

Work report for the period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001

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1) Introduction and summary

During the past year, 2001, we have built the organisation of SASNET and the Internet gateway, on which most of the main activities of SASNET are presented and documented. The work follows the original plan sent to Sida in September 1999, and the further plan developed after the October 2000 conference in Lund (see <http://www.sasnet.lu.se/ourplan.html>, and <http://sasnet.soc.lu.se/con/index.html>). After the board meeting on 29 August 2001, the work has followed the priorities set by the board (see below).

During this initial year of SASNET proper, the work has been concentrated on:

- building up and reinforcing the SASNET organisation and its root node at Lund
- issuing directions for SASNET and organising the first board meeting (August 29)
- initiating, stimulating and supporting new programmes and projects in research and education focused on South Asia, by distributing planning grants
- building a powerful Internet gateway with a dual function, presenting information about Swedish South Asia research and education, but also serving the researchers and students with links to important sources of information, and information about studies in South Asia and in Sweden
- networking with researchers and institutions in Sweden, the Nordic countries, Great Britain, the Netherlands, and Germany
- contacts with media and school to a certain extent
- establishing Øresund Network for South Asian Studies, ØRSA

Our expenses have more or less been according to the budget approved by the board on 29 August 2001. The surplus to be used during 2002 is approximately SEK 350 000. See Appendix III: Balance sheet for 2001.

2) Organisation

We have established an office at Lund University's International Office.

Working group

In the spring of 2001, the work was directed by the same working group, which stood behind the original application to Sida. This group consisted of Staffan Lindberg, Olle Qvarnström, Rajni Hatti Kaul, Shisher Kumra, Jan Magnusson, and Boel Billgren. Alia Ahmad joined the working group during the spring. It held four meetings between February and April (Minutes from these meetings are available at the SASNET office).

Driving force

Staffan Lindberg worked as acting co-ordinator on a part time basis, 50 %, up to the end of September, and was then appointed by the Vice-Chancellor (after suggestion from the board) as director and co-ordinator from 1 October 2001 to 31 December 2003 (part time, 50 %).

Lars Eklund worked part time, 50 %, as acting webmaster during the period 22 January to 31 August. From 1 September to 31 December he was engaged full time as acting webmaster/programme secretary. After a suggestion by the board he was then appointed webmaster/programme secretary from 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2003 (part time 50 %).

Lisbeth Andersson worked part time as acting programme secretary during the period 1 January to 31 August and was the main organiser of the workshop on Global networking in August. She also collected the data for the individual register of Swedish researchers, which is now available on the gateway.

Boel Billgren at the International Office has co-ordinated the organisational efforts on behalf of SASNET. Birgitta Hansson, Mats Roxendahl, and Birgitta Devlin, also at the International Office, have assisted SASNET with their services of administration, data operations, and language editing.

Gateway

We initiated the construction of an Internet **Gateway for South Asian Studies**. The journalist and editor of the magazine *Sydasien*, Mr. Lars Eklund, was employed to do this work during a period of 6 months on a part time basis. The gateway has its base in Swedish and Nordic experiences of South Asian Studies (researchers, research projects and programmes, institutions, courses and institutions involved in that, etc.) and then extends into South Asia and globally. In connection with this work, Jan Magnusson suggested principles for SASNET's third task (information to the public), which were discussed and accepted by the working group on 9 February 2001 (available from SASNET's office on request). Lars Eklund, assisted by a working committee consisting of Staffan Lindberg and Jan Magnusson, constructed the gateway. After 1 September Lars Eklund, assisted by Staffan Lindberg, has continued to develop and improve the gateway. For a full report see Appendix II: Gateway Report by Lars Eklund.

Interim reference group

Until the board had been fully established by the middle of 2001, our work was, since late November 2000, monitored by a reference group consisting of Tomas Kjellqvist and Jan Essner (Sida), Gunnar Jacks (Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm), Bo S Lindblad (ICHAR, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm), Gunilla Gren-

Eklund (Dept. of Indology, Uppsala University), Hans Blomkvist (Dept. of Government, Uppsala University), Björn Hettne and Bent Jörgensen (PADRIGU, Göteborg University), Kjell Härenstam (Dept. of Religion, Karlstad University), and Pamela G. Price (Dept. of History, Oslo University).

Directions and board

The Vice-Chancellor of Lund University officially established SASNET by issuing **Directions and taking decision on the composition of its board** from 1 July 2001 to 31 December 2003. To read the Directions, see

<http://www.sasnet.lu.se/directions.html>,

and for the composition of the board, see <http://www.sasnet.lu.se/organisation.html>

SASNET's board

had its first meeting on 29 August, during which several matters of importance for SASNET's future plans were discussed. The board decided that SASNET shall give priority to three areas, namely: • Interdisciplinary networking; • Interaction with the media and the schools; and finally • Promoting education on South Asia, including PhD studies. The verified minutes are available as a pdf-file:

<http://www.sasnet.lu.se/board.pdf>

3) Networking Activities

Planning Grants 2001

We announced planning grants for 2001 (deadline for application: 15 March. The idea was to launch some research programmes by providing them with money for networking in the planning. On 27 April, the reference group consisting of Mr. Tomas Kjellqvist (Sida-SAREC), Prof. Pamela Price (Department of History, Oslo), Dr. Neil Webster (Centre for Development Research, Copenhagen), and Dr. Malin Åkerblom (International Science Programme, Uppsala) decided to approve of grants to the following persons and programmes:

Planning grants for research programmes

Jan Lundqvist/Julie Wilks, Department of Water and Environmental Studies, Linköping University: "Triple Integration. Targeting poverty with water and social programmes."

Bo Mattiasson, Biotechnology, Lund University: "Environmental Remediation and Sustainable Development."

Planning grants for education programmes

K. Hanumantha Rao, Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering, Mineral Processing, Luleå University of Technology: "International Master of Science Program in Natural Resources Engineering."

Gunilla Gren-Eklund, Asian and African Languages, Uppsala University: "Planning of meetings and courses for students at the Nordic Centre in New Delhi."

Travel grants for research programmes

Eva Hellman, History of Religions, Uppsala University: "Gender and religious activism in South Asia: A study of Christian, Hindu and Muslim women's organisations".

Bo S. Lindblad, Karolinska Institutet Medical University, Stockholm: "Pregnancy and Infancy in South Asia."

Travel grant for bridging the gap between the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and technology:

Eva Myrdal-Runebjer, Museion, Göteborg University: "Exploring the state of the art of the South Asian societal/nature interface through time."

Workshop on global networking in South Asian studies

The working group for the workshop consisted of Lisbeth Andersson, Jan Magnusson, and Staffan Lindberg from SASNET's working group, and Catarina Kinnvall from the Dept. of Political Science at Lund University. **Workshop on Global Networking** 27-28 August, 2001, with a lot of prominent guests discussing the future for SASNET. For full documentation, see <http://www.sasnet.lu.se/workshop.html>

Courses and institution building

We have, during the year started a one-year academic undergraduate course on India/South Asia at Österlen's Folk High School (counted as 20 credits). The teachers come from sociology, human ecology, and anthropology. Twenty-five students have enrolled and are currently on their way to fieldwork in South Asia in the spring semester (see <http://www.osterlen.fhsk.se/sydasiens/index.htm>).

We have also helped teachers and PhD students to organise a section for Indic studies at the Department of History of Religions at Lund University.

Distribution list

We have made a distribution list for SASNET SWEDEN, which at present contains about 400 e-mail addresses and is continuously being updated.

Newsletters

We distribute newsletters and update the gateway continuously.

Dates for the Publication of our newsletters were:

- Newsletter 1. January, 30, 2001
- Newsletter 2. February, 1, 2001
- Newsletter 3. March, 1, 2001
- Newsletter 4. April, 4, 2001
- Newsletter 5. May, 9, 2001
- Newsletter 6. June 12, 2001
- Newsletter 7. July, 18, 2001
- Newsletter 8. August, 22, 2001
- Newsletter 9. September 12, 2001
- Newsletter 10. October, 23, 2001

- Newsletter 11. December, 5, 2001
- * Newsletter 12, January, 8, 2002

All the newsletters can be found on the following site:

<http://www.sasnet.lu.se/sasnetf.html>. They represent a detailed archive of all major activities in SASNET during the year with links to documents and homepages.

Meetings with researchers and teachers

During the year we have interacted with a large number of researchers, teachers and students via exchange of e-mails. We have also met several partners, which are documented in *Appendix I: Main activities organised by SASNET staff 2001*.

Media

After 11 September, we have published a special homepage on the gateway, under News & Info, with articles on and links to "Important analyses of the war on terrorism in Afghanistan and its implications for South Asia", see <http://www.sasnet.lu.se/kriget.html>.

Contact journeys

We have made contact journeys to Göteborg, Uppsala, Bergen, Stockholm, Linköping, Brussels, and to Chennai, Tiruchirapalli, Thiruvananthapuram in South India. For more details see *Appendix I: Main activities organised by SASNET staff 2001*.

Root node public activities

We have organised lectures, seminars, and concerts in Lund. For a full list see *Appendix I: Main activities organised by SASNET staff 2001*.

Other activities

For a detailed list of all other major activities within SASNET, see *Appendix I: Main activities organised by SASNET staff 2001*.

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1) Meetings organised by Staffan Lindberg (SL), Lars Eklund (LE), and Lisbeth Andersson

For public meetings organised during the autumn of 2001, see the presentation on our website: <http://www.sasnet.lu.se/lundactiv.html>

26 January: Inauguration of SASNET's office room at the International Office

The **working group for the Internet gateway** has met regularly during the Spring of 2001 (Jan Magnusson, Mattias Lindberg, LE and SL)

The working group **planning the Workshop on global networking** in South Asian studies has met regularly during the spring and summer of 2001 (Lisbeth Andersson, Catarina Kinnvall, Jan Magnusson, LE and SL)

During the spring, several meetings took place to **discuss the Directions for SASNET and the Board members** (SL, Boel Billgren, Margit Anderberg, and later on Hans Modig)

30 January: Publication of our first **newsletter**

1 February: Meeting with Lennart Badersten, FOV about possible co-operation in distance education with Sri Lanka and South Asia

2 February: Guest Lecture by Professor R K Jain, Centre for American and West-European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi: "India in a Globalising World - especially its relation to the European Union". Arranged in co-operation with Allmänna Seminariet i Sociologi and the Development Study Seminar at the same department. Seminar with members of SASNET's network in Lund. Arranging of meetings with representatives of the Centre for European Studies at Lund University

8 February: Guest Lecture by Professor S. Uma Devi, University of Kerala, India, on "Systems of Knowledge and Development Ethics". Arranged in co-operation with the Development Studies Seminar at the Department of Sociology and the Department of History

9 February: Meeting of SASNET's working group

12 February: Meeting with Lennart Badersten, FOV, about the construction of the Internet Gateway

14 February: Meeting with Prof. Bo Lindblad, Karolinska institutet, Stockholm

16 February: Meeting of the working group to discuss suitable names for SASNET's board

7 March: Meeting to plan an Öresund Masters in South Asian studies, several smaller meetings have taken place during 2001

9 March: Meeting of the working group to discuss the agenda for the 27 April meeting

25 April: Meeting between representatives of Lund, Copenhagen and Roskilde Universities, concerning the development of Ørsa – Øresund Network of South Asian Studies. We also organised a Cultural programme with Indian cooking and a classical vocal concert with Prof Laksmisree Banerjee from Jamshedpur, India (but during the Spring 2001 guest professor at the Faculty of Humanities, department of literature, Växjö University). Her well-attended musical programme was named: "Melodies of Soul & Sense"

27 April: Meeting of SASNET's working group supplemented with Mr. Tomas Kjellqvist (Sida-SAREC) and Prof. Pamela Price (Department of History, Oslo)

27 April: Meeting with the reference group for Planning grants, consisting of Mr. Tomas Kjellqvist (Sida-SAREC), Prof. Pamela Price (Department of History, Oslo), Dr. Neil Webster (Centre for Development Research, Copenhagen), and Dr. Malin Åkerblom (International Science Programme, Uppsala)

7 June: The Vice-Chancellor of Lund University officially establishes SASNET by issuing **Directions and taking decision on the composition of its board** from 1 July 2001 to 31 December 2003. To read the Directions, see

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27 – 28 August: Workshop on Global Networking 27-28 August, 2001, with a lot of prominent guests discussing the future for SASNET. For full documentation, see <http://www.sasnet.lu.se/workshop.html>

29 August: SASNET's Board has its first meeting on 29 August, during which several matters of importance for SASNET's future plans were discussed. The board decided that SASNET shall give priority to three areas, namely: • Interdisciplinary networking; • Interaction with the media and the schools; and finally • Promoting education on South Asia, including PhD studies. The verified minutes are available as a pdf-file: <http://www.sasnet.lu.se/board.pdf>

10-11 September: SASNET was very actively involved in organising the Symposium and workshop on: "Managing Common Resources – What is the solution?", which took place 10-11 September, 2001, at Lund University. The symposium was jointly organised by the Programme on Population and Development (PROP), Department of Sociology, and Department of Economics. Key speakers were Prof. Elinor Ostrom (photo), Arthur F. Bentley Professor of Government, Indiana University, Bloomington, USA, and Prof. Jean-Philippe Platteau, Department of Economics, University of Namur, Belgium. For a presentation of the research papers at the symposium, see <http://www.sasnet.lu.se/manressymp.html>

15 September: Announcement of Planning Grants 2001/02. Last date for applications to the second round of SASNET planning and networking grants was November 15, 2001. Five applications were received; four concerning research projects, and one concerning an education programme. Decisions on the allocation of grants will be made by a reference group, consisting of Prof Pamela Price (Department of History, Oslo), Dr Neil Webster (Centre for Development Research, Copenhagen), and Dr Malin Åkerblom (International Science Programme, Uppsala). The decisions will be made on 24 January, 2002

27 September: Dr J B Prajapati, Associate Professor in Dairy Microbiology at Gujarat Agricultural University, India, gave a SASNET seminar on 27 September 2001 at Lund University, on "Probiotics, Fermented Foods and their Beneficial Role", dealing with dahi, idlis and dosas. The seminar took place at the Center for Chemistry & Chemical Engineering in Lund

1-5 October: Dr Sudhir Kakar, internationally renowned psychoanalyst and writer, based in Delhi, India (Center for the Study of Developing Societies), but presently visiting scholar at the Center for the Study of World Religions (CSWR) at Harvard Divinity school, USA, (where he studies the mythology of spiritual healing in the Christian, Sufi, and Hindu traditions) visited Lund 1–5 October, for a Symposium on "Mysticism and Psychology", at the Division of Psychology of Religion. On 1 October he gave a SASNET public lecture on "Globalisation and Hindu Nationalism", at the Dept of Theology

24 October: Dr Suman Khanna Aggarwal, Peace Researcher, expert on the Theories of Mahatma Gandhi, and professor of philosophy at Delhi University, held a SASNET lecture on Wednesday 24 October, on the subject "Terrorism – a Gandhian Perspective". Venue: Conference room, International Secretariat, Gamla Kirurgen. Dr Aggarwal has worked with Gandhian philosophy and theories for a long time. She was on a Swedish tour, where she also conducted a workshop at Padrigu, Göteborg University

29 October, 2001, SASNET arranged a concert with classical North Indian music, at Magasinet (above the bookshop Arken), Kungsgatan, Lund. The renowned vocalist Sandipan Samajpati from Kolkata, who was on a European tour (Germany, Switzerland, Denmark and England) presented a programme along with the accompanying tablaist Amit Chatterjee. The concert was co-arranged by the local singing choir Svart på Vitt and was part of the Lund Music Festival 2001

9 November: The SASNET root node in Lund arranged the first in a series of Open House seminars. SASNET co-ordinator Staffan Lindberg, who recently returned from sociological fieldwork in Zanzibar, reported about how the war on terror in Afghanistan is interpreted in Tanzania, and also presented his assessment of the political implications for South Asia

Next SASNET Open House seminar will be held at Lund University on Monday 4 February 2002, 14.00–16.00, with Mr Shahid A Kamal, Pakistan ambassador to Sweden, as invited guest. Mr Kamal will lead a seminar on "Possible themes for

Pakistan–Sweden co-operation in the fields of research and education”, at the Dept of Sociology. An introduction about higher education and research in Sweden that might be of relevance to future research co-operation, will be held by SASNET director Staffan Lindberg. A public lecture by Mr Shahid A Kamal, on ”The conflict in Afghanistan, and the Pakistan–India relations”, is arranged in Lund the same day (Monday 4 February), in collaboration with the Lund Association of Foreign Affairs. The lecture starts at 19.30. Venue: Edens hörsal, Statsvetenskapliga institutionen, Paradisgatan 5

19 November: First meeting to plan the Symposium for PhD students 2002. Members of the planning group: Malin Arvidson, Martin Gansten, Kristina Myrvold, Katarina Plank, LE och SL. Second meeting took place 18 December, and a third meeting will be on 5 February 2002

2) Staffan Lindberg’s special activities

2 February: Planning meeting with the teachers for the India/South Asia course at Österlen’s Folk High School. Later on during the Spring several meetings to plan the course, which was started in August 2001 with 25 participants

7 February: Meeting with South Asia researchers and teachers at Göteborg University. Some persons from Karlstad University also participated. Presentation of SASNET and South Asia Research at Göteborg and Karlstad. Discussion of Göteborg’s plan for a workshop programme in South Asia during 2002

16 March: Meeting with staff at the Department of History of Religions to discuss the establishment of a section for Indic studies at the department. Several later meetings with staff and faculty people have led to the establishment of such a section. Special courses will start spring 2002

20 April: Staffan Lindberg and Shisher Kumra from SASNET’s working group participated in the First General Assembly of The Nordic Consortium for a Nordic Centre in India, Copenhagen, April 20, 2001

31 May: SL gave a lecture at the International Development Studies Seminar, Roskilde University

21 August: Start of the India/South Asia undergraduate 20 credit course at Österlen’s Folk High School at Tomelilla. SL serves as the overall course leader. See <http://www.osterlen.fhsk.se/sydasiens/index.htm>

15 – 16 October: Participation in the EU–India Think Tank Seminar, which took place in Brussels, Belgium, with representatives from a large number of Universities and Research institutions in Europe and India. The second Swedish representative at the seminar was Dr Hanumantha Rao, Dept of Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering, Luleå University of Technology. See <http://www.sasnet.lu.se/euindia.html> and http://europa.eu.int/comm/external_relations/india/news/think.htm

23 October: Guest lecture on Indian Development Strategies since Independence at Österlen's Folk High School

6 November at Linköping: Meeting Jan Lundqvist and Julie Wilks, Department of Water and Environmental Studies, Linköping University about their SASNET supported programme: "Triple Integration. Targeting poverty with water and social programmes"

20 – 22 November: Meetings to discuss the work with SASNET with several persons in Stockholm:

- *Jon Sigurdsson, Handelshögskolan, SSAAPS, Swedish School of Advanced Asia Pacific Studies:* We agreed on continued interaction to see if there is a possibility to extend the graduate programme to South Asia
- *Anders Mellbourn, The Swedish Institute of International Affairs:* General information about SASNET
- *Bo Lindblad, Karolinska Institutet:* Discussion of the planning of the SASNET supported research programme: "Pregnancy and Infancy in South Asia."
- *Tomas Kjellqvist (head of division), Ramses Amer and Katarina Mählk, Sida – SAREC:* Organisation and financing of SASNET. SASNET must apply for funding for the period 2003 – 2005 to SAREC in April 2002
- *Jan Bjerninger (head) and Jan Essner (deputy head), Sida, Asia Division:* Organisation and financing of SASNET
- *Shahid A. Kamal, Ambassador of Pakistan:* General information about SASNET
- *Kerstin Pehrsson, the Swedish Institute (see below)*
- *Börje Ljunggren (head), Anna Lindstedt (deputy head) and Gautam Bhattacharyya, Asia Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs:* Organisation and financing of SASNET
- *Chitra Narayanan, Ambassador of India:* Organisation and financing of SASNET
- *Christer Norström and Eva-Maria Hardtmann, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University:* Symposium for PhD students 2002

21 November: On 21 November, Kerstin Pehrsson from the Swedish Institute, Jan Essner from Sida, and Staffan Lindberg from SASNET met and discussed the possibility of applying for travel grants to the Swedish Institute for South Asia researchers. The following agreement was reached: Those programme leaders who have received networking grants from SASNET can apply to the Swedish Institute for supplementary travel grants, firstly aiming at inviting scholars from South Asia to meetings in Sweden. The meeting can be about planning research and/or education programmes. Applications should be sent to Kerstin Pehrsson at the Institute

24 November in Göteborg: Lecture at a seminar on Development Strategies in India and China organised by Folkuniversitet, Göteborg University

26 – 29 November: Evaluation work at the Centre for Development Research, Copenhagen: Information about SASNET to several researchers there

4 – 17 December: Contact journey to South India, visits to Chennai, Tiruchirapalli, and Thiruvananthapuram:¹

- 6 December: Meeting with *Mr. Lawrence Surendra, National Law School, Bangalore, and Dr. Gunnel Cederlöf, Uppsala*, about their proposed undergraduate course at Dalarna University College with field studies in South India
- 6 December: **Seminar about SASNET** at *Madras Institute of Development* with an audience of about 35 persons. Meetings with Prof. C.T. Kurien, Dr. Ananta Kumar Giri, Dr. Kripa Ananth Pur, and other scholars
- 6 December: Meeting with *Prof. V. Sudarsen (head) and prof. M.A. Kalam, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Madras*: Possibilities to co-operate in research and in graduate courses, field studies, etc. Christer Norström and Björn Alm already have co-operation with this department, which could be extended in the future.
- 7 December (and 11 December): Meeting with *Dr. A. Rajagopal, South Asia Consortium for Interdisciplinary Water Resources Studies, Hyderabad*: Will participate in Jan Lundqvist and Julie Wilk's, SASNET supported programme: "Triple Integration. Targeting poverty with water and social programmes."
- 7 December: Meeting with *Dr. Paul Appasamy, Director, Madras School of Economics*: Possibilities to co-operate in research and in special courses for Nordic business personal. Appasamy has earlier collaborated with Jan Lundqvist and other Swedish researchers and is very positive to further collaboration
- 7 December: Meeting *Stina Vasu, Honorary Consul of Sweden in Chennai*: Presentation of SASNET (discussion about the vacant Church of Sweden Mission houses at Kodaikanal, if they could be used for some academic purpose by SASNET or related networks)
- 7 December: Meeting with *Prof. D. Jayalakshmi, Dept. of Sociology, University of Madras*: Possibilities to co-operate in research and in graduate courses, field studies, etc.
- 11 December: **Seminar about SASNET** at *Bharatidasan University, Tiruchirapalli*. Seminar and lecture attended by about 250 teachers and students. Meeting with *Prof. V.B. Athreya, acting registrar*: Discussion about future research collaboration. Also met the Vice-Chancellor, who wants an agreement of co-operation with Lund University
- 12 December: **Seminar about SASNET** at the *Dept. of Sociology, Kerala University*. About 30 teachers and students attended. Meeting with *Prof. Manu Bhaskar, prof. Indu Kumar (head), and Ms. Elizabeth Mathew, Loyola College of Social Science* about possibilities to give seminars to students from Österlen's Folk High School, who are going to Kerala for fieldwork in January – February 2002. An informal agreement of co-operation was made
- 13-15 December: Participation in the Conference: Labour and Capitalist Transformation at the *Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum, Kerala*. About 50 prominent Indian and foreign scholars attended the conference: Presentation of SASNET. Contacts in Delhi, Kathmandu, Kolkatta and

¹ The journey was mainly financed by the Indo-Dutch research collaboration programme IDPAD. The cost for SASNET was 8 055 SEK.

Hyderabad for visits in February – March 2002. (List of participants and full documentation of the conference is with SL)

3) Lars Eklund's special activities

31 January: Course at the Press Institute, Stockholm: "How to create a web site". One full day + one month part-time studies at home (by E-learning)

21 February: Participation in a conference in Copenhagen; planning for an Internet networking co-operation by creating a database on working papers. Representatives from SASNET, NIAS, EIJS (European Institute for Japanese Studies, School of Economics, Stockholm), Copenhagen Business School, and Centre for East and Southeast Asian Studies, Lund, present

5 March: Lecture on the Indian Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore, his life and his music, at Svalöv municipal library (in connection with a concert by Bubu Munshi-Eklund)

22 March: One-day course at CITU (Centre for Information Technology in Education). "How to use LUVIT (the Lund University e-learning system)"

27 April – 30 May: Five half-days course on web production at CITU. One day overview on web pages and web sites, two days working with images on the web (in Photoshop), and two days working with Dreamweaver

7–8 September: Visiting the 7th Himalayan Languages Symposium, at Uppsala University. Presenting SASNET and its activities

13–14 September: Visiting the Göteborg Book Fair, in connection with the inauguration of the Indo-Swedish Translation project, taking part in seminars with Indian writers and translators

20–22 September: SASNET delegate to the biannual conference of NASA (Nordic Association of South Asian scholars), titled "Waters of Hope", at Voss in Norway. Presenting SASNET and its activities

25 September: Lecture on India – current history and the underlying determining factors for its destiny, at Höör, for teachers and other school personnel who are going to India. An arrangement by Sida

1 October: Visiting seminar and dinner in Lund with the renowned Indian psychoanalyst Sudhir Kakar

17 October: Organising a Durga Puja celebration in Lund, lecture on the myths around the Hindu goddess Durga

11 December: Master's Program in South Asian Studies at Öresund University Discussions. A meeting was held at the Asian Institute in Copenhagen on 11 December, in which the participants concluded that the efforts shall continue, not

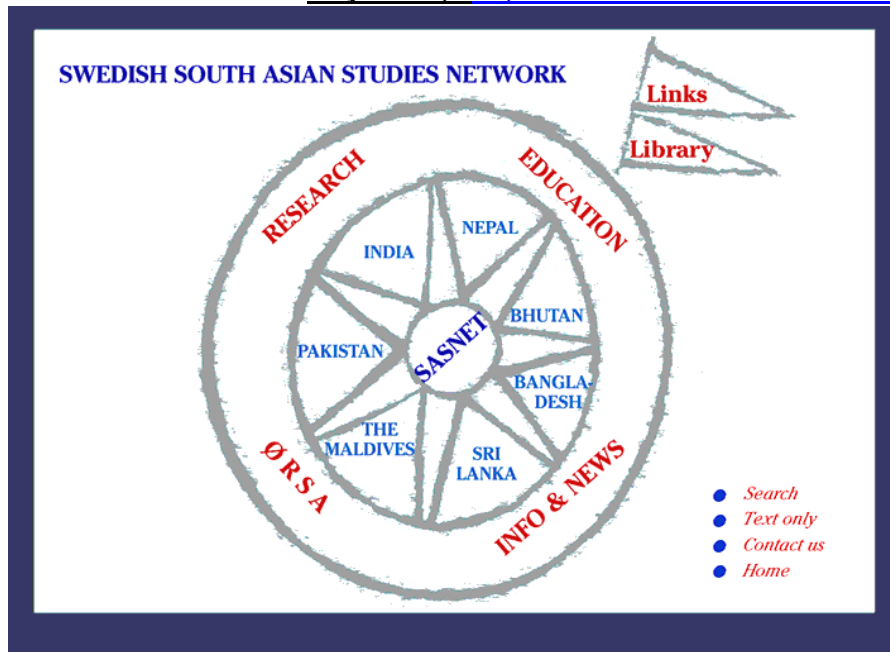
least in order to ensure that the intended programme is standardised – valid on both sides of Öresund

7 January 2002: Lecture on Afghanistan – its history and its people. Rotary Club, Svalöv

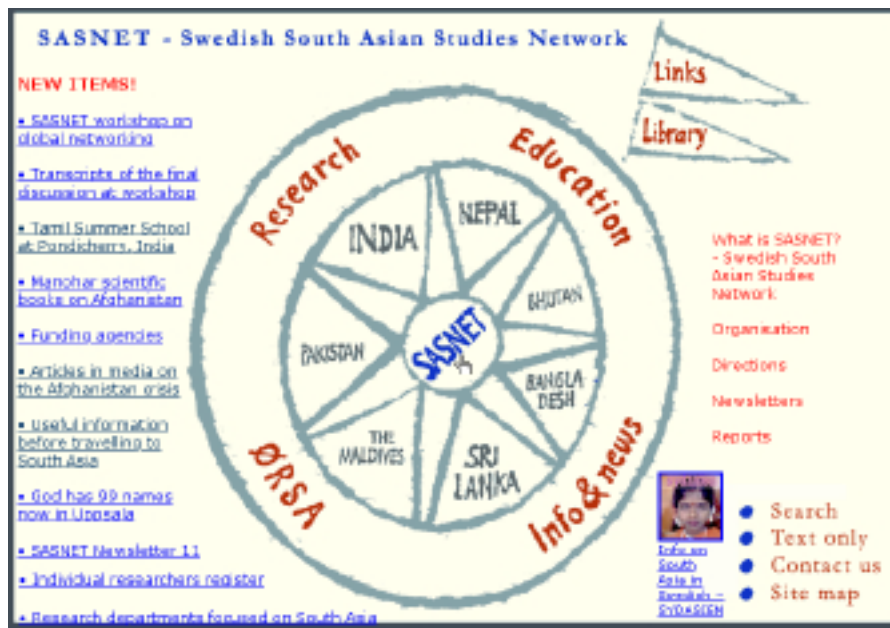
Besides these activities LE has been heavily engaged in the production of the magazine Sydasien, which has published 4 issues in 2001, including a special issue on Afghanistan. LE has also reviewed a number of new books, mainly in the fields of Indian contemporary history and religion, for Bibliotekstjänst.

Appendix 2: Gateway Report

May 2001, <http://www.sasnet.lu.se/index.html>



January 2002, <http://www.sasnet.lu.se/index.html>



Summary of construction:

In November 2000 **Jan Magnusson**, then webmaster/secretary of SASNET, came across the sketch **Paul Klee** drew in 1922 as a preliminary plan for the famous Bauhaus school of design and architecture in Germany. Jan immediately realized that this painting was the perfect symbol for the planned SASNET Internet Gateway to Swedish South Asian Studies.

Lars Eklund took over the position as webmaster on 22 January, 2001, and he developed the new site during the spring 2001, in close collaboration with Jan and the SASNET co-ordinator **Staffan Lindberg**.

The graphical artist **Bengt Serenander** in Stockholm was given the task of transforming Klee's sketch into a working front page, and after several changes demanded from our side the final

result was ready for publishing in June, 2001. Technical assistance was also hired from the graphical designer **Helena Nilsson** in Lund, and a lot of suggestions and moral support was provided by the working group behind SASNET, as well as Mr **Mattias Lindberg** of Framfab.

The concrete building of the site has been performed by Lars Eklund, with the exception of the register on individual researchers, which was prepared by **Lisbeth Andersson**, Ph D Student at the Dept of History of Religions in Lund, who was working part-time during the spring for this purpose.

Apart from the front page the rest of the site was prepared after thorough consultations with a great number of researchers and Ph D students in Sweden and Scandinavia, who gave their views on the content through a questionnaire sent out.

The new web site was released for the public in the middle of August (till then the old web site had been in function at <http://www.soc.lu.se/sasnet>).

Ideas for the front page:

Some of the features which has been added to the page during the process are:

- The background colour was made light yellow, as that is the background which is best suitable for readability on the Net. The text was also generally turned into 14 pt for better readability. Publishers' information is put below the image, as it should be. Here is also given information on when the page was last changed.
- The 14 main underpages are put into the fields of Klee's sketch: SASNET; Research; Education; Ørsa network; Information and News; Library service; Links; India; Pakistan; Sri Lanka; Bangladesh; Nepal; Bhutan; Maldives. The hyperlinks are put into the image. While clicking on any of these links information is given on what that link leads to, in the empty field to the right of the image.

Besides these main categories we decided to have direct access from the front page to some other specified services:

- A Search function. For this we have negotiated with the company Net Lab, who has offered us an excellent service, which we hope can be put in function during the Spring 2002.
- Text only. Originally we planned to make a no-graphics copy of the site for users with low computer capacity. But as this means a sizable increase in work effort and also has a limited value according to an expert on the subject, **Gunnar Janzon**, we decided to head for another solution. On a link page we give advice on how the user can adjust her/his webprogramme to avoid downloading images.
- Contact us.
- Site map. An illustration of the pages which are to be found at the site.

New items and statistics

- In order to show the new content that has been added to the site we decided to make a list with direct links to "New Items" on the site. This list is placed to the left of the image, and it is changed almost every day, so that a visitor easily can find out what new information has been added. Links to the page with departments engaged in research on South Asia as well as the individual researchers register are always to be found at the bottom of this list.
- A statistics service on the use of the SASNET site is offered by NedStatbasics, free of charge, and is found below the image to the far left.
- Finally a link to the magazine SYDASIEN's web page has been added, because their information on the South Asian nations, similar to the one we offer in English, is given in Swedish language. This is a practical solution on how to best offer our information also to Swedish school children.

Frames and templates:



The screenshot shows the SASNET website interface. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with a Klee wheel logo at the top, listing categories like SASNET, RESEARCH, EDUCATION, NEWS AND INFORMATION, USEFUL LINKS, LIBRARY SERVICE, ORSA PROGRAMME, and HOME. The main content area is titled 'SWEDISH SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES NETWORK' and 'Research'. Under 'Community News:', there are three news items: one about Anil Agarwal's passing, one about Mikaela Ståhl Högberg's thesis, and one about Dr Rubya Mehdi's book. A photo of students in white lab coats is shown. Below the photo are links for 'Departments and colleges in Sweden engaged in research on South Asia' and a 'SEARCH for individual Swedish researchers' button.

In an early stage we decided that the SASNET site should be different from others, by having the Klee wheel as the entrance page. Therefore we had to create 14 different **frame-sets** for the underlying main pages. The design with a menu frame to the left is shown above.

All underlying pages are constructed from **templates** (Mallsidor), in order to make it easy to make general changes to all pages at a time.

We also use the function of **Library objects**, for the "return to"-buttons down below on every page, as well as for the menus. It works just like templates in facilitating general changes in many pages at a time.

Main pages:

1. Research:

Here is found:

- "Community News", "Research News" and "Conferences and lectures".
- Link to "Search the register" for individual Swedish researchers engaged in research on South Asia.
- Link to Swedish departments engaged in research on South Asia. We have tried to get material from all departments concerned, because it is a task we consider as one of our most important ones.
- Funding agencies for research grants
- Links to Major Universities and Colleges in South Asia
- Links to Other Research Institutions in South Asia
- Research papers and dissertations on South Asia

2. Education:

Its main task is to give accurate information on which courses on South Asia is to be found at Swedish Universities and colleges, including folk high schools.

- A large number of these are found here, including links to their respective home pages.

Besides are to be found on this page:

- Links to Universities and Colleges in South Asia:
- Link to Högskoleverket's search-function, which the National Agency for Higher Education offers for Educational courses at Swedish universities.
- Information on the Palme Linnaeus international exchange programme and other forms of funding agencies available for South Asian studies.
- Information from the Swedish Migration Board, for foreigners wishing to study at Swedish Universities/Colleges
- Information on Summer schools on South Asian studies

3. **Info/News:**

- Its main task is to offer a quick guide to News on South Asia. This is done by selecting a number of good news sites for the region as well as for each country. We even give links to news on the neighbouring countries Afghanistan, Burma/Myanmar, and Tibet.
- Besides these selected few sources we give links to Other South Asian Newspapers, as well as TV and radio-stations found on the web.
- Journals, magazines and other news media on South Asia, in Sweden and worldwide
- Search engines/Research tools
- Books distributors
- Practical information for travellers to South Asia – including
 - Dictionary Search
 - Currency converter
 - Time zones, Hindu calendar, Indian STD Codes
 - Malaria Situation in South Asia
 - Health.com
 - Information on Visa rules etc from the Swedish Foreign Office
 - British Foreign Office
 - South Asian Embassies in Sweden
 - Swedish Embassies in South Asia
 - South Asian Airlines
 - Swedish Travel agencies on South Asia
 - Lonely Planet Online
 - Official Tourist boards
 - Friendship societies
- Links to the countrywise information service we offer at seven special pages, on Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, The Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
- Links to the WWW Virtual Library, on Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Kashmir, The Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Tibet.
- Swedish and international articles on the war on terrorism in Afghanistan and its implications for South Asia.
- Cultural Events in Sweden connected to South Asia, such as Riksutställningar's exhibition "Gud har 99 namn", the showing of Bollywood films at Stockholm Film Festival 2001, and the Indo-Swedish translation project – Indienbiblioteket.
- Developmental organizations, in Sweden and worldwide, dealing with South Asia
- UNESCO's list of World Heritage sites in South Asia

4. **Sasnet:**

- SASNET News.
- Sasnet newsletters. Before in the form of attached Word-documents, now as web pages with special design.
- Information on Planning Grants.
- SASNET organisation; the staff and the board
- SASNET root node activities and arrangements
- Information on the SASNET Workshop about global networking, the papers presented and transcripts from its discussions.
 - Information the Open House seminars.
- The directions for SASNET
- Information on the magazines kept at the SASNET root node office at Lund.
- Principles and project plan for SASNET
- Information on the Klee wheel on SASNET front page, and a thanks to those who gave their help in creating the web site
- Reports from the SASNET conference in Lund, October 2000. Discussions were held on many topics. Reports from the conference are to be found at SASNET's old web page.
- Reports from visits made to Karlstad and Uppsala in December 2000.

5. **Ørsa:**

- News on the progress of the Øresund Network of South Asia Studies (ØRSA), and its proposed masters courses.
- Information on courses on South Asian studies available at the Universities/colleges in Copenhagen/Roskilde as well as Lund/Malmö/Timelilla.
- Information on Øresund Scholarships.

6. **Library:**

Library resources available at:

- Libris, • Mölndals Stadsbibliotek, • Science Direkt & Elsevier
- Library of Congress Delhi Office
- SARAI
- WWW Virtual Library
- ELDIS, • Asia Society, • University of Oxford
- University of Texas, • University of Pennsylvania, • University of California, Berkeley
- University of Virginia, • Chingari Forum
- ESCAP, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific United Nations Statistics Division
- Government of India, • World Resources Institute, Washington
- CIA Country Information,
- Amnesty International,
- UNHCR
- Centre for Geopolitical Drug studies,.
- Ethnologue, • Dictionary Search
- Researchers on Asian Strategic Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka

7. Links:

- Useful links to Academic institutions, connected to research on South Asia, in Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Great Britain, The Netherlands, Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Czech Republic, Russian Federation, United States, Canada and Australia, as well as a number of scholarly associations on South Asian studies.
- Links to Major South Asian Universities and colleges.
- Links to Developmental organisations in Sweden and worldwide.

8. **Bangladesh.** Basic facts, including some useful links
9. **Bhutan.** Basic facts, including some useful links
10. **India.** Basic facts, including some useful links
11. **The Maldives.** Basic facts, including some useful links
12. **Nepal.** Basic facts, including some useful links
13. **Pakistan.** Basic facts, including some useful links
14. **Sri Lanka.** Basic facts, including some useful links

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Appendix III

Balance-sheet year 2001

Incomes (in Swedish kronor):

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|----------------------|--|------------------|
| From Sida | | 1 500 000 |
| From Lund University | | 500 000 |
| Surplus from 2000 | | 76 584 |
| Total | | 2 076 584 |

Expenses (in Swedish kronor):

| | | |
|---|------------------|--------------------|
| | | (budget) |
| Planning grants | 568 221 | (851 838) |
| Administration charges Lund University | 186 826 | (186 826) |
| Salaries for co-ordinator and webmaster | 536 155 | (527 670) |
| Office expenses | 23 741 | (15 000) |
| Travel expenses, co-ordinator and webmaster | 26 682 | (20 000) |
| Travel expenses, working group and board | 0 | (50 000) |
| Gateway, technical costs | 66 072 | (75 000) |
| Workshop on global networking, August, 2001 | 213 009 | (250 000) |
| Øresund South Asian Studies network | 44 745 | (100 250) |
| Total | 1 665 451 | (2 076 584) |

Surplus, to be spent 2002:

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|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Øresund South Asian Studies network | 55 255 |
| Other activities | 355 878 |