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Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR)

is an independent social science research centre whose mission is to develop and publish research-based insights for the benefit of decisionmakers in public and private institutions as well as for the general public.

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NIBR offers action-oriented, decisionsupport research and analyses for clients in the public and private sectors and competes for research contracts in Norway and abroad. The institute aims to be a competitive contributor to research programmes under the auspices of the Research Council of Norway as well as to international research programmes, e.g. the EU framework programmes. NIBR is an independent foundation. The achievement of the institute's research objectives requires that its operations are financially profitable. All profits are reinvested into NIBR's operations and used in accordance with the institute's objectives.

NIBR's most important competitive advantage is the ability to combine cutting edge experience across multiple fields of study and expertise.

NIBR's core competence is in urban and regional research. This is a wide inter- and multidisciplinary field of social science research, encompassing i.a.:

 analyses of social conditions and societal changes in urban and rural areas, and across regions, sectors and levels:

- analyses of regional development and innovation, planning and management, and the development of democracy and welfare within and across local communities;
- territorial analyses of society, coupled with studies of sustainable development.

NIBR is one of the environmental research institutes of Norway. Through competence in the field of social science, the institute strives to contribute to the growing knowledge base required to better meet environmental challenges and the problems entailed by social development.

Urban and regional research is an international field of study. NIBR is actively involved in international research in the institute's target areas.

NIBR – a member of the Environmental Research Alliance of Norway (ENVIRA)

NIBR belongs to the Environmental Research Alliance of Norway (ENVIRA), a strategic collaborative venture linking the seven leading environmental research institutions in Norway. In addition to NIBR they are NIKU (Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research), NILU (Norwegian Institute for Air Research), NINA (Norwegian Institute for Nature Research), NIVA (Norwegian Institute for Water Research), Jordforsk (Centre for Soil and Environmental Research) and CICERO (Center for International Climate and Environmental Research -Oslo). Institute of Transport Economics (TØI) and Norwegian Geotechnical Institute (NGI) are associate members.

Research for good practice



NIBR has chosen *Research for good* practice as the title of the institute's strategic plan because the words encapsulate NIBR's determination to deliver first rate research and research-based knowledge of relevance to issues of current importance to society.

Delivering Research for good practice entails at least two commitments. NIBR is committed to deliver quality research and research-based knowledge. This requires expertise combined with an ability and capacity to maintain and develop it. The regulatory environment in which NIBR operates makes this a challenging task. Competition for commissions and research funds require scientific staff to spend a significant amount of time drafting applications at the expense of competence building and professional development. Before 2005, the actual value of the annual basic allocation - the intention of which is to give the institute financial elbow-room to engage in scientific development - has fallen year on year.

There are, however, positive signals in the Government's 2005 White Paper Commitment to Research. The White Paper states that the non-university research sector is an essential element of Norway's research capacity. It also concedes that the sector will not be able to perform optimally without adequate funding enabling competence-building over the

longer term. The White Paper mentions in particular the need to increase the annual basic allocations to the environmental research institutes. This is positive for NIBR, and for the first time in more than ten years the institute saw its annual grant increased.

This allowed us to plan two new strategic institute programmes, both starting in 2006. The strategic programme Planning and Effectuating Better Public Health (POPHEALTH) gives NIBR an opportunity to develop research competence in the combined areas of planning and public health. With the second programme, Regional Foresight, NIBR aims at establishing the institute nationally and internationally in the field of regional foresight analyses. The 2006 basic allocation also lets us take part in competence building measures with the other institutes in the Environmental Research Alliance of Norway (ENVIRA). NIBR is also pleased with the earmarked funds included in the 2006 annual grant for our commitments to the joint research initiative in Oslo Centre for Interdisciplinary Environmental and Social Research (CIENS).

We are currently planning together with the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development a focused, longterm commitment to competence building in the fields of regional development, local government and housing research. The comprehensive commitment to housing research derives from an agreement between NIBR and SINTEF Building and Infrastructure to transfer SINTEF's social science research team to NIBR. This presents increased potential to establish NIBR as a national centre in housing research, and we look forward to developing and strengthening this area of research as an integral part of the wider urban and regional research conducted in Norway and abroad.

Dedication to scholarship and competence is vital if NIBR is to fulfil its mission and deliver *research for good practice*. Insofar as the commitments spelled out in the research White Paper translate into action, the likelihood of accomplishing these goals looks good.

But research for good practice also means delivering knowledge relevant for solving the problems society is up against - research has to orient itself towards problems. NIBR's problem focus is urban and regional research. While this is not a clearly defined area, it has nonetheless certain unmistakable attributes. It centres around social research with a territorial dimension - analyzing social conditions and change in urban and rural areas across multiple regions, sectors and levels. It also entails analyzing regional development and value creation, planning and administration, democracy and welfare within and across local communities. A fundamental aspect of urban and regional research in Norway and internationally is the concern for sustainable development.

The production of practical knowledge requires commitment on the part of research institutions and researchers. NIBR is dedicated to producing research that is relevant and helps solve problems. It requires an ability to combine the resources of multiple disciplines and areas of knowledge. One example is the work NIBR did in 2005 to turn research on place making processes into a multidisciplinary endeavour. Here, several forms of knowledge and scientific approaches related to, for instance, business development, social and cultural aspects of place, demographics, physical environment and neighbourhood studies came together in integrated studies which improve our understanding of how places differ and

are useful when it comes to designing practical local development initiatives. (NIBR's research on place making processes is detailed on page 11 below, and at www.stedsforskning.no.) NIBR will be moving to facilitate interdisciplinary research in other areas as well in 2006.

Research for good practice also means taking the opinions of and users of our research on board. This is a vital concern to NIBR, and we do what we can to enable an open and constructive dialogue. Contract research has to deliver "what the customer wants" in the sense of providing answers to the questions raised by the commissioning parties. But for a contract institute to function optimally, customers need to make sure the questions they ask are framed in such as way as to be scientifically feasible and amenable to good research. Good research for good practice does not mean turning a blind eye to issues that are controversial or disputed. Avoiding difficult questions and not addressing controversial issues is not likely to help the customer either. In the modern world, where knowledge and applied research represent important instruments of government, research must be transparent and findings publicly available. These are important principles at NIBR.

One example of our approach to improving communication between projects and users is NIBR's *Academic Forum*. Meetings arranged by Academic Forum offer researchers, customers and interested users an opportunity to get together and discuss issues related to NIBR's research activity. Pooling resources like this lets the research community engage with policy makers in a constructive, open and often critical dialogue.



Director general Jon Naustdalslid

When NIBR installs itself in the new premises at CIENS at Gaustadbekkdalen close to the University of Oslo in October 2006, improved facilities will accelerate the creation and expansion of scientific venues and contact between researchers and users in a wider sense. NIBR is looking forward to the move and to making the best use possible of the scientific benefits arising from closer contact with other institutes and departments at the University of Oslo.

The Board looks back on 2005

The Board 2005

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The Research Council of Norway appoints the Board of NIBR on the basis of proposals from Ministry of the Environment (2 members); Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development (1 member); the Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (1 member) and the Research Council of Norway (1 member). Two members are elected by NIBR's staff. 2005 was a good year for NIBR scientifically and economically. The institute's financial result is very good, and academic activity has been generally high in each of the various groups. Work on strategy planning and the organization review completed in 2005 offer a good starting point for further efforts to develop the institute.

Housing research strengthened at NIBR

One item of particular importance in 2005 was the agreement between SINTEF Building and Infrastructure and NIBR to transfer the social science housing research group from SINTEF to NIBR. Following a constructive process the two institutes finalized the agreement in 2005 allowing the transfer to take place in spring 2006. Eight housing researchers will augment NIBR's academic staff. NIBR and SINTEF Building and Infrastructure also finalized an agreement on bilateral scientific cooperation. It will put NIBR at the forefront of housing research in Norway, strengthening NIBR's own expertise on issues related to housing conditions, housing policy, the workings of the housing market locally and nationally, housing and disadvantaged groups and how a neighbourhood's physical layout affects its social and cultural life. NIBR is committed to expanding research on housing and ensuring its smooth integration with the institute's competence in urban and regional research . more generally. In this sense, housing research will also enhance the entire academic environment at NIBR.

Organization review

In spring 2005 NIBR's board initiated a review of the institute's group and leadership structure aiming to improve scientific collaboration and achieving strategy goals in a coherent push involving all areas of the organization. Following a thorough examination, the board decided in autumn 2005 to adopt a revised research structure. The institute will be divided into four research departments each focusing on a leav area:

 Environmental planning, resource studies, urban and housing research, including studies related to natural resources, climate, land and transport planning and local community;

- Democracy, public policy and governance, including a particular focus on local democracy, local systems of governance, environment management and studies of social and welfare reforms:
- Socio-economic studies, including studies of regional development, welfare and living conditions, demography and economic development;
- International studies and studies of multicultural communities, focusing on social and economic change and restructuring in developing countries and countries in transition as well as research on multicultural communities and multicultural development in Norway.

The new structure came into force in January 2006. In 2006 we shall be concentrating on fine-tuning the new structure and enabling inter-departmental collaboration.

Scientific activity, customers and networks

Research at NIBR was divided among five research groups in 2005:

- · The regional research group
- The environmental planning research group
- The democracy and governance research group
- The welfare research group
- The environment and development research group.

Despite high levels of academic activity and a satisfactory inflow of new projects, the contract market remains aggressive, requiring a consistent effort and resource use to compete for projects. As in previous years, NIBR's project portfolio made up a mixture of shorter and longer term projects, applied contract projects and programmes under the Research Council of Norway. NIBR's international commitment expanded in 2005 to approx. 25 per cent of the overall activity at the institute.

Of the institute's total earnings from contract research in 2005 approximately NOK 13.2m or 25 per cent came from projects under the Research Council of Norway programmes. Earnings from government ministries and directorates amounted to NOK 19m, with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Norad (Norwegian Agency for Development and Cooperation) in the lead with projects for NOK 7.8m, followed by Ministry of the Environment (4.5m) and Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development (3.7m). Income from local authorities in Norway in 2005 amounted to 3.1m.

For many years, the grant NIBR receives from the state has changed little, amounting in 2005 to NOK 10.9m, that is, 19 per cent of NIBR's earnings overall. While the actual value of the grant has decreased, it remains a fundamental asset to basic scientific research, competence and network building and the strategic development of NIBR's research priorities. The board has been concerned for some time with the lack of movement in the government grant, but given recent signals in the Government's White Paper on research, and a cautious rise in our 2006 grant, the board anticipates a more positive outlook for NIBR, as for the rest of the non-university research sector.

NIBR is connected to numerous scientific networks and undertakes projects with other research centres. NIBR is a member of the Environmental Research Alliance of Norway, along with the Norwegian Institute for Water Research (NIVA), Norwegian Institute for Air Research (NILU). Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (NINA), Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research (NIKU), Centre for Soil and Environmental Research (Jordforsk) and Center for International Climate and Environmental Research -Oslo (CICERO). NIBR has been actively involved in helping to make the new Oslo Centre for Interdisciplinary Environmental and Social Research (CIENS) a reality. In addition to NIBR, the eight-party consortium behind the centre consists of NIVA. TØI, CICERO, Meteorological Institute, NILU, NINA and the Meteorology and Oceanography Section, Department of Geophysical Science, University of Oslo. The consortium has also developed a joint research programme entitled Strategies and Actions for Common Research



(SACRE). The board looks forward to NIBR moving into the new CIENS premises in October 2006.

The state grant also finances the strategic institute programmes (SIPs). Six such programmes were active in 2005:

- Regional and local community effects of and adaptation to climate change (ReSoClim)
- Sustainable development planning and management challenges
- Environmental impact assessments (joint programme with Environmental Alliance institutes)
- Watershed oriented management of large rivers (joint programme with Environmental Alliance institutes)
- Outdoor life is changing (joint programme with Environmental Alliance institutes)
- Cultural monuments, cultural environments and integrated coastal management (joint programme with Environmental Alliance institutes)

International activity

NIBR's international activities continued to grow in 2005. The institute is involved in several EU projects and is designated contact point for the EU Commission's regional research programme European Spatial Planning Observation Network (ESPON). In the course of 2005 the institute was also heavily involved in developing projects connected with Norway's EEA funds earmarked for collaboration with new EU member states. The board hopes these efforts will result in interesting projects and increased international cooperation in the years ahead. In association with our partner in China, China Institute for Reform and Development, NIBR in December 2005 organized a wide-ranging Nordic-Chinese conference in China on welfare reforms with particular reference to Nordic experiences. Outside Europe, NIBR runs projects in Asia, the Middle East and southern and eastern Africa. NIBR's international commitments in 2005 brought in earnings in excess of NOK 13.6m, or 25 per cent of the institute's total earnings.

Organization and staff

NIBR's staff performed 64.6 person/years in 2005. Of the person/year total, 53.5 person/years were performed by the scientific staff, and 11.8 by administrative staff. Percentage female scientific staff was 42.3 per cent, and 47.8 per cent of all staff. The leadership team comprised at year end 3 women and 5 men. 3 new members of staff were appointed while 4 left the institute.

NIBR has a staff with high levels of expertice and experience. More than seventy-five per cent satisfy Researcher II or I qualification criteria. At the turn of the year, 6 researchers were working on their PhD and 2 successfully defended their PhD. However, our government grant as it stands makes it difficult for the institute to satisfy its prioritization of PhD training.

Financial performance

NIBR's total turnover in 2005 was NOK 54.5m. A breakdown of operating revenue gives about NOK 43.6m from contracts and about 10.4m from the annual grant. About NOK 1.3m came from central government contracts; financial income was around NOK 0.3m, while publications and other sales brought in NOK 0.3m. The accounts show a profit for the year of NOK 2.9m.

Our improved economic performance in 2005 is due mainly to the favourable terms of the lease on our present accommodation while awaiting our move to the CIENS complex at Gaustadbekkdalen. But even with a going market rate for office space, NIBR would have realised a profit.

Prospects and challenges

2005 was a very good year for NIBR. Project acquisition was good despite the highly competitive market and significant resources required to renew our project portfolio. The board is confident that efforts to strengthen the institute and its research capacity will bear fruit in the not too distant future. By enhancing the institute's housing research competence, we are on course to make NIBR a centre in the housing research field nationally and internationally. The board is also looking forward to seeing the result of several years' work behind the new Oslo Centre for Interdisciplinary Environmental and Social Research (CIENS). It opens up a vista of new opportunities and possibilities for NIBR. It will encourage closer collaboration and contact with the other institutes based at the centre, and departments at the University of Oslo. CIENS is not only a new research establishment; it is a new interface between science and society. The move will require a determined and pro-active effort on NIBR's part to make the best of the opportunities created by CIENS.

The board has great expectations to the positive signals contained in the Government's White Paper on research to consolidate and expand the non-university research sector. But while the commitment laid out in the White Paper will benefit NIBR, the institute must seize the opportunity to pursue the possibilities for academic capacity building and strengthening of the institute.

Having said that, the board is confident in the institute's ability to meet these challenges, not least thanks to its dedicated, creative research staff and management team. These people are NIBR's most important asset. The board looks forward to a good dialogue with the institute in 2006 and would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the contribution from each and every member of staff at NIBR during 2005.

From left: Jon Naustdalslid, Jørgen Amdam, Halvor S. Karlsen, Marit Helgesen and Lars B. Kristofersen.

Not present: Anne Kathrine Slungård, Greta Billing and May-Britt Nordli.

Annual accounts 2005. Exerpts

All figures in NOK 1000

	2005	2004
Operating income		
Income from commisioned projects	41 426	44 871
Annual basic allocations	11 655	11 114
National tasks	1 230	980
Sale of publications	254	400
Other operating income	21	103
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Total operating income	54 585	57 469
Operating expenses		
Salary, wages and social security expenses	35 917	37 290
Expenses directly related to projects	9 819	11 293
Depreciation	735	1 624
Expenses relating to premises	1 846	5 347
Expenses relating to publications	683	737
Other operating expenses	2 885	2 545
Total operating expenses	51 886	58 835
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Operating profit	2 699	(1 367)
Profits financial items	235	243
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Formal competence

	2003		2004		2005	
Total number of staff	72		69		68	
Research staff	59		57		56	
Research / person / years	52.8		53.9		52.8	
Research staff, PhD qualifications	21	36%	20	35%	19	34%
Research staff, grade I	10	17%	10	18%	10	18%

Publications and other academic activities

	2003		2004		2005	
Articles in academic journals with referee / per researcher	11	0.19	19	0.33	14	0.25
Articles in other professional journals / per researcher	32	0.54	41	0.72	14	0.25
Books and anthologies	38		36		37	
Chronicles and reviews	8		15		29	
NIBR Reports	17		24		18	
NIBR Working Papers	25		34		39	
Papers prepared for academic conferences and seminars	67		39		58	

Revenues by source (all figures in NOK 1 000)

	2003		2004		2005	
Annual basic allocation from the Research Council of Norway (NFR)	6 611	13%	6 438	11%	6 383	12%
Strategic institute programs from NFR	3 373	6%	3 976	7%	4 572	8%
Research programs from NFR	15 322	29%	16 866	29%	13 264	24%
University and college collaboration	1 456	3%	1 991	3%	1 390	3%
Ministries and other government bodies	14 316	27%	18 910	33%	19 010	35%
Counties and municipalities	4 243	8%	3 433	6%	3 122	6%
International funding	5 301	10%	4 391	8%	5 778	11%
Private sources and other operating revenues	1 620	3%	1 462	3%	1 065	2%
Annual operating revenue	52 242		5 ,467		54 584	
Annual operating revenue, per person / year	989		1 066		1 034	
Annual basic allocation, per researcher	169		183		196	

Highlights of 2005

Women and development in Norwegian development cooperation

NIBR led the evaluation of a Ministry of Foreign Affairs programme Strategy for Women and Gender Equality in Development Cooperation, the emphasis of which lay on current and future institutionalization of gender equality and womenrelated issues within the Ministry and Norad. In addition country studies were carried out in Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Zambia.

Promoting women's issues and gender equality is a key element of Norwegian development cooperation historically, and Norway is known internationally for its efforts in the field. Facilitating women's issues and gender equality is vital to enabling women's rights and ensuring better development cooperation.

In 1997, two years after the 4th international conference on women and development at Beijing, Norway adopted a new strategy for the period 1997–2005. Like other nations', Norway's strategy is strongly committed to integrating women's issues in all development cooperation. To further this goal, projects and programmes are required to file progress reports, and to keep central authorities up to date on consultations with recipient nations.

The evaluation showed that women and equality remain a comparatively hidden issue. There was a lack of systematic work on the topic and the annual reports had not led to improved efforts in the field.

One of the many reasons for this is that the integration of women's issues in development cooperation has actually led to less, not greater visibility. While women and gender equality are highlighted issues, there are few strategies and tools available to translate this awareness into practical development aid. And too few resources are channelled into staffing, professional development, training and funding. The Norwegian resource base has not been used significantly. But above all, managers and political leaders have not demanded tangible progress, largely because other development agendas – such as the new forms of development aid – are considered more important and prestigious. Focus has been on macro economic issues such as budget support, debt relief and harmonizing development aid between donor and recipient countries. Work on the design of development cooperation has sidelined questions of substance.

The evaluation recommends certain steps to consolidate resources, status and organization of women advisers, and the creation of a women's network at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Norad. Political and civil leaders are urged to demand progress reports and to set up a special analytical fund to encourage creative and innovative thinking. It is essential that women's issues and gender equality are integrated with the new forms of development cooperation and macro economic issues. The evaluation urges a greater effort to promote women's rights, rights to land and participation in economic and political life, in connection with war and peace processes, reproductive health and equal access to education.

Value Creation 2010 - Regional innovation and value creation

Value Creation 2010 is a programme financed by the Research Council of Norway and Hedmark and Oppland county authorities. The Eastern Norway Research Institute and Hedmark University College join forces with NIBR, who is lead partner. The aim of the programme is to boost value creation in the inland economy by forging partnerships between businesses, company networks and wider alliances. Sub-projects are under way in

association with the light metals industry at Raufoss, wood processing industry at Glåmdalen, food processing industry in the Mjøs Lake district, tourist industry at Lom and Sjåk and the information security firm Bluelight.

The sub-project involving the light metals industry cluster at Raufoss/Toten in 2005 attracted much attention and activity. The project includes two development processes. First, Value Creation 2010 has led and documented strategy and restructuring processes among the cluster of firms known as the TotAL Group (Toten Aluminium). Begun as a voluntary initiative, TotAL became a formalized association in 2005. The group was formed in 1998, and has been a great success.

Value Creation 2010 also initiated a partnership feasibility study financed by a partnership of the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions and Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise called Common Initiative (Hovedorganisasjonenes Fellestiltak - HF) in association with Raufoss Technology and Industrial Management (RTIM) and the Raufoss branch of the Norwegian Union of Iron and Metalworkers. Works councils at 14 manufacturing companies reviewed the plans which were discussed at a November 2 conference by management and union representatives from the companies in question. As the feasibility study showed, these efforts succeeded in creating a platform for the process ahead at the expert centre NCE-Raufoss. In the event of the project going forward (to be decided in spring 2006), NCE and HF will work in close association with Value Creation 2010.

Value Creation 2010's sub-project at Raufoss was one of two important development projects presented at the programme's first annual conference, held in Oslo at the end of November 2005.

Developing research on place making processes at NIBR

Finding practical solutions to questions surrounding place making processes and urban and regional development has always been central to an applied research institute such as NIBR. As reality changes, different approaches are needed to address new needs. Today, places increasingly have to compete with one another at the regional, national and international levels to secure economic development, habitation and tourism. Rivalry makes place development a necessary adjunct to publicizing places in the best light. Place marketing is now a part of the job description of local and regional authorities.

NIBR's research on place making processes sees place development and economic development as two equally important sides of the same coin. Place attributes extend beyond the items commonly used in international city ranking contests; they are integral to the public's opinion of place and to the creation and re-creation of a place's image. Vital environmental

attributes add to this; a range of facts and impressions of a place's character and development contributes to form local place images, while reputation and image in the world beyond determine the magnetic force places exert on outsiders. The result of place making processes also depend on the interaction between the actors involved. NIBR's place research embraces these perspectives and makes a point of combining academic backgrounds and other assets on our research teams. We have six thematic modules which can be combined according to the needs of the project:

- Socio-cultural studies of place and place development
- · Place identity and image building
- · Process analyses of place development
- Habitation, migration and sense of belonging
- · Place and economic development
- Place as a physical environment

For a website presenting NIBR's activity in this area see www.stedsforskning.no.

Country Life

When the local shop and library closed down, the 300 residents took over and kept them going under new management. Hølen is the closest you're likely to get to a Danish village in Norway. (...)

Hølen was once a proper town, not to mention tax haven. Today Hølen embodies community spirit and local initiative. When the shop closed down in the mid-'90s, the 300 hundred villagers bought a piece each and kept it going. When the library announced imminent closure, they took over the assets, created a trust and opened a book café. They have even had their postmark listed as a historically valuable artefact. (...)

- We don't have a tradition of village life in Norway, but Hølen is physically circumscribed and is not growing outwards, says Guri Mette Vestby, a researcher at NIBR. In her opinion this explains why people live so closely together and share civic duties like running a shop, café and school.
- Getting their postmark listed symbolically underpinned that sense of community life, the feeling that 'we belong together'. Hølen is quite unique with its urban amenities and only 300 residents, says Vestby.

It's about local spirit, a mixture of architecture and nature. Pretty houses help, running water helps. But that community feeling, the ambience of mutual care, that's the decisive quality. I don't think we're going to find such places anymore. People are moving to the cities and surrounding areas.

Strategic institute programmes

NIBR's Strategic institute programmes, whose purpose is set out in NIBR's strategic plan, play a central role in NIBR's human resource development efforts and in promoting NIBR's international orientation. The programmes cover theoretical and empirical research and the interpretation and publication of findings. By supporting PhD projects - generally in connection with quite comprehensive projects - the Strategic programmes also encourage competencebuilding at the individual level. Reinforcing relations with other institutes and networkbuilding nationally and internationally are also priority areas. The annual basic allocation funds the programmes.

Sustainable development – planning and management challenges

Concluded in 2005, this programme aimed at expanding and developing research competence at a high level internationally on sustainable development and knowledge required for the design and implementation of public policies, analysis of policy effects, public debates and general awareness of sustainable development. Here, professions, academic disciplines and institutions need to come together to meet the challenges. In line with NIBR's strategic plan, the programme activated the resources of several disciplines.

The programme helped elaborate certain issue areas for future commitments. Four such issue areas on which the future organization of research at NIBR might be based are:

- · Multidisciplinary place studies
- Sustainable local and regional development
- Housing quality and sustainability in a changing regulatory environment
- A critical approach to transport planning and policy making

Results have been published in national and international journals, in reports and

working papers published by NIBR and papers presented at conferences. Research director Arvid Strand led the programme.

Regional and local community effects of and adaptive responses to climate change

The UN Climate Panel have published wide-ranging and powerful evidence to support the claim that human activity is the most important cause of global warming over the past fifty years. There is no doubt at all that the lengthy half-life of climate gasses and the slow reaction of the climatic system to mounting concentrations will spawn extremely long-term consequences. Even if emissions were stabilized at current levels, policies and measures that help society to *adapt* to the consequences of climate change require reliable knowledge now.

Climate research in Norway and globally has focused on the physics of climate change. Despite the many unsolved issues still in need of answers in this type of research, it is increasingly clear that the social sciences are lagging behind. Climate change will present society and people with new and largely unknown challenges. We need to understand how climate change will affect society and, not least, what action society can take in response to these processes of change.

This particular Strategic institute programme aims primarily at developing internationally competitive expertise on research into the regional and local social impact of climate change and adaptive action taken regionally and locally in response to that impact. Climate change will present many different challenges and require different forms of response from different types of regions and local communities. Existing and newly established institutions will need to respond to the new challenges of climate change. Success

depends on good analytical models and instruments for effect studies and studies of society's response to climate change. In compliance with the conditions attached to the funding of the Strategic institute programme, NIBR will conduct a coherent, interdisciplinary pilot study in one region in preparation for subsequent area studies in several Norwegian regions. The area studies will address issues and themes including:

- 1. Development of indicators to quantify climate effects to the extent possible.
- Development of regional economic models which can link indicators of socio-economic development, climatic conditions and sustainable development.
- Studies of the response of economic actors and individuals to climate change, including issues concerning the distributive aspects of climate concerns.
- Studies of institutions in relation to climate change and what it necessitates in the way of political and administrative governance.

Other studies will include the regional dimension of Norwegian climate policy enactment and adherence to international climate treaties.

Researcher Geir Orderud chairs the programme.

Joint Environmental Research Alliance institute programmes

NIBR was lead partner of the joint Environmental Research Alliance institute programme on *Environmental impact assessments*. The programme came to an end in 2005. Under the programme's auspices, members of the Environmental Research Alliance worked side by side generating knowledge and pursuing studies related to impact assessments. Studies of impact assessments in practice deepened our knowledge and understanding of the Norwegian impact assessment system, its weaknesses and challenges.

One is also more conscious of the interdisciplinary context required to appraise component reports and issues in connection with practical impact assessment work.

A great deal of work went into criteria development and evaluation system development as a means of controlling impact assessment standards. The goal here is to facilitate participation in the assessment process of implicated parties and improve the quality of impact assessments in practice.

The findings of the programme are published in national and international journals and papers presented at conferences. A special NIBR publication presenting major findings is under way.

Research director Arne Tesli was programme coordinator.

The programme Watershed oriented management of large rivers is a collaborative undertaking with NINA, NIVA and Jordforsk. NINA acts as coordinator. The aim of the programme is to improve and develop the knowledge base for a watershed based management of water courses in Norway. The knowledge acquired will help us design an eco-system-based management regime based on the principles of sustainable development.

Researcher Sissel Hovik represents NIBR on the programme's steering group.

NIBR is working together with the Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (NINA) and Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage (NIKU) on studies under the institute programme **Outdoor life** is changing. NINA coordinates the programme. NIBR is investigating how outdoor recreation areas are managed, and also studies ethnic minorities and outdoor recreation. A report will be published on

the state of current knowledge on recreation area management in Norway's biggest cities

The programme will also be investigating recreation area management along the coast, in cities and in green areas close to cities. Another study will look at recreation patterns along the river Alna in Oslo.

Researcher Eva Irene Falleth represents NIBR on the programme's steering group

NIBR, NINA and NIKU are working on another programme too: Cultural monuments, cultural environments and integrated coastal management. NIKU is responsible for coordinating this research. The programme aims at upgrading information on our cultural legacy and cultural environments along the coast. At present what information we have is fragmented and lacking. Nor is it optimally organised, complicating planning work and decision making. We intend to draw on local knowledge and opinions.

Researcher Ragnhild Skogheim represents NIBR on the programme's steering group.

Models and databases on regional economic models

NIBR receives a strategic grant from the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development in order to maintain and improve skills in the use of regional economic models and databases in applied regional development research. High standards and relevance of research require a capacity to analyse large amounts of data and longer-term development trajectories, i.e. a working technical infrastructure. NIBR has spent several years developing models and databases used in research on business development and innovation, demography and labour market, business and centre development and environmental impact analysis. The array of tools is used in geographical

analysis at different levels, and in a partnership with Statistics Norway.

The programme includes model and database development as well.

Internal migration records compiled by Statistics Norway are used to expand competence on migration and residential patterns in Norway and to analyse how different places use different social variables to define migration currents and migrating groups.

PANDA is a planning and analysis model for business and industry, demography and labour market. It is used to describe regional development and as an aid in environmental impact assessment and ripple effect analysis.

REGION is a macro-economic model for regional analysis and is used to make projections about developments in relation to commerce, jobs, private consumption and other key economic units of regional economy based on the national planning models Modag and MSG

The Register of Business Enterprises contains information on all companies and firms in the private and public sector in Norway, and is used in analysis of regional and commercial development.

Database on centre and enterprise development is used to identify opportunities for growth and change locally for business and services, and is an essential source of information for county planners.

Geographical Information Systems (GIS) are used in regional analysis and cartography nationally and internationally.

International activity

NIBR is in contact with a wide range of scientific communities and institutes abroad. NIBR's international engagement has increased significantly in recent years, particularly in the areas of environmental, governmental, developmental and regional research. The institute is currently involved in a number of joint projects and several scientific/professional networks, among them European Co-operation in the Field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST), European Urban Research Association (EURA), OECD and Joint Nordic Commission on Housing and Urban Research (NSBB).

NIBR's partnership with Norad, dating from 1994, remains a key component of international research at the institute. 2005 saw the old agreement replaced by a new, three-year agreement, under which projects in Vietnam, Tanzania, Malawi and Sri Lanka feature strongly. NIBR is also managing four Norad-funded projects outside the agreement. They are:

- Joint project with Hanoi University of Education
- Evaluation of the development project "Women can do it"
- Evaluation of Norad's "Strategy for Women and Gender"
- "Business Experience Exchange Programme" (BEEP), a programme in association with universities in Malawi, Uganda and Zambia

NIBR is affiliated to the European Spatial Planning Observation Network – ESPON – alongside scientific communities in twentynine other countries. An Interreg III programme, it seeks to promote inter-regional collaboration within the EU. The funding partner is the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). NIBR is ESPON's Norwegian contact point, which also entails coordinating work nationally and liaising between ESPON and national knowledge and user communities.

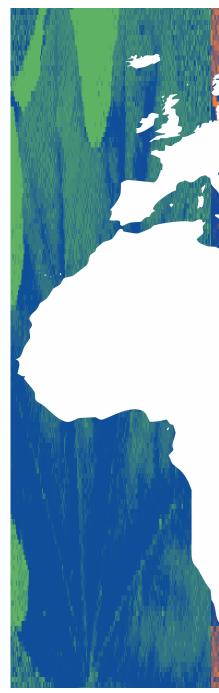
NIBR is party to a three-year agreement under which the institute provides analytical, planning and evaluation services to the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth (NUTEK).

Research staff at NIBR hold offices in a number of key international organizations, including Regional Science Association (RSA), UNESCO and EURA.

NIBR's partners are based in each of the Nordic states and several European states as well. Through its involvement in development research and research partnerships with countries in Eastern and Central Europe, NIBR has developed institutional and research partnerships with a range of universities and research institutes in Asia, Africa and Eastern and Central Europe.

In addition to projects under Norway's development cooperation, NIBR conducts international projects funded by Norway's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of the Environment and Ministry of Children and Equality. NIBR is engaged in projects under the Research Council of Norway's Balkan programme and projects in China under the bilateral research partnership programme. One key event of 2005 was the conference on economics and social policy in China and the Nordics. The conference, hosted by NIBR and China Institute for Reform and Development (CIRD), took place at Haikou.

NIBR finalized in 2005 its commitments under the 5th EU framework programme Euroharp. We participated in three Interreg evaluations, two under the framework agreement with NUTEK and one under a commission from Nordic Council of Ministers. NIBR participated in two ESPON projects in 2005: 1) Territorial Impacts of European Fisheries Policy, where NIBR was lead partner, and 2) as subcontractor to Bundesamt für Bauwesen



und Raumordnung, Bonn in connection with the project Integrated Analysis of Transnational and National Territories.

Since 1991 NIBR has been involved in the development of OECD's territorial databases. The international Volvo Foundation funded a joint project



managed by NIBR in association with a Chinese university to study "Residental location and travel in a large Chinese city". and joint projects with Nordic R&D communities such as Nordregio and NordForsk.

In the Nordic sphere, NIBR is party to projects under the Nordic Council of Ministers (child welfare and social policy projects in Russia and the Baltic states) NIBR has also been working with Saudi-Arabia on a Demographic Development Study in Riyadh.

Information and dissemination

NIBR has a responsibility to provide information for the public, and our researchers participate actively in debates of relevance to the Institute's activities. The institute attempts to maintain a balance between publications aimed at the general public, clients, the media and users, and that intended for the national and international scientific communities.

NIBR's resource department is in charge of information and the institute library.

Reports, articles and other literature

The findings of most research projects are generally reported in one of NIBR's own publications. In 2005, NIBR published 18 reports and 38 working papers. The working papers are published on the web only, and can be accessed at our website. All reports include English and Norwegian summaries. Informative leaflets are distributed in connection with the publications.

A considerable amount of literature from NIBR was published by others. Scientific peer-review journals printed 14 articles, and other journals 14 articles by NIBR's scientific staff. In addition NIBR researchers either wrote or edited 13 books and other project reports and provided 24 contributions to anthologies, compendia and article collections. NIBR researchers published 29 feature articles or reviews in journals or newspapers.

Every year NIBR prepares an overview of published literature, ordered by subject matter. These lists can be accessed at our website at www.nibr.no; follow the "publications" link. It may also be ordered in print from NIBR



Regional trends

NIBR's *Regional trends* is a periodical focusing on a wide range of issues of regional research interest. The contributions derive from commissioned and self-financed projects. One edition of *Regional trends* was published in 2005. The Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development supports the issues financially. Annual subscriptions (two numbers) cost NOK 150 and can be ordered at NIBR. Separate editions are also available.





Conferences

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Conferences, national and international, are hubs of information exchange. NIBR's researchers delivered 58 papers at national and international conferences, and in addition took part in 95 national and international conferences.

NIBR also arranges conferences and seminars, the most important in 2005 being the wide-ranging Nordic-Chinese conference in China on welfare reforms with particular reference to Nordic experiences. This conference was organized in association with our partner in China, China Institute for Reform and Development.

Public arrangements

Academic Forum is a series of public meetings on issues of current interest related to research at NIBR.

In 2005, NIBR arranged seven Academic Forum meetings, the subjects of which were:

- · Impact study of Norwegian NGOs in action - FORUT activities in Sri Lanka and Save the Children activities in
- Big and Strong or...? While municipalities resist mergers, county council chairmen want to merge counties
- · Difficult choices kroner to add and subtract
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- User consultation and mental health

NIBR's library

NIBR's library houses an abundance of titles - 24,000 at the latest count - within each of the disciplines represented at the institute. The library subscribes to about 180 journals and 12 newspapers.

An important part of the library's information and reference service involves searches or search assistance in bibliographic and other databases on the Internet. The library is party to Norwegian Archive, Library and Museum Authority's syndicate agreements on access to ISI's citation databases Science Citation Index Expanded, Social Science Citation Index, Arts & Humanities Citation Index and finally the whole-text base Atekst for Norwegian newspapers.

In addition to the literature the library loans out, we arrange for copies of articles to be made, mainly for NIBR staff, though from time to time for other users too. Many of this latter group is college and university students for whom our collections at NIBR provide valuable source material.

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