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RECAP OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR

The past year for the board was characterized by appointments and resignations of board members for various reasons.

In the short run this affected the regular activities and events of the UF because a lot of energy was spent on trying to recruit new board members and introduce them to the work of the board.

Despite the high turnover within the board, the UF managed to offer its members interesting lectures and debates, trips and movie screenings. The Society ended the financial year in deficit, see more information on that later in the document.

Lecture

19 lectures were held in 2016, with an average of 20-30 visitors per lecture. The gender distribution in the audience was relatively even. The most popular events were: lecture by the minister of defense Peter Hultqvist, lecture by the member of the parliament Björn von Sydow, visit from the American Embassy, debate between Gudrun Schyman and Birgitta Olsson.

Event

During 2016 there were 13 screenings and 2 study trips were organized, one to Washington during the spring semester and the other one to Budapest during the autumn semester. The number of visitors of the screenings varied between 2 and 25.

Utblick

Utblick issued 4 issues during 2016. During the year Utblick made an effort to create stronger connection with its readers, including arranging two release parties, and has been working on creating a more visually appealing design.

Model United Nations

During the past year MUN has invested a lot of effort into marketing to attract people to their simulations and other activities. In March MUN has sent its biggest delegation so far with 13 members to KULMUN in Leuven, Belgium where several delegates excelled in various roles.

Public Relations (PR)

PR has increased the number of “likes” on Facebook during the past year and now the UF pages has 2200 likes. The committee participated in several kick-off events, including the one at Handelshögskolan. The committee has active members and can be seen on the TV screens of the Göta student union. During the year PR also worked on the “High School Project”, a project they hope to expand next year.

Swedish Association of International Affairs (SAIA)

During the first part of its 2016/2017 mandate (SAIA's operational year runs from September to September) the board of SAIA has been working, among other things, to try to work more with the embassies and to improve the financial situation through applying for a



grant from Folke Bernadotte. A well-attended Forum weekend on the topic of migration was held in Malmö during the autumn semester.

Election night event

The Society together with the Political science department, Brännpunkt Europa and IAGG student group has organized the election night event on the 8th of November that was devoted to the US election. The event consisted of the movie screening, various lectures, live streams of the elections and mingling. More information can be found on the event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/215055378907923/> This event was a success and it is recommended to organize such events in the future.

Year in numbers

Members at the end of the year	425
Issues of Utblick	4
Lectures	19
Film screenings	13
Board meetings	13
Income (SEK)	118 602 SEK
Expenses (SEK)	148 348 SEK
Net income (SEK)	-29 746 SEK

Board members during the year

President	Oleksandra Krystapovych (Spring), Katinka Ernstsson (Fall)
Vice president	Anna Gavrilova
Secretary	Nicolina Nilsson (Spring), Zozan Uçar (Fall)
Treasurer	Najlah Ashrafi
Lecture	Dijana Mujdzic, Jusup Aslakhanov
Model United Nations	Marcus Plahusch, Sofie Skovshoved (Spring)
Event	Peeter Boldt-Christmas (Spring), Hanna Jageklint (Spring), Kübra Coskun (Fall), Ludwig Prytz (Fall)



Public Relations	Liza Olsson (Spring), Luisa Rosca (Spring), Patrik Persson (Fall), Beyers Louw (Fall)
Utblick	Mikael Hemlin, Sara Lindström
Radio Utblick	Samuel Horgby (Spring), Fatima Kayzee Sow (Fall)
SAIA representative	Katinka Ernstsson (Spring), Arash Bolouri (Fall)

Election committee

Sara Varghaei
Johan Blomqvist
Karin Unde
Aisa Coric

Activity auditor

Carl Larsson

Financial auditor

Anne Engström

LECTURE

As during the previous year, in 2016 the lecture committee organized 19 lectures, 17 in the evening and 2 during lunch time. The topics of the lectures ranged geographically, covering issues in the Middle East, Central Asia, Latin America, Africa and the EU. The topics were also of a thematic nature covering issues related to gender inequality and feminist foreign policy, international trade agreements, Swedish defense policy and migration. The 4 most popular lectures during this year were with the Minister of Defense Peter Hultqvist (70 visitors), Member of Parliament Björn von Sydow (50 visitors), visit from the American Embassy (40) and the debate between Gudrun Schyman and Birgitta Olsson (280 visitors),

Average attendance is estimated at 20-30 visitors per lecture. Most of the lectures were held in English as our aim was to include as big international audience as possible, but also international lecturers. Seven lectures were held in Swedish. It could be worth trying to book more English speaking lecturers for next year. Famous Swedish politicians and other lecturers that are drawing a big audience should be exempted from this and still be able to hold their lectures in Swedish.

In terms of gender balance among the audience, it was almost equal. However, among speakers there was a prevalence of male speakers (18) over female ones (10). These numbers show a slight improvement compared to last year's gender balance (16 male, 5 female). Acknowledging that this situation needs further improvement, we also realize that often the committee looks for relevant speaker for the particular topic and often doesn't have many



options to choose from based on gender criterion unless the topics and organizations to contact are planned in advance. An example of this was the panel discussion on the crisis in Syria held in mid-December. The panel consisted of four female participants, including the moderator. The committee started to organize the panel in late September with the intention to bring together an all-female panel to discuss a highly relevant topic. A large number of speakers who approached UF with a request to lecture for the committee were male. If the proposed topics were relevant and of interest for the committee the speakers were often welcomed to hold their lectures, regardless of gender.

In the beginning of November we had planned a much anticipated lecture with the Swedish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Margot Wallström. However, because of unfortunate weather conditions at Arlanda Airport, Wallström's departure was delayed indefinitely. As it became clear that Wallström would not make it to Gothenburg on time the lecture was cancelled due to unforeseen weather conditions at Arlanda airport. A new date will hopefully be announced during Spring 2017.

During previous year (2016) we collaborated together with the International Day at Handels, where we arranged a lecture together with Mr. Guillaume Foliot, a French political scientist with over 20 years of experience working within the UN. We have also, in collaboration with the Finnish-Swedish Society in Gothenburg, planned a defense-seminar, with panelists such as Karin Enström (former Minister of Defense) and Kenneth Forslund (chair of Committee on Foreign Affairs). This event will take place in January 2017. A cooperation together with "Folkuniversitetet" has been established and we have also managed to register our committee for the school's study circle and culture event activities in order to receive a government grant. We are expected to receive this grant in early 2017.

Unfortunately, due to various different reasons, we have not managed to establish a working group of lecture committee members this year. Instead, regular board members have helped us out when needed. This year's committee work has been affected negatively by the association's economic situation. For instance, a UN-panel debate was about to take place but we could not go through with the planning because we were not able to afford to cover the panelists' travel and accommodation costs. Even our Syria panel debate was stricken by the financial cut-back. Our suggestion is that future lecture committee plans lectures in close cooperation with the Treasurer. Applying for funding and collaborating with other organizations could be other ways of increasing our budget.

As a conclusion from this year's operations, we have experienced that the lecture committee did well, even though we had some financial cut-back. We have maintained a high level of invited speakers and arranged approximately one lecture every other week. Communications between PR-committee and Lecture-committee have worked well and we have also used Göta Student Union in order to market our various lectures and events through their channels. In order to be able to make next year's lecture committee even more successful we believe that good communication between different committees, especially communication between Lecture, PR and Treasurer, is crucial. Also, planning in advance, inviting more "famous" speakers and establishing a working group of active lecture committee members that will be able to help out with the operative work is of high importance.



EVENT

The film club

The event committee has continued to arrange regular documentary screenings throughout 2016. The screenings have generally been held every second week in lecture hall Dragonen, primarily on Wednesdays but occasionally also on Tuesdays when necessary. One such example is when the American election night event was arranged on the Tuesday of the election which then constituted a good day to show the documentary *An Unreasonable Man*. In 2016 approximately 13 screenings have been arranged. The majority of these screenings have been showed in cooperation with UF's licensed distributor Cinema Politica. Some documentaries have however been showed in cooperation with other organizations such as Cultures of Resistance Network and Worldwide Documentaries, Inc.

Some of the documentaries have stood out among the rest of the screenings. *My Brooklyn*, *We Were Children, Not My Life* and the earlier mentioned *An Unreasonable Man* attracted the greatest audiences which generally was difficult throughout the whole year. The worst screenings drew no more than 4 visitors while the best screenings drew around 15-25. The best screening of the year was when the screening was arranged as a part of the election night. These sorts of co-arranged events are probably good for attracting more visitors to the screenings. The worst screening of the year was arranged just before Christmas when a lot of people are either busy with the last assignments of the semester, Christmas preparations or have already left to go back home. It is important to remember that to attract the normal amount of visitors for a screening at this time of the year requires more promotion than usual.

During the spring semester no film festival was arranged at all. In the fall semester a film festival was planned for the weekend 17-18 of December. Due to a delayed movie delivery from Cinema Politica the Film festival had to be postponed until after the Christmas break, on the 14-15 of January. The festival will be on the topic of social movements and will cover movements within several different causes.

Study trip

During the operational year of 2016, two trips were arranged by the event committee. The trip for the spring semester was Washington D.C., USA and the fall semester's trip was to Budapest, Hungary.

Washington D.C.

The Washington D.C. trip took place between the 16th and the 20th of May. The trip aimed to look at questions such as the upcoming presidential election and US defense policy and foreign affairs. We had a strong group of eight people with a different range of areas of study going away for a week of engaging meetings. We planned the trip together the weeks before we took off and had generally two meetings arranged for each day. We started off the week going to the Swedish Embassy to get a good overview of US internal- and external relations. The week then continued with meetings at Amnesty International, The Diplomat, The John Hopkins University, Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, Stimson Center, The Center for Responsive Politics and Cato Institute which all gave us a better understanding and new realizations of the topics we came to investigate. During our time in Washington D.C. we also made the most of our time to discover the city with its political life and history;



we had an organized guided tour in the Capitol Hill, attended open hearings in the Senate and went around the city to all the different Memorials.

Budapest

To arrange the fall trip, advertisement was first put up in each head of event's class page on Facebook where people for the project group were searched for. The project group came to consist of four people (including the heads), where one person later dropped out. Together we came to the conclusion to travel to Budapest and applied for the Prins Carl Gustaf scholarship, which we unfortunately didn't receive. The tasks were divided so that one person looked for flights, another one for accommodation and the third – for different organizations. The theme was set to be about the refugee situation in Hungary, and how this affected the relations to the EU and other countries. Thereafter we had a general application process for the trip with printed posters put up at the university, and an advertisement on the UF page. The final travel group came to consist of 9 people. Since most of the arrangements with the flight and accommodation were already set up, the new members had the tasks of checking up more organizations to visit, what to do in the spare time, and what museums one could visit.

The group travelled to Budapest 6 – 10th of December. There, six meetings in total were arranged and we got an additional tour of the Corvinus University. The organizations/institutions we visited were: 1) Corvinus University where we attended a lecture on "Contemporary Hungarian Politics", 2) International Organization for Migration in Budapest, 3) The Swedish Embassy in Hungary, 4) The Mahatma Gandhi Human Rights Organization, 5) UNHCR Regional Representative for Central Europe, and lastly 6) The Hungarian Helsinki Committee. Unfortunately we didn't get a hold of an organization that specifically worked with journalism or media, nor were we able to get in contact with a Hungarian politician, which both would have given the trip an extra edge.

General information about the committee

Spring semester

Other events planned during the semester were the kick-offs that took place at Handelshögskolan, Sprängkullsgatan and Campus Linné. The event 'Minister för en dag' (Minister for a day) was planned for both UF members and different high schools (in cooperation with the 'Gymnasieprojektet'), but had to be cancelled due to lack of sufficient interest of registering for this event.

Fall semester

We have had committee meetings every week, even if somewhat irregular; they have often been on Mondays. These general meetings have only consisted of the two heads of the committee, since we didn't really have any active members apart for the two people who helped us out with the Budapest trip. Regarding the travel group in itself, we had three meetings where almost all 9 participants were present and were actively engaged. Tasks were handed out to everyone. For the operational year of 2017 there is a movie festival on the theme of social movements being planned for the 14 – 15th January.

UTBLICK



During the fiscal year of 2016, four issues of UF Gothenburg's members' magazine Utblick have been printed and published and the webpage has been updated frequently with new articles. The biggest challenge of the year was to develop the appearance of the magazine, thereby increasing its readership and improving its visibility. Mikael Hemlin and Sara Lindström have been editors-in-chief, with Mikael as legally responsible publisher. Both editors have been board members of UF Gothenburg during the entire fiscal year.

During the year the magazine has upheld around 10 active members in its editorial staff at any given time. One of our goals has been to run an open and free working process by giving our members the opportunity to write as often and as much as they want, as freely as possible (considering the current theme) and giving them the possibility of either writing in English or Swedish. A lot of focus has been on discussing ongoing foreign issues, and discussing how to best present the essentials in writing.

Another important objective has been to change the appearance of the magazine. In order to develop the looks and shapes of Utblick, we made alterations in the format (from A5 to A4). We also discussed with our layout designer how to make the magazine more appealing to the public, resulting in brighter, and more inviting front pages and more color inside the magazine.

The first two issues of 2016 were published during the spring semester, and the last two during the autumn. The themes and the titles were decided upon by the editors, but were also discussed with the editorial staff before any decisions were made. The themes arose mainly from ongoing trends, discussions and events in the world during the year. The titles of the issues are as follows: #1: Democracy - Out of fashion? #2: The Divided States of America #3: Exit #4: (In)security. The themes of the second and third issues were decided by the editors-in-chief alone.

At the beginning of the working process of each issue we held editorial meetings weekly. The meetings have mainly been reserved for brainstorming article ideas. After a first deadline the writers were given individual feedback from the editors-in-chief. Approximately two weeks were then given for the writers to finish their articles. After the final deadline all of the articles were proofread. During the first issue, the editors-in-chief proofread with help from Lydia Liljegren, former writer of Utblick. The remaining three issues were proofread by the editors alone. The designer mainly participated at the meetings early on in the working process of each issue to brainstorm ideas along with the writers. Further on, the designer worked mainly in contact with the editors. All four issues were designed by Unni Toivola.

The first, the second and the fourth issue were 32 pages, and the third was 36 pages. All four issues were printed in 1000 copies, of which approximately 300-400 copies were sent to the members of UF Gothenburg, whereas the rest of them were distributed by the editorial staff to different public areas throughout Gothenburg. All issues were printed in A4-format and full color.

To increase Utblick's communication with its readers, we arranged two release parties at Litteraturhuset in cooperation with Folkuniversitetet. The idea was to give our readers a



chance to discuss the articles with the writers in person. This turned out to be quite a success, although most of the attendees were already members of the UF.

In order to maintain our association with UF Gothenburg, we stressed the opportunity for all committees to advertise in the magazine, an opportunity well used by the lecture- and MUN-committee. There were also letters from the president in each magazine.

Aside from the printed issues, we've published several articles on the webpage. There we have published articles that are not connected to the theme of the printed issues. It has been a platform for writers who, for example, live abroad or travel, to contribute to Utblick. It also provides a great opportunity for any enthusiastic writer to be published online and to write about an almost freely chosen subject, regarding international or national affairs. Mikael Hemlin has done most of the web-editing with some help from Sara Lindström regarding proofreading.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

The highlights of the year were once again the two international Model United Nations conferences we went to as a delegation. In March, we sent our biggest ever delegation of 13 delegates to KULMUN in Leuven, Belgium. Three of them even won individual awards at the end of the conference (1 best delegate, 2 honorable mentions). In November, just as in 2015 and 2014, we went to the MUNmö conference in Malmö. Here, UF Gothenburg was represented by 11 delegates plus the committee chair, who was chairing Security Council at the conference. This conference was another huge success, as out of the eight awards being handed out, four were won by our delegation (2 best delegates, 2 best speakers). Besides that, we had individual delegates from our committee, who attended conferences in Finland and Oslo on their own.

The great performance at the conferences is just one proof of the good work done in our committee throughout the year. In 2016, we held eight local simulations and four trainings. In the simulations, we debated a broad spectrum of topics, in committees ranging from different United Nations bodies, to European Union institutions, even to the United States Senate, thus giving the participants in-depth experience of international relations, which is hard to gain during regular studies. During the trainings we practiced our debating skills through different exercises, which were usually not related to international relations topics. In addition to that, in October for the first time ever we held a simulation with 60 high school students at Göteborgs Högre Samskola, focusing on sustainable tourism. Even though there were some minor issues, due to the fact that it was the first time for us, the teachers, as well as the students, all parties involved enjoyed it a lot. If their schedule allows, the teachers would be very interested in having another simulation this spring.

The committee usually met every Monday, to plan and discuss upcoming simulations, trainings and other activities, in particular the big conferences once a semester. Besides that, we had regular committee social events (e.g. potluck dinners), in order to get closer as a group. Due to the nature of MUN we feel this is an important aspect of this committee (for this, see also the next chapter).



Promotions and public relations

As our committee is, more than any other committee, dependent on the active participation of its committee members, we invested a lot of energy into promotional activities throughout the year. Members from our committee were present at all UF kickoff events, both in spring as well as in autumn, and also participated in several other events, which UF Gothenburg took part in (fairs etc.).

In addition to that, in March and September we held our own events for people to get to know the committee. This included fika meetings, as well as workshops to introduce the rules of procedure of Model United Nations. Further promotions were emails, sent out through the course coordinators of almost all programs related to international relations, posts in Facebook groups, in particular in ERASMUS groups, to reach exchange students who are not that well connected yet, and printed posters in December.

We also introduced a new logo and opened up an Instagram account. Together with the already existing MUN Facebook page (which saw its number of likes more than double in 2016), this helps us to connect with people interested in MUN, as well as with other MUN societies all over Europe. It also contributes to building the name of UF Gothenburg.

Important posts were of course always shared on the main UF accounts as well.

Since April, we are registered as a study circle at Folkuniversitetet, which, above all, gives us some additional financial resources that can be spent by the next year's committee for conferences abroad. Furthermore, we are also able to print our promotional posters there free of charge.

Outlook

We are confident that the new chairs will continue the work of the last two years, of holding regular simulations and trainings, as this has shown to work very successfully. Furthermore, in order to ensure the sustainability of the committee, we hope that they will succeed in attracting many new committee members during the spring semester. Many current members will either be finishing their studies in June, or return to their respective home universities, after a year abroad in Sweden.

If the budget allows, the possibility of going to a second conference during the spring semester, thereby increasing the total number of conferences to three, should be explored.

We would also love to see our good collaboration with UF Malmö to continue. Besides attending MUNmö 2017, a great way to do this would be for example to have a joint simulation, like in 2015. For different reasons, both in Gothenburg and in Malmö, we were not able to achieve that this year. If feasible, such a mini-conference could also include other Scandinavian MUN groups (e.g. Stockholm, Uppsala and Oslo), and therefore serve as the first step of establishing a bigger conference in Gothenburg.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR)

Internal Communication

During the fall, the PR committee has gained one active member outside of the heads of the committee. The primary work in the committee has so far consisted of a few meetings where we have discussed how to expand and improve the committee's work. The PR committee has discussed if we should further campaign for UF by, for example, handing out flyers in specific areas and times to attract interest. The most prominent focus of the PR committee has been the development of ideas for the High School Project, such as to arrange



workshops and seminars with themes that connect foreign affairs with programs or courses students are involved in.

We have established a Facebook group for the PR committee, and wish to gain more members during 2017 to come up with new ideas on how to further promote the association. Communication in the PR committee and with the other committees and heads of the board has been managed through Facebook, Email and face-to-face meetings. To continue with inclusive guidelines, the PR committee has mostly used English as our working language.

External Communication - Advertising, newsletter, posters and high school contacts

We had an article in the student magazine Spionen about UF Göteborg as a society and also about the Utblick Magazine Release-Party.

Since the beginning of 2016 we have had the possibility to show events on Göta Student Unions' TV-screens. There has been a meeting with Handelshögskolan regarding posters and we can now put up the posters in Handelshögskolan if we have their logo and a stamp on them, it was discussed that we are also allowed to show events on their screens. Our strategy has been to pick events that are attractive for students at Handelshögskolan (economy, defense issues, national politicians etc.). We also had a spot in Göta guide during the fall.

The PR committee has attended two events during the fall, together with other committees, to promote UF Göteborg. We had an information table at Demokratiseringsningens event "Flytta på er!", which focused on influence on democracy amongst youth. We handed out magazines, talked about our newsletter, presented UF Göteborg on stage and introduced ourselves to other organizations and participants there. We also presented ourselves at the International Day at the School of Business, Economics and Law.

It was decided in the Board to send our weekly newsletter on Thursdays to give our subscribers an insight of what will happen the upcoming week. Occasionally, the letters have been sent on Fridays or Saturdays depending on when the PR committee received all the information. We have also advertised the possibility to join our different committees in some newsletters. The layout of the newsletter has varied depending on how many events were advertised, although common features are used regularly to maintain a routine and we have strived to make the newsletter reader-friendly.

We have had a steady response to the newsletter, and gained followers and visibility on Facebook (Where we as of now have nearly 2200 likes), which has been our main platform of advertising online. On demand, the PR committee has in addition promoted the association on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook and through our newsletter, created posters for various events. The UF Website has also been updated with information about events. We have decided to create a familiar template that we use for all our posters, since we believe it strives for continuity, so that members may instantly notice a UF Gothenburg poster.



During 2016, the focus on the High School Project has mainly consisted of establishing connection with various teachers. During the fall semester PR has been engaged in communication with a contact person at Donnergymnasiet with whom we have planned a meeting at the beginning of the spring semester 2017 to discuss possibilities of further cooperation.

Lastly, PR uploaded information about applications for the board of 2017. We did this by posting information about the elections on social media and our website. We have also shared the event on Facebook. Information about the elections was also sent in advance via the newsletter.

SWEDISH ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (SAIA)

Unlike UF Gothenburg, SAIA's fiscal year begins September 1.

For this reason, the background information for this report, including data collected from meeting protocols and related documents, are made before September 1, 2016.

After the 2016 evaluation of Almedalen and foreign policy Convention, UFS has implemented some changes to the project and mission statements, for a more efficient and adapted organization.

At the beginning of SAIA mandate period, SAIA decided to expand cooperation with embassies; the purpose is to give member associations greater opportunities for future member activities. Therefore, the International Committee of SAIA launched a long strategic cooperation with a dozen embassies. Until the year-end of 2016, approximately five embassies have expressed great interest in this project.

In 2016, SAIA enjoyed a well-conducted FORUM weekend in Malmö and Foreign Policy convention in Lund with focus on migration. The next FORUM weekend has been planned and will take place in Uppsala from 11 to 12 February 2017.

In order to improve the association's finances, SAIA has submitted an application for operational grant to the Folke Bernadotte Academy, which aims to fund a larger portion of the Association's central expenses during 2017. The application includes a contribution to all operational areas of activity, for a total of 490 000 SEK. This operations support, would, if the application is totally or partially approved, release large sections of the association's total revenues for other purposes.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Income

MUCF grant spring
MUCF grant autumn
Forum Syd grant
Membership and entrance fees

Income year 2016

42 816 kr
42 816 kr
8 806 kr
23182 kr

Utrikespolitiska institutet
Folkuniversitetet

0 kr
1 000 kr

Total

118 602 kr

Expenses

Central
Event
Lecture
PR
Utblick
Washington trip
Budapest trip
Georgia trip (reimbursements from fall 2015)
MUN

Expenses year 2016

12 137 kr
5 614 kr
21890 kr
14 766 kr
67 538 kr
3 000 kr
2 500 kr
3600 kr
17 303 kr

Total

148 348 kr

NET INCOME

- 29 728 kr

Capital	Cash	Plusgiro&savings	Liabilities	Total
Beginning of the year	997	108172,34	22675	86494,34
End of the year	4150	75273,34	16881	62542,34

In 2016 the association sustained considerable loss which should be avoided in the future. There were several factors that contributed to the situation. 1) We had to return part of the Forum Syd grant that was not spent by the previous board; 2) We also had to reimburse the participants of the Georgia trip that happened in the fall of 2015; 3) The amount we received from Forum Syd was significantly lower than the usual amount due to a mistake that was made by one of the previous SAIA board who were applying for Forum Syd grant – all of the member societies received much lower amounts; 4) The amount we received from MUCF was lower than that in 2015 due to lower membership numbers in 2014. However, on the plus side, this year saw higher income from memberships and entrance fees. The Society



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also started cooperation with Folkuniversitetet through study circles – lecture, Utblick and MUN have signed up for this option (the money is given retrospectively based on the amount of meetings conducted by each study circle). Most of the money has been accrued but not used so it can be used in 2017.

The year ended with 425 members, the membership fee for members was 50 kr as decided during the annual meeting in 2016, with the exception of high school students who were able to get free membership. The two study trips organized during the year were financed mainly by participants themselves.

The association was in dispute with the printing house regarding the price of Utblick's last issue however the issue was resolved. The invoice for the issue was paid in 2017.

The outgoing Board gives special thanks to all active members and lecturers who contributed, for example, by participating in movie screenings and helping with the work of the Board.