Curriculum Vitae

Personal information:

My name is Mr. **Rune Kristian Ellingsen**, and I am 32 years old. I was born and raised on the little island of “Roest”, situated in the Lofoten region, around 100 kilometers off the Norwegian coast. The following information is a short resume of my professional and academic life up to this point.

- **I was born on the 3rd of January 1974, and my address in Norway is as follows:**

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I am currently (January 2006) living and studying in Baku, Azerbaijan. I am not married, and I have no children.

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Education:

- 2005: I started on a Master of Arts degree in ”International relations”, with ”Conflict studies” as my specialty, at “Khazar University” in Baku, Azerbaijan. Classes started in September. I expect to complete my Masters degree there by June 2007.

- 2002 – 2005: Completed my Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism. It consists of a two-year study in journalism at the “Regional University of Bodo” (Appendix 1) and a one-year study in Russian language and culture from “Volgograd State University” in Russia. (Appendix 2 and 3)

- 1997 – 1998: One year of photography studies from “Hadsel Folkehogskole”, with majors in press-, feature- and nature photography. I had internships in several newspapers, including “VG”, the largest daily newspaper in Norway. (Appendix 4)

- 1990 – 1993: High school at ”Meloy videregaaende skole”. Majors in English and German languages, and in civic studies. (Appendix 5)

- 1981 – 1990: Nine-year elementary school at Roest in Lofoten.

Professional experience:

- 2005 –: Press- and information consultant for the “Norwegian Refugee Council” (NRC) at their head office in Baku, Azerbaijan.

- 2005: Press- and information consultant for the NRC in Azerbaijan in January and February, as well as in April. I coordinated and arranged a press visit from Norway, as well as prepared and organized a pamphlet about the NRC regarding their 10th anniversary for the initiation of their humanitarian aid project in the country. I did this during my school holidays from the university in Volgograd. (Appendix 6)

- 2003: Summer engagement as an all-round journalist in the regional Norwegian newspaper ”Avisa Nordland” from 20th of June to 11th of August. I have also freelanced a lot for them in the years 2002 to 2005. (Appendix 7)

- 2000 – 2001: Press- and information officer in the “Norwegian Infantry Battalion” in Kosovo (KFOR 3) in Kosovo Polje, Kosovo. I coordinated and arranged press visits from Norway and other countries, as well as general information and documentation work. I was editor for the weekly internal newspaper “KFORUM”, that came in 1,000 issues. (Appendix 8)

- 1998 – 1999: All-round journalist in the local newspaper ”Lofotposten” in Stokmarknes and Leknes municipalities. I have also freelanced for them in the years 1995 – 2005. (Appendix 9)

- 1995 – 1996: Homeroom teacher at “Roest Elementary school”. I had a group of 10-year-olds in my class, and I taught English language to a class of adults on high school level in the evenings. (Appendix 10 and 11)

- 1996 – 2002: I worked as a freelance journalist and –photographer in my own business, ”Roest Foto og Billedbyraa”. I had many different customers, from newspapers, magazines and journals to nature- portrait- wedding and school portrait photography. I also produced and sold postcards from my part of the country. I was based in different places around the country in this period. Participated in several photo-exhibitions around the country. (Appendix 12)

Voluntary positions:

- International observer of the Parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan, for the OSCE. November 2005. (Appendix 13)

- 2002 – 2003: Editor-in-chief and co-founder of the student newspaper ”Bodostudenten” at the “Regional University of Bodo”. The newspaper was an independent, monthly newspaper. The staff counted approximately 24 souls. I did this on the side of my studies. (Appendix 14)

- 1989 – 1990: Deputy chairman in the pupil`s council of “Roest Elementary school”.

General information:

- I speak and write English, German and Russian. The last two ones not fluently, though.
- I am a member of the “Norwegian Journalists Association”, and I am the bearer of an international press card. (Appendix 15)
- I have normal knowledge of most of the common computer programs around, like Words, Power point, Adobe photoshop, Acrobat, as well as Adobe Indesign and others.
- I have traveled, worked and for periods of time lived as a freelance journalist in roughly 25 countries in Europe, the Balkans, Caucasus, the Baltics and Southern America. I have all the main vaccinations, and I regard my self as a flexible and easygoing person. My health record is impeccable.
- 1993 – 1994: I completed my national service as a private soldier at “Nes coastal fortress”. (Appendix 16)
- I have had many different short-time jobs in my life. Everything form painter, fisherman, youth club-leader, bouncer, tourist office worker, to work in general stores and as a cinematographer. I also have courses in first aid, various military courses and I am a certified amateur diver.

Drivers licences:

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- I am the bearer of a valid drivers license for motor cars up to 3500 kgs, and for motorbikes of any cc, size and weight.

Baku in Azerbaijan, 20th of April, 2006

Rune Ellingsen, sign.