

Report from autumn 2004 Nordic Integral Meeting Copenhagen Denmark

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Summary

The purpose of the second Nordic Integral meeting (the first was in April 2004) was to bring together people from Sweden, Denmark and Norway passionately interested in exploring what second tier action REALLY looks like. Read a summary of the "Nordic 2020" tournament below for an outline of how this 3-hour very vertical, very high energy, and very highly spirited workshop was conducted.

We see the necessity for us to start cooperating and connecting more and more; otherwise it doesn't really make any sense. We have some indications that this is starting to happen with people like Fritjof Aspøy traveling from Stockholm, Kjartan Foros from Oslo and Hannes Aurell from Växjö to be at the meeting. So we also wanted to ask: What is the NEXT STEP? Many participants expressed that the 3-hour schedule was too short for all the potential that was revealed as the workshop went along. They felt that more time was definitely needed to find specific ways forward in this question. One of the participants, Henrik Sørensen, came back with a fabulous proposal (please read his letter further down) to help us push second tier verticality in the Nordic region and make it a reality – Create an umbrella organisation to arrange lectures, workshops and integrally informed courses. If you think this idea is as great as we do, then please get in touch with either Henrik, Nick or Mats to help us make this materialize as quickly as possible. If it aligns and synergies with what you're already doing, or planning to do – then that's the whole idea.

Alison Manning (IEF London) took part as special guest and told about what is happening at their new centre the Window, including guest speakers in their Voices from the Edge program.

Peter Bastian (IEF Copenhagen) told about plans now underway to organise a one or two-day Educational summit in October/November 2005 in the Danish/Swedish region for the education system with thousands of participants, with names like Don Beck, Andrew Cohen and Robert Wright as well as other visionary thinkers and practitioners, not least from Scandinavia, in the field of education. The vision is to catalyse a leap to second tier within the Scandinavian education system.

The Nordic 2020 Tournament

Imagine twenty-four high-spirited vertical thinkers entering the Nordic 2020 tournament – all wanting to win first prize! Imagine you are one. Your mission? Travel to the year 2020, take a

look at how the Nordic region is functioning in the areas of education, business and society and then race back and make a visionary presentation to mobilise the rest of society before time runs out. Three time machines are available for the trip. You've chosen your team, your area of interest and set the dials to the utopian route. Your eager group gets there in seconds and immediately becomes excited in seeing what has become a vertical reality. No one else at home has seen what you now know IS reality. But the clocks are ticking, and the Time Lord is a stickler for keeping to the rules and getting the presentations beginning on time or else.... So it's get your team into Prime, and head back quick to work on the presentation because you're also facing a wall of scepticism and cynicism – no one back home wants to change. The very future (and of course the prize money!) depends on how well your team deliver the message that will mobilise hundreds of thousands. It's time for a second tier message that delivers a triple win.

So, how does education, business or society look in the Nordic region in the year 2020? What is its purpose? Why are people living there so dammed excited? What is their sense of purpose and their superordinate goal? What integrated all levels and groups and mobilised education, business and society in the Nordic region to take a leap to second tier? Why is it that everybody shared a deep sense of excitement, purpose and responsibility? And how do you catalyse change?

How did who decide whom to be the winner? What message did the Regional team deliver that won them first prize? And what did the Regional team do with all the prize-money?

Well, if you missed out on the answers and being there you may want to contact the Nordic Integral Team to find out more, or wish to participate in the next Nordic Integral meeting early next year.

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Henrik Sørensen's Project proposal: A package of integrally informed courses

Dear integral community,

I think we can all agree that our October-meeting left us with a feeling that the network has great possibilities. But at the same time we didn't quite find a *specific* way to commit ourselves further. Not that the will wasn't there but the short time span of the meeting just didn't allow it to materialize.

But a specific commitment needs a specific project, so here is what I purpose to align many of the resources in the network:

A package of integrally informed courses

I think the time has come to take the integral work in the Nordic region from single lectures and single events to more long-term teaching. Actual development doesn't happen overnight. It often takes years of practice for a realization to sink in. Of course this long-term teaching is already happening as many of us actually do teach with a more or less integrally informed perspective. But my idea would be to unite many of these initiatives, which are spread out over the region, into **a single set of integrally informed courses**. This would make the

integral perspective more visible in the media, and it would make it easier to communicate to the broad public what the integral perspective is all about.

IEF and Nordic Integral have already been working with businesses and schools. Perhaps the time has come to aim at the broader public through adult education. There is a wide range of possibilities, but the easiest thing would be to start out by doing **traditional courses** on subjects like: Integral Psychology, Integral Pedagogy, Integral Management, Integral Philosophy and Integral Sociology. We certainly have enough competent people within the network for such a task. Another realizable option would be more **workshop-oriented courses** like: Group Dynamics (Conflict solving), Integral Transformative Practice Groups (Personal development), Meditation, Dream interpretation and so on. These kinds of classes wouldn't demand too much administration, so they should be fairly easy to start up if we can convince an established institution of the possibilities.

Cooperating with other organisations

In Denmark this kind of teaching happens through organisations like AOF and FOF, and perhaps it is possible to cooperate with them and create a platform for the launch of a whole package of courses. Another idea would be to cooperate with Learning Lab Denmark in Copenhagen, the Copenhagen Centre of Human Emergence (CoCHE) or perhaps a folk-highschool. The idea of cooperating with other organisations is that, it will make it possible to start teaching without spending too much time and work on the marketing and the administrative side of the matter. Furthermore the financial risk will be at an absolute minimum.

Your own role?

Establishing a package of integrally informed courses will be a task for the whole network. It will involve quite a lot of work, such as fundraising, getting established organisations interested and administrating the practical side of the "school". The first step would be to see how many people are interested in contributing.

I am hoping for immediate responses to some of the following questions:

1. What do you think of the idea? Enlighten me with both positive and negative reactions.
2. Do you think there is a real need and a market for these kinds of courses?
3. Is it a good idea to focus the network around such an idea in the nearest future?
4. How do you see your own role in it?
5. Would you like to teach and/or do you have a specific idea for a course?
6. Do you have a connection with an institution, which might be willing to support the idea?
7. Would you like to contribute by helping with the administrative side or by fundraising?

I am looking forward to some quick responses. Just a short comment will do, and of course you don't have to respond in English. Please send your replies to:

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Program (from October 23)

Nordic Integral Program Saturday October 23

11.00 am - 2.00 pm

- o Presentation of context for the meeting. Presentation of participants, voices from the edge, Nordic Integral, as well as Ken Wilber, Don Beck and Andrew Cohen.
- o What does second tier action REALLY look like? Let's find out! 2020 Time-travel.
- o How can we enable Scandinavia to take the leap to second tier? 2020 Integral Tournament.

Participants

Fritjof	Aspøy	Stockholm
Hannes	Aurell	Matrix Integral
Peter	Bastian	IEF, Author, lecturer philosopher
Karin	Bastian	IEF, Psychologist
Eva	Birklund Andersen	(publishing business) PP Forlag, Copenhagen
Nick	Drummond	Nordic Integral, Human Emergence Facilitator
Helena	Drummond	Malmö
Mats	Edin	Nordic Integral, Chief Psychologist
Martin	Fluri	IEF, Marketing WIE - magazine
Kjartan	Foros	SDi consultant
James	Hammink	Psychologist
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Charlotte	Juul	IEF, Networker, Human Resources
Per	Löfberg	Nordic Integral, Art, Business consultant
Gísli	Magnússon	ph.d student / philosophy of Ken Wilber
Alex Riel	Mathiasen	Teacher in philosophy and psychology
Svend E.	Rugh	Ph.D. in theoretical physics
Karsten	Skipper	Forum for Integral studies, lecturer
Henrik	Sørensen	Lecturer
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