Auditor’s Report 2016

We have examined ARLIS/Norden’s annual accounts for the period 1.1.2016 – 31.12.2016.

All entries of in- and outgoing payments in the cashbook, together with accompanying bank documentation from Storebrand Bank have been gone through systematically.

The statement of account from Storebrand of 31.12.2016 has also undergone inspection. This statement documents ARLIS/Norden’s liquid assets.

Travel grants

We have already noticed in 2015 that a few participants in ARLIS/Norden Annual Meeting in Umeå (2015) got travel grants while employed in an institution and had their travel grants sent to their private bank accounts without any documentation for their travel expenses.

This practice continued at the Oslo conference in 2016. It is a huge problem if the employee’s institution pays for travel and participation while ARLIS / Norden sends travel grants directly to the participant’s private bank account. If the employee does not transfer the amount to his or her employer, the employee receives NOK 2,000.00 tax-free. In our opinion, this is a wrong use of ARLIS / Nordic funds.

We strongly recommend that ARLIS/Norden only transfers travel grants to members’ private bank accounts if valid information can document the specific private expense. Otherwise, the amount must be sent to the institution that has held the expenses for the employees' travel and participation in the conference. We recommend the board pay much more attention to this specific issue as soon as possible.

In our opinion, the accounts were drawn up honestly and conscientiously in accordance with the principles of good accounting and the accounts submitted faithfully reflect the actual situation.

Based on our audit we recommend that the annual meeting grant the board freedom from responsibility as per §4 – of ARLIS/ Norden’s directive protocol point 7.

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