

Activity report for NoRME 2017-2020

Introduction

The Nordic Society for Research in Mathematics Education (NoRME) was established at a meeting held on 24 April 2008 during the NORMA08 conference in Copenhagen. One of the aims of establishing NoRME was to be able to maintain some of the collaborative activities that had been initiated by the Nordic Graduate School of Mathematics Education (NoGSME). Another aim was to ensure the continuation of the journal NOMAD and the NORMA conferences. After the project period for NoGSME expired, it was clear that the situation in the Nordic countries would be very different in terms of possibilities for arranging summer schools for doctoral students and seminars for supervisors. Applications with the aim to obtain a basic funding for running NoRME that were sent in 2009 from NoRME to Nordforsk and Nordplus under the heading Researcher Networks were not successful. No attempts to get other funding have been done. Thus, NoRME is an organisation with no financial basis.

Members and board

During the period 2017--2020 the following national societies have been members of NoRME:

Forum for Matematikkens Didaktik, Denmark

Association for Research in Mathematics Education, Estonia

Finnish Mathematics and Science Education Research Association, Finland

Icelandic Association for Research in Mathematics Education, Iceland

Matematikk i nettverk for kompetanseutvikling, Norway

Svensk förening för matematikdidaktisk forskning (SMDF), Sweden

Nordic Studies in Mathematics Education (NOMAD)

At the GA in Stockholm in 2017 the following board was elected:

Eva Norén (chair), Sweden

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No substitute members were elected.

An election board for the next GA was elected: Jorryt van Bommel, Sweden; Guri A. Nortvedt, Norway; Guðbjörg Pálsdóttir, Island.

The NoRME list

An important channel for distributing information has been the mailing lists. The NoRME mailing lists has been taken care of by NoRME since January 2011, with Madis Lepik as moderator. Thanks to him. The addresses to the list is owner-norme@lists.tlu.ee. Messages sent to these addresses will first go to the moderator who decides whether they should be

posted to the list.

The NoRME homepage

A web page has been hold and updated by Joana Villalonga Pons, joeneta@gmail.com at <https://sites.google.com/view/norme/home?authuser=0>

Board activities

Due to the lack of financial support for the activities in NoRME, apart from a short meeting in Stockholm after the GA at NORMA17 in 2017, the board has had its contacts via email. Informal e-mail discussions have been held. The discussions have been about the NORMA20 conference up until March 2020. One formal e-mail meeting has been held. The most important issue has been to make the arrangements of NORMA 20 possible. The practical work has been chaired by Guri A Nortvedt and her colleagues. The board, mainly managed by the chair, has supported with find new members to the IPC when some people had to quit.

The NORMA conferences

At the GA meeting of NoRME at NORMA17 in Stockholm, it was announced that the next NORMA conference is planned to take place in Oslo in 2020. June 2-5. In collaboration with the local organisers, chaired by Guri A Nortvedt, the board appointed a programme committee chaired by Guri A Nortvedt. The conference has been announced on the website <https://www.uv.uio.no/ils/english/about/events/2021/norma/>, with information about the scientific programme and submissions of proposals for presentations and activities. The program was set, and the review process is done and there will be a publication from 2020.

Due to the Corona virus (covid 19) the The Ninth Nordic Conference on Mathematics Education, **NORMA 20** was postboded and it will take place at the University of Oslo, **Norway in June 2021**. The conference is hosted by the Department of Teacher Education and School Research. Chair of the IPC and Organising committee is Guri A. Nortvedt.

E-mail contacts between the chair of NoRME and chair of the organizing committee have been held regularly, and the NoRME board has been involved. In the above-mentioned e-mail discussions.

NORMA publications/proceedings

The publication from NORMA 17 was published in the *SMDF skriftserie*, and so will the NORMA 20 publications be.

General assembly

As the NORMA conference not will be held 2020, but 2021, the members of the NoRME board have discussed if the board should be the same for one more year or if a new board can be elected without a general assembly. A general assembly online didn't seem possible. The decision on a formal e-mail meeting was that the members of the board will stay for one more year, until the general assembly in Oslo 2021.

May 2020, for the NoRME Board,



Eva Norén

Chair of the NoRME Board (2017-2020/21)

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Last year and due to the Corona crisis, the members of the NoRME board took a decision to stay on the board for one more year, hence, until the NORMA 20 conference 2021. The General Assembly will elect a new board and that will take place in Oslo June 23rd 2021.

We discussed by e mail, about the board and the conference, and the decisions were taken the same way. We discussed things like:

Markku Hannula the 12th of March 2020:

“In case the NORMA gets cancelled, it's in good company. There is an interesting list of academic conferences cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1O3wnaFYSZCgY3lh4yDw3EIH2SC -vjhyHwrCQSy0j7M/htmlview](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1O3wnaFYSZCgY3lh4yDw3EIH2SC-vjhyHwrCQSy0j7M/htmlview). (It is probably not even complete).

When examining the issue, I found a document that would be useful in case the conference will be organized, nevertheless: <https://www.who.int/publications-detail/key-planning-recommendations-for-mass-gatherings-in-the-context-of-the-current-covid-19-outbreak>.

I agree with postponing the decision until a later time. There is still very much uncertainty and delaying may clarify some things.”

Another mail from Eva Norén, the same date:

“I guess NoRME can choose a new board without the conference, but would it mean the conference will be held next time 2023 or 2024 if we move it a year ahead?

From the constituting document: "The general assembly meets during each Norma conference or, if the Norma-conference does not take place, every three years.", see: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0XzN0HatgKobTJWVHR3UkwwWms/view>”

The next NORMA will be held in Denmark, at DPU.
