



Mission Report: Denmark, UF - UNF

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Organisations: Unge Forskere (UF), Ungdommens Naturvidenskabelige Forening (UNF)

Agenda

1/11

22:40 Arrival at Copenhagen airport

2/11

11:30-21:30 Meeting with Peter Mose Larsen, UF Vice-President and trip to Odense

Evening: Meeting with UNF national board

3/11

All day: UNF winter meeting

Evening: UNF pre-Xmas dinner and party

4/11

Morning: UNF winter meeting

Afternoon: Trip to Copenhagen and sightseeing

18:50 Departure

Unge Forskere (UF) – Young Scientists

The organisation Unge Forskere (Young Scientists) is ruled by The Committee of Young Scientists, who are responsible for two national contests: Natur&Teknik, for young inventors and scientists from 1st to 8th grade at Danish schools and Unge Forskere og Opfindere (Young scientists and inventors) for young people up to 22 years. The Committee is responsible for selecting the jury of 30 persons from schools, industry and governmental organisations. The Danish Minister of research and technology is President of Honour for the jury. The Danish Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Joachim, is patron of Unge Forskere. Unge Forskere is supported by the government, universities and major Danish companies. Since 1989 the Committee has arranged the national contest Unge Forskere og Opfindere.

UF is Founder Member of MILSET Europe and UF delegations took part in many MILSET events.

UF is National Organiser for the EUCYS and will hold the event in September 2008.

UF President is Mr Ryan Holm.

Martin Bennetzen, UF member, was member of MILSET Europe Executive Committee from July to October 2006.

More info at: <http://www.unge-forskere.dk>

Ungdommens Naturvidenskabelige Forening (UNF) - Youth Association of Science

UNF's objective is to stimulate the development of scientific and technical interest, primarily for the youth. This is done by arranging over 100 lectures held by leading scientists from the whole country and over 25 observation tours, summer camps and many other science events.

UNF is for everybody, but consists mainly of gymnasial and university students. It was founded in 1944 and is a non-profit organisation, sponsored by national companies, foundations and the Danish government. UNF currently holds about 200 organisers and 4,000 members separated throughout the whole country. The local interests of UNF are represented by sub-organisations in Copenhagen, Aarhus, Odense and Aalborg. UNF is headed by Danny K. Malkowski; he is chairing the national board, composed of 5 persons. UNF members are the 4 local sub-organisations.



In 2008, UNF will organise 6 summer camps and proposed to host the 4th ISSC and an International Astro camp in 2009.

UNF is member of MILSET Europe since September 2007. They don't organise expo-sciences but a really interested to begin the work inside the movement by the development and the promotion of the ESDY and ESPC and, obviously, to enter actively the new dynamic of science camps.

More info at: <http://www.unf.dk>

Mission

UF: The opportunity was taken to side the participation to the UNF activity by meeting the representative of an historical member of MILSET Europe.

I want to thank to Peter Mose Larsen for his warm and nice welcome.

A long exchange was done about different topics:

- Unge Forskere: the activities and the way the organisation are running
- The evolution of MILSET Europe: a large view of what we cross and what are the coming challenges.
- The Scandinavian development of the network: UF has lots of contacts with the other Scandinavian countries and will work at the promotion of MILSET Europe
- EUCYS: as organiser of the 2008 European Contest, Unge Forskere has a possibility to help on the collaboration between MILSET Europe and EUCYS responsible at EU level

UNF: This mission was set to answer the nice invitation made by Danny, UNF President, with a triple aim: to meet the people of UNF, to discover a new member programme and activities and to promote MILSET Europe.

Taking part to the Winter Meeting of the organisation gave the opportunity to meet at once 82 members of UNF including the different boards. I made a presentation of MILSET Europe, had a lot of informal exchanges with the participants and I took part to different workshops about some summer camps, fund raising and statutes evolution.

This meeting was organised to prepare the 2008 summer camps and to give an opportunity for all to meet as the daily work is made by the local organisations. I've met a lot of enthusiastic and committed volunteers and the welcome to MILSET and MILSET Europe is really positive.