

EDITORIAL

This issue of Scandinavian Journal of Disability Research introduces a new column entitled Perspectives. The idea is to open the journal for small pieces of work that do not necessarily comply with typical journal article standards. The format of contributions to this column will vary, but possible formats include:

- Data briefs (brief discussion based on a single table or other piece of information that provides readers with interesting or updated information, for example, the proportion of new homes in Denmark that are accessible or the rate of deinstitutionalisation in Finland).
- Case reports (examples that may illustrate specific points, theoretical or political)
- Comments on current issues (theoretical, practical or political)
- Brief overviews (for instance, historical overviews)

The column is introduced with a personal reflection by one of the grand old men in Nordic intellectual disability services, Karl Grünewald. This was originally a speech given at a conference in Oslo in April 2002, and addresses the international importance of the developments of services for intellectually disabled people in Scandinavia during the 1960s and 1970s.

The Editor would also, on behalf of NNDR, like to use this opportunity to remind readers that 2003 is the European Year of People with Disabilities. Main aims of this Year concern raising awareness about rights, equality and participation in all areas of social and societal life. There are a number of activities taking place throughout Europe: political, cultural, social etc. Most countries have web-sides with updated national information, but there is also a European page: www.eydp2003.org with links to other countries.

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