

Editorial: The coming of SJDR “nouveau”

You are now reading the last issue of SJDR's sixth volume. This journal was established as the official journal of the Nordic Network of Disability Research (NNDR) in 1997, and it published its first volume in 1999. During these first six years, SJDR has been published by SKUR (National Center for Comprehensive Rehabilitation Research and Development) at Bodø Regional University, Norway, and with funding from The Research Council of Norway and the Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research.

From next year, 2005, two major changes take place. First, the journal will be published by the international publishing house Taylor & Francis. To mark this change, SJDR will have a new cover and design, and also publish four issues per volume, that is each year. I look forward to this new era of the journal's life, and would like to use this opportunity to thank the staff at SKUR for the cooperation during the founding years. A second change is that I will now step down as editor and be replaced by Anders Gustavsson (Department of Education, Stockholm University) and Karin Barron (Department of Sociology, Uppsala University). Although most articles accepted for 2005 publication have been processed under my editorship, all new submissions should be sent to the new editors (cf. the new submission instructions).

To be the editor of SJDR has been an interesting and rewarding experience. The position has been outstanding with respect to getting an overview of what's going on in Nordic disability research. I have communicated about research issues with a large number of individuals, and have received invaluable support from a number of people who have acted as referees. It is with satisfaction I note that the journal has truly developed into a cross-disciplinary publication – with contributions from pedagogics, political science, sociology, psychology, social work, public health and more. More contributions from law, philosophy, anthropology, and history would be greatly welcomed. This will be partly amended in 2005, with a special issue on disability history.

I am confident that the new editors and publishing company will develop the journal into what Bruno Latour once termed 'an obligatory passage point' – a journal each of us as disability researchers (Nordic and abroad) needs to be familiar with. I am sure all readers join me in wishing Anders Gustavsson, Karin Barron and Taylor & Francis all the best in their future endeavours.

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