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1. Introduction and Summary

- 2010 was a year of changed circumstances for SASNET. After 10 years of Sida funding (2000-2009), SASNET in 2010 only received financial support from Lund University. As a consequence the board, representing other Swedish and Nordic universities as well, was dissolved on 30 September 2010. The additional subsidy, SEK 830 000, was decided upon on as late as 18 March 2010, and came from the Lund University Vice-Chancellor's strategic research funds. In the decision it was clearly stated that the extra funds should be earmarked to prepare a report on the university's common and long-term strategy for collaboration with South Asia. The mission also included exploring possibilities to find external collaboration partners and secure new external funding for SASNET's continued South Asia-related activities, and a time limit was set to 30 June 2011 to present the report to Vice-Chancellor Per Eriksson.

Anna Lindberg, reappointed as SASNET Director for the period 2010-2012, spent a considerable time preparing this report, in close consultation with representatives of all faculties at Lund University and the university's International Relations division, and with input from SASNET's deputy director Lars Eklund, and Mr Henrik Hofvendahl, International Programme Officer at the International Relations division.

- Anna also participated in an official Lund University delegation to India in the last week of April 2010. The group was led by Eva Åkesson, Lund University Pro Vice-Chancellor. During the visit, negotiations were held with representatives of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), regarding details of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) concerning a proposed Indian visiting guest professorship at Lund University. It was later ratified by an MoU signed on 22 June by Mr. Balkrishna Shetty, Indian Ambassador to Sweden, and Per Eriksson. In the first phase, the agreement is valid for four years, with a new Indian Professor to be selected each year. Professor Lipi Ghosh from Calcutta University became the first Visiting ICCR Chair Professor. She stayed in Sweden from November 2010 till 5 April 2011. During this period she was hosted by the Faculty of Social Sciences, and had a workplace at the university's Centre for Gender Studies.

- The additional subsidy from Lund University made it possible for SASNET to continue its extensive website, the popular newsletters, and arranging seminar activities, including organising the Second Nordic Conference on South Asian studies for young scholars in Falsterbo in August. Some of the conferences and workshops were organised by SASNET itself, but mostly we collaborated with other university departments or organisations such as The Swallows, Sweden India Business Council (SIBC), and the Association for Foreign Affairs (UPF). Unfortunately with a reduced budget (only funded by LU) SASNET could no longer distribute planning grants, something that used to be an integral part of SASNET's mission. In September 2010, SASNET was given SEK 217 000 as a grant to improve and update its web site and data bases from Lund University's Council for Research Infrastructure. Discussions were immediately held with the Lund University IT department (LDC) on how to proceed. It was not possible to launch the work before January 2011.

- On behalf of Lund University, SASNET was also closely involved in the planning for a new Asia Regional Erasmus Mundus Action 2 mobility programme that was decided upon by the European Commission in July 2010. The project, involving seven universities in India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Pakistan, is again coordinated by Lund University (that successfully has coordinated existing Indo-European Erasmus Mundus mobility programmes since 2008).

- In December 2010, a delegation from DM Foundation, a private business corporation based in Kolhapur, Maharashtra, India, visited Lund University. Led by the eminent Indian nuclear scientist Dr. Anil Kakodkar, they were involved in a dialogue with Lund University Commissioned Education and the Department of Biology, Lund University, regarding plans to establish a new university campus in India and staff it with teachers from Lund University. SASNET has been involved as a consultant to Lund University.

- During the year, SASNET networked with like-minded organisations in the Nordic countries, Europe and Asia. Serious discussions were held with the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS) in Copenhagen on collaboration regarding conferences and exchange of web information. In July 2010 Lars Eklund participated in the 21st European Conference on (Modern) South Asian Studies, ECMSAS, successfully organised by the University of Bonn.

At the same conference, the European Association of South Asian Studies (EASAS) decided to appoint Anna Lindberg as a member of its board. This led to a visit by Professor Roger Jeffery and Dr. Margret Frenz, President and Vice-President respectively for EASAS to Lund in November 2010. Discussions were held regarding closer collaboration between EASAS and SASNET, as well as strengthening links between Lund University and the University of Edinburgh, UK, in the field of South Asian studies.

- SASNET's networking activities within Sweden did not stop entirely. During 2010 Lars Eklund visited the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), the Centre for Sustainable Development (CSD) at Uppsala University, and the Institute of International Education, Stockholm University. Besides, SASNET coorganised a one-day seminar on Toxic Metal Pollution at the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) in June.

- The cordial relations to the Embassy of India continued during 2010. The Embassy gave financial support to a seminar on "India's Changing Role in the Global Political Economy" held in April. The seminar was inaugurated by Ambassador Balkrishna Shetty. During the fall, the newly installed Ambassador, Mr. Ashok Sajjanhar, came to Lund twice. SASNET planned for his first official visit to Lund University in September. He then came back for Prof. Lipi Ghosh's installation seminar in November. The Ambassador of Bangladesh, Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed, participated as a guest of honour in SASNET's seminar on Arsenic in Drinking Water held in May. The Sri Lankan Ambassador, Mr. Jayasooriya, visited Lund University in October, and SASNET was involved in discussions on educational collaboration between Lund and Sri Lankan universities.

- During the year, many other seminars with guest speakers were arranged. The lecturers included:
 - Prof. Yogendra Yadav, Senior Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi, India.
 - Anthony P. D'Costa, Professor of Indian Studies at the Asia Research Centre (ARC), Copenhagen Business School.
 - Nils Finn Munch-Petersen, Senior expert at the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS) in Copenhagen.
 - Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, federal minister of Science and Technology from Pakistan.
 - Professor Gitiara Nasreen, Professor & Chair, Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Dhaka University, Bangladesh.
 - Professor Sudipta Bhattacharya from the Dept. of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, India
 - Dr. A. Rajagopal, R.S.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation in Chennai, India
 - Prof. Venkatesh B. Athreya, R.S.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation in Chennai, India.
 - Associate Professor Jagannath Prasad Panda from the Institute for Defense Studies and Analysis (ISDA) in New Delhi, India.
 - Professor Shahana Urooj Kazmi, Pro-Vice Chancellor at the University of Karachi, Pakistan
 - Markus Pauli, Doctoral Candidate, University of Heidelberg, Germany; and Ms. Khushi Kabir, Coordinator for Nijera Kori, a non-governmental development organization in Bangladesh.
 - Professor Roger Jeffery, University of Edinburgh, UK.
 - Dr. Margret Frenz, University of Edinburgh, UK.
 - Dr. Camilla Orjuela, Peace and Development Studies, School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg; and Professor Peter Schalk, Chair in the History of Religions (in particular in Hinduism and Buddhism) at the Faculty of Theology, Uppsala University.
 - Dr. Heinz Werner Wessler, Guest Professor at the Dept. of Linguistics and Philology, Uppsala University.
 - Prof Swaran Singh from the Center for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in Delhi.

- Visitors to SASNET's office in Lund included Dr. Martha Garrett from International Maternal and Child Health (IMCH), Department of Women's and Children's Health, Uppsala University; a delegation from the University of Kerala consisting of Dr. J. Prabhash, Pro Vice-Chancellor, and Dr. Achuthsankar S. Nair, Director, Centre for Bioinformatics, and a member of the Kerala State Higher Education Council; and Mr. R. Dilip; PhD candidate Naonori Kusakabe from the Center for South Asian Studies at Gifu Women's University in Japan; Dr. Sujit Kumar Paul, Senior Lecturer and Vice Principal for the Institute of Rural Reconstruction at Visva-Bharati University in Sriniketan, West Bengal, India.

A group of folk high school students from Geijerskolan in Ransäter, and their teacher Lina Bernäng, visited SASNET in April.

SASNET was partly involved when two Indian researchers and film makers from the Centre for Media and Cultural Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in Mumbai, Professor K.P. Jayasankar and Professor Anjali Monteiro, visited Lund University from 7–10 December 2010. They were invited to participate in the second Focus Asia Documentary Film Festival.

- The financial balance sheet for 2010 showed a positive result, a surplus of SEK 243 000, to be transferred to the budget for 2011.

2. Organisation

2.1 The SASNET Board

The Board met for the last time on 11 May 2010. The meeting was held at Uppsala University. For the minutes, see Appendix 3

On 30 September 2010, SASNET's national board was dissolved.

2.2 Staff and Support from Lund University

Anna Lindberg worked as Director and Coordinator on a 100% basis, however on sick leave 50 % from January 1 to April 30. She was then on research leave 50 % from September 1 to December 31.

Lars Eklund worked as full-time Webmaster and Deputy Director throughout the year.

Karin Andersson, Office of Analyses and Projects (UPV), Lund University, assisted SASNET in managing our payments and accounts until her untimely death in September 2010. Barbro Hansson then took over her role.

2.3 Gateway

The Internet Gateway continued to be an authoritative source of information for students, researchers, and others interested in South Asian studies. It received worldwide recognition for its wealth of information.

3. SASNET Activities 2010

3.1 Interacting with Students, Researchers, and Teachers

During 2010 we interacted with a great number of researchers, teachers, and students at Lund University, as well as at other Swedish, Scandinavian and international universities by exchanging e-mails and telephone calls. In all these contacts we used our Internet Gateway as a source of information.

3.2 Newsletters

SASNET distributes newsletters and updates its Internet Gateway on a daily basis. The distribution list contains more than 2,000 e-mail addresses.

Dates for the publication of the newsletters during 2010 were:

- Newsletter 105. January 29
- Newsletter 106. February 10
- Newsletter 107. March 12
- Newsletter 108. April 9
- Newsletter 109. April 24
- Newsletter 110. May, 22
- Newsletter 111. June, 24
- Newsletter 112. August, 17
- Newsletter 113. September, 7
- Newsletter 114. October, 5
- Newsletter 115. October, 22
- Newsletter 116. November, 12
- Newsletter 117. December, 14
- Newsletter 118. December, 30

3.3 Seminars organised:

Thursday 18 March 2010: Prof. Yogendra Yadav, Senior Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi, India, held a SASNET lecture on "Democracy and Poverty in India", organised in collaboration with the Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies (ACE).

19 April 2010: Anthony P. D'Costa, Professor of Indian Studies at the Asia Research Centre (ARC), Copenhagen Business School, held an open SASNET lecture at Lund University on "India's Changing Role in the Global Political Economy". The seminar was inaugurated by the Indian Ambassador to Sweden, H.E. Mr. Balkrishna Shetty, who also gave some opening remarks. It was organised in collaboration with the Sweden India Business Council (SIBC), and held with kind support of the Embassy of India in Sweden. After the seminar, Lund University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Per Eriksson invited the Indian Ambassador, the First Secretary Mrs. Madhumita Bhagat and Prof. D'Costa for an official lunch at the Old Bishop's House. The lunch was also attended by the University Director Dr. Marianne Granfelt, Anna Lindberg and Lars Eklund from SASNET, SIBC Senior Advisor Mr. Stig Victorin, and a few invited guests from Lund University.



Tuesday 27 April 2010: Nils Finn Munch-Petersen, Senior expert at the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS) in Copenhagen, Denmark, held an open SASNET lecture on "The Maldives – Paradise Lost?", focusing on the current developments in the Indian Ocean republic, claimed to be threatened by a rise in sea level due to anticipated global warming.

Wednesday 5 May 2010: Seminar on Arsenic in Drinking Water organized by SASNET in collaboration with Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies (LUCSUS); the Division of Water Resources Engineering, Lund University; KTH-International



Groundwater Arsenic Research Group at the Dept. of Land and Water Resources Engineering, Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Stockholm; and The Swallows India-Bangladesh section. H.E. Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Sweden was the guest of honour during the day.

Saturday 22 May 2010: Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, federal minister of Science and Technology from Pakistan, participated in a seminar on "The Role of Overseas Pakistani Students in Nation Building". Organised by Pakistani students of Asian Studies at Lund University with support from SASNET.

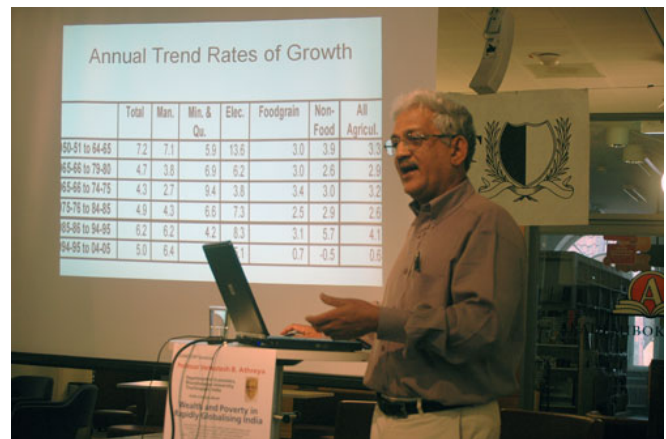
Monday 24 May 2010: Professor Gitiara Nasreen, Professor & Chair, Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Dhaka University, Bangladesh, held a SASNET lecture on "Images of Gender on Media in Bangladesh". Organized in collaboration with the Department of Sociology.

Wednesday 26 May 2010: Professor Sudipta Bhattacharya from the Dept. of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, India, and during the academic year 2009/10 Visiting Professor at the Asia Research Centre, Copenhagen Business School (CBS), held a SASNET lecture on "Neo-liberalism, Weakening State and Peasant Differentiation in Indian Agriculture". Organized in collaboration with the Department of Sociology.



Monday 7 June 2010: SASNET co-organised a seminar in Stockholm on "Environmental and Ecological Risks of Toxic Metal Pollution from Natural and Anthropogenic Sources. Problems, Challenges and Remedies". It was held at the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) and was organised in collaboration with the KTH-International Groundwater Arsenic Research Group; Uppsala University; Swedish Maritime Environmental Markets (SMEM); and the Centre for Environmental Science and Engineering (CESE) at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB), India.

Monday 13 September 2010: Dr. A. Rajagopal, R.S.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation in Chennai, India, lectured on "Water Management and Agrarian change in India". The seminar was jointly organised by SASNET and the Research Group Society, Development, Environment (Samhälle, utveckling och miljö) at the Department of Sociology.



Friday 17 September 2010: Prof. Venkatesh B. Athreya, R.S.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation in Chennai, India, lectured on "Food Security Challenge in India" at Lund University on. The seminar was jointly organised by SASNET and the Research group Society, Development, Environment (Samhälle, utveckling och miljö) at the Department of Sociology.

Wednesday 22 September 2010: Professor Shahana Urooj Kazmi, Pro-Vice Chancellor at the University of Karachi, Pakistan gave an engaging presentation entitled "Devastating Floods in Pakistan: A story of Pain, Grief and Suffering – Can We Help?". A large audience of students and faculty from Lund University attended the seminar, jointly organised by SASNET and Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies (LUCSUS).

Wednesday 29 September 2010: Associate Professor Jagannath Prasad Panda from the Institute for Defense Studies and Analysis (IDSA) in New Delhi, India, held a SASNET lecture on "The Pattern of Sino-Indian Relations: Evaluating the Strategic Discourse" at Lund University. The seminar was organised in collaboration with the Department of Political Science.

Wednesday 20 October 2010: A SASNET seminar was held on "Emancipation or Dependency: Microcredits in South Asia", co-organised by The Association of Foreign Affairs at Lund University (UPF), and The Swallows India Bangladesh, an NGO based at Lund. The seminar featured Markus Pauli, Doctoral Candidate, University of Heidelberg, Germany who talked about "Microfinance in India – assessing its impact with the capability approach"; and Ms. Khushi Kabir, Coordinator for Nijera Kori, a non-governmental development organization in Bangladesh, giving an engaged presentation entitled "Setting Development Priorities: Economic Well-Being or Empowerment for the Poorest?"



Tuesday 2 November 2010: Anna Lindberg held an informal public lecture on "Gender, Dowry, and the Marriage of Children in South India". The seminar was organized by the University's Global Gender Matters Network, hosted by the Department of Gender Studies.

Tuesday 9 November 2010: Professor Roger Jeffery, Director for the Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Edinburgh, lectured on "Trust and the Regulation of Pharmaceuticals: South Asia in a Globalised World", organised in collaboration with Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies (LUCSUS).



Tuesday 9 November 2010: Dr. Margret Frenz, Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Edinburgh's Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (but otherwise connected to the University of Leicester) lectured on "Making the World One's Home. Goan Migration across the Indian Ocean and Beyond", organised in collaboration with the Dept. Of Sociology.

Monday 15 November 2010: SASNET organised Prof. Lipi Ghosh's inaugural lecture as new ICCR Professor at Lund University. Her presentation was entitled "Ethnicity, Religion and Nation Building: The Northeast Indian Profile". Indian Ambassador Mr. Ashok Sajjanhar was the guest of honour, and he gave an interesting presentation on "India-Sweden Bilateral Relations". Lund University was represented by Professor Sven Strömquist, Assistant Vice-Chancellor; Dr. Ann-Katrin Bäcklund, Dean of the Faculty for Social Sciences; Dr. Kerstin Sandell, Head of Department, Centre for Gender Studies; and Dr. Anna Lindberg, SASNET.



Wednesday 24 November 2010: A well-attended Seminar on "Sri Lanka after the War" was held in collaboration with the Association of Foreign Affairs at Lund University (UPF). Dr. Camilla Orjuela, Peace and Development Studies, School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg, spoke on "Sri Lanka after the War: Sustainable Peace or new Conflicts?" Professor Peter Schalk, Chair in the History of Religions, Faculty of Theology, Uppsala university, spoke on "Defeated but Defiant. The Ilamtamil Resistance Movement after May 2009".

Monday 6 December 2010: Dr. Heinz Werner Wessler, Guest Professor at the Dept. of Linguistics and Philology, Uppsala University, lectured on "The Liberating Force of Hindi and 'Goddess English'. Language Policies and Identity Politics in India". Organised in collaboration with the Dept. of Political Science.



Friday 17 December 2010: Prof Swaran Singh from the Center for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in Delhi, lectured on "India's Disarmament Policy: Past, Present, Future". The seminar was co-organised by the Department of Political Science.

3.4 Conference organised:

18–20 August 2010: The second SASNET conference on South Asian Studies for young Nordic scholars was organised in Höllviken, south of Malmö. with 23 masters students, PhD candidates and recent PhDs from Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland participating. The three-day conference focused on three major issues: Interdisciplinary Research; Field Work and Ethics; and Academic Career (Publishing, Teaching, Networking). Julia Velkova was the conference convenor.



3.5 Conferences attended:

27–29 May 2010: Anna Lindberg and Lars Eklund participated in the Nordic Association for South Asian Studies (NASA) conference at the University of Helsinki, Finland.

26–29 July 2010: Lars Eklund participated in the 21st European Conference on (Modern) South Asian Studies, ECMSAS, organised by the University of Bonn.

28 October 2010: Anna Lindberg participated in a conference organised by the Asian Dynamics Initiative (ADI) at the University of Copenhagen, presenting a paper.

3.6 Visits to Swedish universities:

Wednesday 31 March 2010: Lars Eklund visited the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) in Stockholm. Like previous visits to other Swedish universities, the aim was to meet some of the researchers involved in South Asia-related activities.

3.7 Meetings with Ambassadors:

Monday 19 April 2010: Indian Ambassador Mr. Balkrishna Shetty, and the First Secretary Mrs. Madhumita Bhagat had an official lunch with Vice-Chancellor Per Eriksson at the Old Bishop's House. Also attending were the University Director Dr. Marianne Granfelt, Anna Lindberg and Lars Eklund from SASNET, SIBC Senior Advisor Mr. Stig Victorin, and a few invited guests from Lund University.



Tuesday 8 June 2010: Anna Lindberg and Lars Eklund participated in the farewell reception for the outgoing Ambassador of India to Sweden and Latvia, Mr. Balkrishna Shetty. The reception was held at the Embassy of India in Stockholm.

Thursday 30 September 2010: In mid-August 2010, H.E. Mr. Ashok Sajjanhar took over as new Ambassador of India to Sweden and Latvia, based in Stockholm. Mr. Sajjanhar presented his credentials to His Majesty Carl XVI Gustaf, King of Sweden. In the evening a reception for invited guests was held at the Ambassador's residence. SASNET was represented by Lars and Bubu Eklund.

Monday 11 October 2010: India's new Ambassador, Mr. Ashok Sajjanhar, made a first visit to Lund University. The programme was planned by SASNET, and included a visit to the Faculty of Engineering, meeting Prof. Per Warfwinge; and a lunch meeting with Ingalill Rahm Hallberg, Lund University Assistant Vice-Chancellor (and Professor in Health Care Science); Ann-Katrin Bäcklund, Dean for the Faculty of Social Sciences; and Gunilla Carlecrantz, Acting Head, Division of International Relations.



Monday 11 October 2010: The Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Sweden, H.E. Mr. R.P. Jayasooriya visited Lund University. SASNET was involved in organising a meeting for the Ambassador, who came with a mission from the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka to express the Sri Lankan government's keen interest to promote strengthened academic collaboration between universities in Sri Lanka and Sweden, and not the least with Lund University. The meeting with Mr. Jayasooriya was hosted by Ms. Gunilla Carlecrantz, Acting Head of Lund University's International Relations division.

Monday 1 November 2010: Lars Eklund participated in a half-day seminar at Stockholm University on Mahatma Gandhi, organised by the Embassy of India in Sweden. The seminar entitled "Is the Mahatma still relevant?" was hosted by Prof. Vinayagum Chinapah and the Institute of International Education at Stockholm University.

3.8 Other visitors to SASNET:

Monday 26 April 2010: A group of folk high school students from Geijerskolan in Ransäter, and their teacher Lina Bernäng, visited SASNET's root node office in Lund. The students participate in a one-year course entitled "Filosofi och Världsbild", where they studied both Western Philosophy and Indian Religions and History, partly in collaboration with Karlstad University.

Wednesday 2 June 2010: PhD candidate Naonori Kusakabe from the Center for South Asian Studies at Gifu Women's University in Japan visited SASNET's office in Lund, where he met with its deputy director Lars Eklund. Since the spring 2010, Mr. Kusakabe has been connected to the Stockholm School of Economics and its European Institute of Japanese Studies as a Visiting researcher, first in Stockholm and then from July 2010 based at the University of Dhaka in Bangladesh.

7–10 December 2010: SASNET was partly involved when two Indian researchers and film makers from the Centre for Media and Culture Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in Mumbai, Professor K.P. Jayasankar and Professor Anjali Monteiro, visited Lund University to participate in the second Focus Asia Documentary Film Festival, organised by the Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies (ACE). During their stay in Lund, Jayasankar and Monteiro were introduced to SASNET, meeting Anna Lindberg and Lars Eklund. They also met Erasmus Mundus scholarship holders from TISS at Lund University.



3.9 Meetings with NIAS, EASAS etc.

Thursday 4 March 2010: Anna Lindberg and Lars Eklund visited the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS), and the Asia Research Centre (ARC) at Copenhagen Business School in Copenhagen. It was part of an ongoing effort to strengthen collaboration with Nordic institutions engaged in South Asia-related research and other activities.

8–10 November 2010: Professor Roger Jeffery and Dr. Margret Frenz, President and Vice-President respectively for the European Association of South Asian Studies (EASAS) visited SASNET and Lund University. They came to discuss closer collaboration between EASAS and SASNET, as well as strengthening links between Lund University and University of Edinburgh, UK, in the field of South Asian studies. During their stay in Lund, they had long and fruitful discussions with Anna Lindberg and Lars Eklund from SASNET, but they also given an opportunity to meet representatives of the university's Division of International Relations; the successful International Masters programme on Applied Management in Development (LUMID); and Lund University's Centre of Excellence for Sustainability Studies (LUCSUS).

3.10 Other Lund University activities:

Last week of April 2010: Anna Lindberg, participated in an official Lund University delegation travelling to India. The group was led by Eva Åkesson, Lund University Pro Vice-Chancellor. During the visit, negotiations were held with representatives of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), regarding details of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) concerning a proposed Indian visiting guest professorship at Lund University that was later begun in the academic year 2010/11. Anna also participated in the Lund University delegation's



official visits to Jawaharlal Nehru University, the India-EU Study Centres Programme (IESCP), and Delhi University, where another MoU was signed.

Wednesday 1 September 2010. A delegation of Indian government officials from the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, researchers and business people working in the field of Biogas production and utilization in India visited Lund University in order to meet Indian students, and representatives of the International Relations department in charge of the university's ongoing and coming Indo-European and South Asian regional-European Erasmus Mundus mobility programmes. The delegation was accompanied by Mr. Mikael Kullman, Counsellor and Special Attaché for Environment, Climate Control and Energy at the Swedish Embassy in New Delhi. Lars Eklund introduced SASNET.

23–24 September 2010: First consortium meeting of the Erasmus Mundus Action 2 Asia Regional mobility programme EMEA, coordinated by Lund University. SASNET has been closely involved in the planning for the new programme that was decided upon by the European Commission in July 2010. The programme includes includes seven South Asian universities, four in India (Delhi University; Jadavpur University, Kolkata; Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur; and Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai), and one each in Pakistan (Karachi University), Nepal (Tribhuvan University), and Bangladesh (Jahangirnagar University). Vice-Chancellors and international coordinators from the consortium member universities came for the initial meeting in Lund. Lars Eklund was elected to be a member of the consortium's visibility strategy group.



6–7 December 2010: Delegation from DM Foundation/DM Corporation, led by the eminent Indian nuclear scientist Dr. Anil Kakodkar, visited Lund University, being hosted by Lund University Commissioned Education. Discussions were held with an aim to finalise a contract education collaboration between DM Foundation and Lund University Commissioned Education/Department of Biology, to establish a new university campus in Kolhapur, India and staff it with teachers from Lund University. SASNET has been involved as a consultant to Lund University.

3.11 Interaction with business community

SASNET was a member of the Sweden-India Business Council (SIBC) in 2010. An India seminar on 19 April was carried out in collaboration between SASNET and SIBC, with funding from Embassy of India.

3.12 Other activities:

19 January 2010: Anna Lindberg held a lecture at the Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies (ACE), Lund University, on "Migration and Gender in South Asia".

September 2010: Anna Lindberg spent one month at the Centre for Gender Studies, Kerala University, India. Anna was selected for a scholarship by the Erasmus Mundus Indo-European mobility program administered by Lund University. She gave a lecture at Centre for Development Studies (CDS) about Child Marriages in Travancore. She also gave another lecture at the Centre for Research and Education for Social Transformation (CREST) in Kozhikode.

October 2010: Anna Lindberg was a member of the committee when Malin Gregersen defended her doctoral dissertation on "Fostering Obligations. Representations of a Mission in South India in the First Half of the 20th Century" at the Dept. of History, Lund University.

BUDGETFÖRSLAG FÖR SASNET 2010**Inkomster:**

Lunds universitet	830 000
Förväntat extra anslag från LU	825 000
Grace & Philip Sandbloms fond	75 000
Periodiserat från 2009	243 100

Totala inkomster **1 973 100**

Kostnader:

Personal:

Föreståndare, A. Lindberg, 100 %, 42 500/mån (Jan-August) – sjukledig 50%, Jan -Mars	453000
22 000/mån (Sept-Dec) + LKP, 51.4 % (50% forskningsledig Sep-Dec)	133200

Webmaster, Lars Eklund, 100%, 35 500/mån (Jan-Oktober), 36.600 per month (Nov-Dec) + LKP, 51.4 %	649 000
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Totalt löner **1 235 200**

Styrelsemöten	25 000
Kontorsmaterial	50 000
Prenumerationer, böcker till Asia Library	15 000
Gateway (datorer, program, web underhåll)	30 000
Lokala seminarieaktiviteter/Resor	50 000
Konferens Young Scholars 2010	270 000
Subnetworks för studenter	25 000
Ekonomiadm, revision	65 000
Lokaler, inkl tel	105 000
Kostnader för 2009 som betalas i början av 2010	42 000
Avskrivningar datorer	15 000

Totalt driftskostnader **692 000**

Univ.gem & områdesgem. Kostnader **202 000**

Totalt kostnader **2 129 200**

Budgeterat resultat **-156 100**

Underskottet täcks förhoppningsvis av externa bidrag till konferensen och i liten mån av konferensavgifter

Sasnet		859581				utfall december år 2010								
		INTÄKTER			KOSTNADER							RESULTAT		
		Enhets-	Ytterlig	Interna	Externa	Summa	% av	Löner/	Drift	Indir	Avskr	Summa	% av	Årets kapital-
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Swedish South Asian Studies Network

Minutes of Board Meeting, May 11, 2010, 13.15-17.00

Venue: Room Eng 2-0024, Centre for the Humanities, Uppsala University,
Campus Engelska parken, Thunbergsvägen 3.

Members present: Gunnel Cederlöf, Staffan Lindberg, Prosun Bhattacharya, Per Hilding, Eva Hägerstrand, Per Drougge, Pernille Gooch (via Skype), Jan Magnusson (via Skype).

Root node staff: Anna Lindberg and Lars Eklund.

1. Election of chairperson, secretary of the meeting, and person to verify the minutes

Gunnel Cederlöf was elected to chair the meeting, Lars Eklund to be the secretary, and Eva Hägerstrand to verify the minutes.

2. Agenda for the meeting; additional points

The agenda was approved. One additional item was added under point 7, regarding an extension of the current South Asian Reference group's mandate period.

3. Work Report 2009

Report by Anna Lindberg and Lars Eklund.
(Enclosure 1)

See <http://www.sasnet.lu.se/workreport10.html>

In spite of being a turbulent year for SASNET in terms of uncertainty about the network's future after Sida's funding expired on December 31st, SASNET carried out extensive work, including organizing conferences and seminars, distributing planning grants, networking with students, researchers, embassies, etc., as well as, besides improving and updating the web site and its databases.

The Board commended what the staff had accomplished, and approved the Work Report.

4. Activities 2010

Oral report by Anna Lindberg and Lars Eklund.

Also see page 6 of the 2009 Work Report, where activities at the beginning of 2010 and plans for the rest of the year are presented in detail.

The most important thing is that Lund University on March 18, 2010, decided to give SASNET SEK 830 000 as extra budget funds, in addition to the basic funding of the same amount already provided to SASNET for 2010. The additional subsidy comes from the Vice-Chancellor's strategic research funds and is earmarked for the preparation of a study of Lund University's common and long-term strategy on collaboration with South Asia. The task includes exploring possibilities to find external collaboration partners and secure new external funding for SASNET's continued South Asia-related activities. A report is to be delivered to the Vice-Chancellor by 30 June 2011. In awarding the funds, the Lund University management stated that it highly values SASNET's Internet gateway, newsletters, and data bases built up over the last ten years. These are to be kept intact and continue to be maintained.

Anna Lindberg participated in an official Lund University delegation to India during the last week of April 2010. During her visit she was involved in preparing an MoU to set up an ICCR Chair professorship at Lund University for the academic year 2010/2011. This is due to SASNET's cordial relations with the Embassy of India to Sweden, that has also funded specific SASNET seminar activities during the spring.

In March 2010, Anna Lindberg and Lars Eklund visited the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS), and the Asia Research Centre (ARC) at the Copenhagen Business School in Copenhagen. The visit was part of an ongoing effort to strengthen SASNET's collaboration with Nordic institutions engaged in South Asia related research and activities.

Lars Eklund continues to visit Swedish South Asia research institutions. In March he travelled to the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), and later the Centre for Sustainable Development (CSD) at Uppsala University.

A second Nordic South Asia Conference for Young Scholars has been held 18–20 August in Höllviken. See <http://www.sasnetconference.se/>

SASNET has also continued to be involved in organising seminars and workshops in collaboration with partner institutions at Lund University and other Swedish universities. A seminar on Arsenic in Drinking Water was held at Lund University on 5 May 2010. The seminar was organised by SASNET and the Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies; the Division of Water Resources Engineering, Lund University; KTH-International Groundwater Arsenic Research Group at the Dept. of Land and Water Resources Engineering, Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Stockholm; and The Swallows India-Bangladesh.

During the fall 2010, a seminar on Microcredits in India and Bangladesh will be held in October, and a Sri Lanka seminar in November.

5. Financial Report 2009

Enclosure No. 2. See <http://www.sasnet.lu.se/utfall2009.pdf>

Anna and Lars presented the financial report for 2009. The net result was a surplus of SEK 243 000, to be transferred to the budget for 2010.

The Board put the Financial Report for 2009 aside.

6. The future of SASNET

Enclosure No. 3, on SASNET's current organisational structure.
SASNET's budget for 2010 was also presented.

Suggestion: Since the economic preconditions have changed – SASNET is no longer being funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sida, and instead is funded entirely by Lund University – the organizational structure of SASNET must also change. The Board now representing several Swedish universities (and also with representation for NGOs and other Nordic universities) should therefore be dissolved when the current term of office is over on 30 September 2010.

Discussion: Anna described the current situation, referring to the unsuccessful attempts to find alternative funding to maintain SASNET as a national Swedish network, and her contacts with other universities, etc. Instead, Lund University appears willing to keep SASNET running for at least one more year. The extra funding from LU makes it possible to carry on SASNET's work – except the distribution of planning grants – while at the same time investigating the prospects of future South Asia-related activities within the framework of Lund University.

An intense discussion followed. All participants in the meeting expressed their joy and satisfaction that by granting extra funds Lund University has insured SASNET's immediate survival. It was generally acknowledged that SASNET's fate now lies in Lund University's hands, and therefore the board thought it correct to ask the VC of LU to dissolve the board. The discussion focused on suggesting new strategies for the future, with the hope of securing new national or international funding so that SASNET regains its character of a national Swedish network for South Asian studies.

Prosun Bhattacharya recommended efforts to get support from business, and make use of possible fund raisers. Prosun also suggested that renewed contacts should be made with Sida, STINT, Vinnova, and other funding agencies, and check if any kind of support could be given. He also proposed that the use of SASNET's web site might be restricted to users willing to pay for the services. Finally, the Vice-Chancellors of the Swedish universities should be approached directly and be presented with facts about the benefits that SASNET provides.

Staffan Lindberg suggested that the Vice-Chancellor of Lund University be approached and be asked to take the initiative to hold a meeting for Swedish university representatives on the use of their budgetary funds for internationalization. It could be a way to get funding for SASNET. Staffan also proposed efforts to seek Nordic and European solutions, by collaborating with existing organizations or networks such as the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS), Nordic Association of South Asian Studies (NASA), British Association of South Asian Studies (BASAS), and others, plus approaching the European Union for support.

Finally, Staffan stressed the importance that SASNET keep prospective contacts and continue to collaborate with all Swedish and Nordic universities (for example, by organizing joint seminars), in spite of the fact that SASNET's national board is dissolved.

Regarding the failed efforts to find alternative funding for SASNET, Gunnel Cederlöf pointed out that 2009 was a bad year in general when it came to applying for financial support. The proposal to make the other Swedish universities pay membership fees to fund SASNET also failed, but not so much because of university managements, but because of researchers not keen on collaboration and unwilling to pay for services they have been given for free until now.

Jan Magnusson rejected the idea that SASNET's web site should be turned into a paid website. It would harm the free networking that is SASNET's most vital feature.

Gunnel Cederlöf summarised the discussion, pointing out that the Board may only approve activities and make decisions for the period up to 30 September, when it will be dissolved. The budget for 2010, presented at the meeting, can therefore not be approved in total. Gunnel also requested Anna and Lars present the Financial results for SASNET regarding the first six months of 2010 to the board before the end of September. The Board may then have a final meeting by telephone to approve this.

Decision: The Board expressed its deep appreciation for the work that Anna Lindberg and Lars Eklund have carried out seeking alternative support for SASNET after the end of Sida's funding.

The Board also expressed its gratitude to Lund University for its commitment to

continue fund SASNET after 1 October 2010. SASNET has a support among researchers working on South Asia-related projects in Sweden. Therefore the Board members look forward to continue collaborating within the framework of SASNET in its new form with Lund University being the sole responsible authority.

Finally, the Board recommended that the Vice-Chancellor of Lund University dissolve SASNET's Board as of 1 October 2010, and let the current directives for SASNET expire on the same date.

7. Other businesses/ SASNET's South Asian Reference group

Suggestion: SASNET's South Asian Reference group (<http://www.sasnet.lu.se/asiareggroup.html>) should be dissolved at the same time as the Board is dissolved on 30 September 2010.

Decision: The Board thanks the members of the Reference Group for their good work in supporting SASNET over the years. In conjunction with the change in the nature of SASNET, the Board has decided to dissolve the Reference Group from 30 September 2010.

Lund, September 8, 2010

Lars Eklund

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Lars Eklund, Secretary

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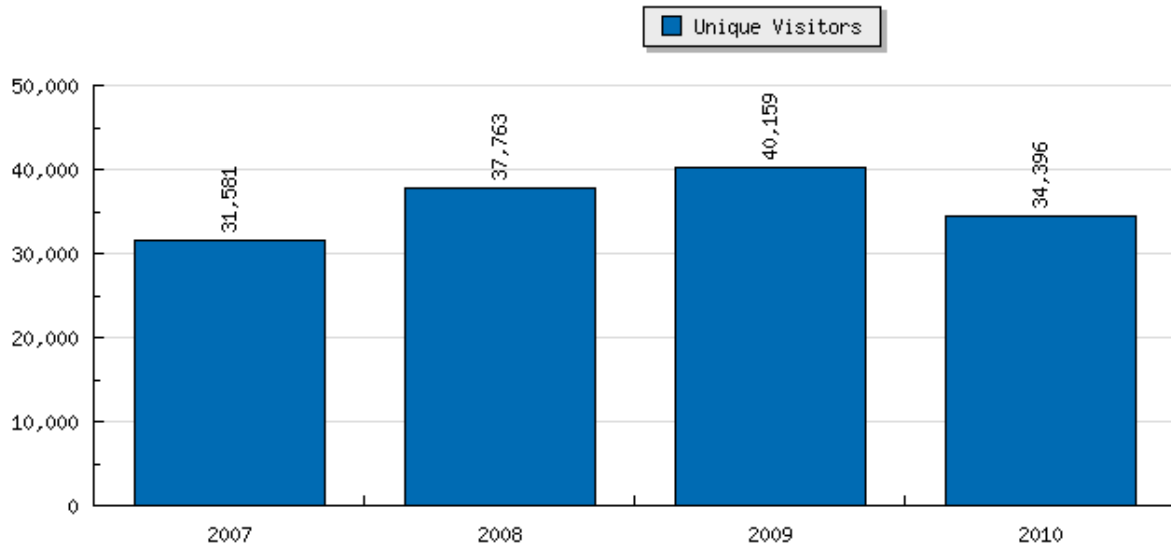
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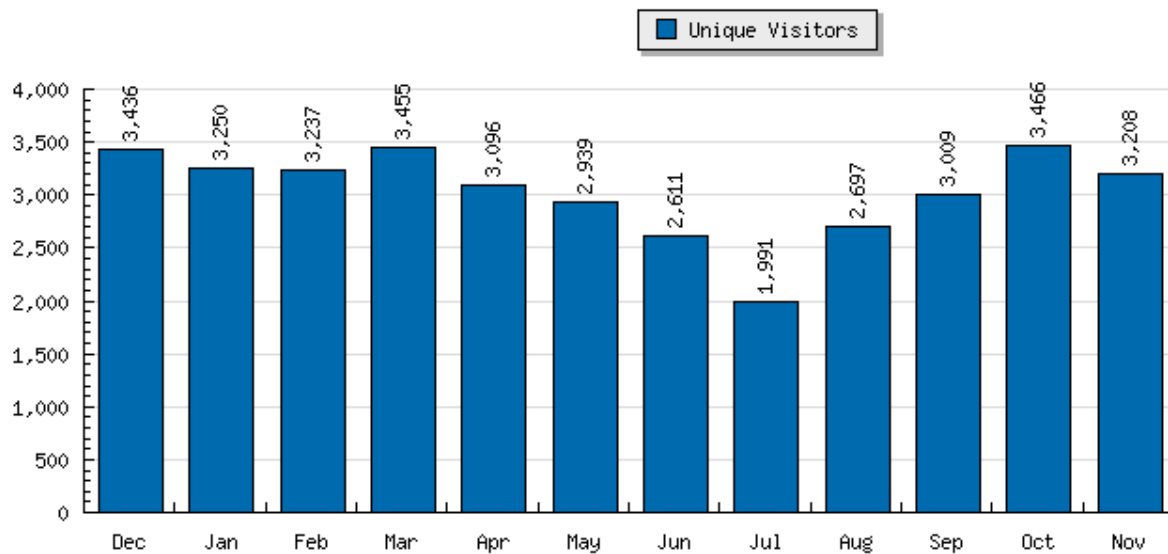
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Statistics as_of 15 December 2010

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