.2006
 Theme: What is actually going on the EU level?

Gardermoen, Norway 4.11.2006
 Theme: The future of Nordvärme

Copenhagen, Denmark 17.6.2007
 No theme, in context of the Euroheat & Power Biannual Conference

Gothenburg, Sweden 22.1.2008
 No theme, in context of the Cleantech seminar with presence of Mr. Al Gore

Content of the meetings:

The Presidium meetings have always contained a lot of discussions on topical DHC or CHP related issues, sometimes focusing in a certain theme. Information and experience exchange between participants has been continuous and useful. It has given a good and productive basis for national operations and EU level cooperation and influencing.

During the Finnish Presidency the Presidium engaged a many-sided and thorough discussion on future activities of Nordvärme. After the fact, that due to economical reasons (because of the lack of paying participants) it was impossible to arrange a Nordvärme symposium in Ålborg June 2006, the Presidium made a decision that these traditional events will not be organised by Nordvärme anymore. In addition to that, it was decided that the core elements of the cooperation are close cooperation between directors and offices, statistics, website, Presidium meetings, workshops and a new element – seminars for the members of boards of national associations.

All the meetings have also got some standard agenda points:

- Verbal and written national reports on the national developments concerning the branch and respective association.
- Euroheat & Power (EHP) related issues, including e.g. focuses on influencing and developing several initiatives on the activities, organisation and decision-making process of the EHP.

Directors

The following persons have been members of the Director Group:

Jørgen G. Jørgensen, Dansk Fjernvarme
 Jari Kostama, Finnish Energy Industries
 Heidi Juhler, Norsk Fjernvarme
 Maria Jona Gunnarsdottir, SAMORKA (till 4/2007) and Eiríkur Bogason (from 5/2007)
 Ola Alterå, Svensk Fjärrvärme (till 10/2006), Magnus Lundberg (11/2006-4/2007), Thore Sahlin (5/2007-10/2007) and Lena Sommedstad (from 11/2007)

The Directors Group has had the following meetings:

Telephone meeting 20.1.2006
 Copenhagen, Denmark 28.4.2006
 Telephone meeting 30.5.2006
 Arlanda, Sweden 4.10.2006
 Gardermoen, Norway 3.11.2006
 Telephone meeting 14.2.2007
 Copenhagen, Denmark 16.5.2007
 Telephone meeting 22.8.2007
 Telephone meeting 26.11.2007

Directors meetings have given possibility to exchange views on current issues more often than the Presidium meetings. Majority of the meetings have been telephone meetings, which saved a lot of time and money. Directors prepared all the Presidium meetings and were responsible for preparation of Nordvärme events like a workshop and a board member seminar. Nordic district heating statistics were also collected and published annually.

Workshop

A workshop on district heating research was held in Helsinki 16 April 2007. The goal was to get to know district heating research activities in other Nordic countries and learn from others and discuss possibilities and means of cooperation. Every country had sent 1 or 2 RTD experts to the workshop. Participants considered the event successful and recommended to arrange same kind of workshop every other year. The presentations and conclusions of the workshop are available in the Nordvärme website (www.nordvarme.org).

Seminar of the board members

The first ever seminar of the members of boards of national associations was held in Stockholm 7 – 8 September 2007. The event with about 40 participants was considered a success. Important issues both on the European level and on national level were raised and discussed. Seminar offered a forum for persons from different countries to get to know with each other and to increase the knowledge level of district heating situation in all the Nordic countries. The presentations of the workshop will be available in the Nordvärme website.