

Welcome to Nordic Perspectives on Open Science

*Editorial by Jan Erik Frantsvåg, chief editor**

Welcome to this first issue of Nordic Perspectives on Open Science, a new Open Access journal meant as a venue to discuss and inform about anything that has to do with Open Science or is somehow related to Open Science.

We aim to be an outlet for and will solicit information and viewpoints from the Nordic and Baltic countries, but we hope others will join the discussion. Opinions, viewpoints, experiences and outcomes of projects and research that have to do with Open Science are warmly welcomed. If you find interesting literature or master's or doctoral theses you would want to review – please contact us! In addition, we will of course be happy to announce relevant conferences, meetings or job openings in the Nordic-Baltic area.

The concept is not entirely new; Nordic Perspectives on Open Science is to some extent a continuation of ScieCom Info,¹ a similar journal that had a ten-year life in the Nordic-Baltic community. For various reasons we decided to do a fresh start when an overhaul became necessary, but followers of ScieCom Info should feel at home in the new journal. Some editors have decided to continue their role in the new journal. We all want to take the opportunity to thank Ingegerd Rabow, chief editor of ScieCom Info, who has now retired. Without her, there would have been no ScieCom Info, and probably no Nordic Perspectives on Open Science, either.

Our new journal will – for more than one reason – try out most of what is possible within the confines of our publishing system, Open Journal Systems (OJS) from the Public Knowledge Project (PKP). Therefore, you will find it possible to comment on articles (no, not anonymously; and yes, we will moderate the debate), we will require our authors have an ORCID, we want literature references both in the article and as a separate file. More functionality, we hope, will be added in the future, such as making it

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¹ <http://journals.lub.lu.se/index.php/sciecominfo>



possible for authors to deposit data for their articles. All articles will have DOIs, and the journal should (hopefully) soon be indexed by Google Scholar.

Content will not be peer reviewed in the traditional sense, but we will send submissions to people outside the editorial team to get an interested reader's feedback – is it interesting, is it comprehensible, does it have a good structure? – in order to be able to improve manuscripts before releasing them to our readership. In order to avail yourself of all functionality of the journal and journal site, you need to register as a reader; you may then also volunteer as a reviewer – please do!

We will publish content continuously, so you will not have to wait for the next issue for us to publish your article. We open a new issue at the start of the year, and close it at the end of the year. In this first issue, we start with three articles, but more may be appended as need be before we close the issue on New Year's Eve.

We are looking forward to your submissions, and to your reader reactions.

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