

EDITORIAL POLICY

When Nordic Network on Disability Research 1997 was founded in Fredrikshavn it decided to establish a journal about social research on disability: Scandinavian Journal of Disability Research. The main purpose was to disseminate results from social research (in a wide sense) about disability. The journal was to publish two numbers a year during a three year trial period. This number of the journal is the last one of that trial period.

At the NNDR conference in Copenhagen last year, the NNDR board together with me as the editor evaluated the results of this trial period. It was noted that the 31 articles that have been published in six numbers (including this special issue) mirrors the good quality and cross- disciplinary nature of the expanding field of disability research in the Nordic countries. The problems experienced have been related to administrating subscriptions and the repeated delays in production and distribution. The board decided to keep publishing the journal for another three year period and during that period to improve the administrative routines, seek further financial support from Swedish and Norwegian research councils and make another effort at marketing the journal to increase the number of subscribers as well as the number of article submissions. It also decided to rotate the editorship between countries and appointed Jan Tøssebro,

Professor at the Department of social work and health sciences, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, to be the editor of the journal during the prolonged trial period. In order to improve the recruitment of referees and the dissemination of information it was further decided to compose an editorial board of consulting editors of well renowned researchers from Nordic as well as other countries. That means that the arrangement from the first period with national editors will be suspended in favour of a broader and more international editorial board. The new editorial board is presented below.

This being my last number as editor of the journal, I want to thank the national editors for their support, Merethe Bjerkeli for her work as editorial secretary which she will continue, Karin Barron for her sensitive and mostly voluntary work as a language consultant and Robert Bogdan for his excellent work with this special issue.

I am convinced that Jan Tøssebro will do an excellent job in furthering the status and the quality of the journal and hope to be able to contribute to that end as book review editor in the years to come.

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