

EDITORIAL

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The Scandinavian Journal of Information Systems was established in 1989. From the beginning the strategy was experimental aiming at a low-cost production, a journal reasonably easy to manage and a minimum of risks taken. The first five volumes were single issues with 5–7 articles per volume. Most articles came through the IRIS seminars offering an opportunity for high quality research articles from the Scandinavian community to be published. The intention was to stimulate research within the community and to open a window from Scandinavia to the rest of the world. The old editorial collective (Jens Kaasbøll, Lars Mathiassen, Markku Nurminen, Agneta Olerup) started the journal and for what they have achieved leaving us to improve, we are truly thankful.

This volume, the sixth, is the first produced by the new editorial collective. We intend to continue the journal along the lines laid out by the old editors. The changes we are making as from this volume are: a new design of cover and layout, two issues per year published in April and October at the same price per volume, more emphasis on marketing, in particular to increase the number of

international subscribers, and a debate forum (see below).

In this issue you will find three articles having passed the scrutiny of our reviewers. Together they are a fine example of the variety and diversity of research that the editors are hoping to see in the journal. Andersen & Kraemer compare IT usage in the public sector in Scandinavia and the USA. Hanseth & Monteiro philosophize and discuss practical implications. Bødker & Kensing report from an experiment with creating visions of computer-support.

With this issue we also open the pages of the journal to discussion, criticism, debate, by providing a debate forum. What better way could there be to introduce such a forum, in a Scandinavian journal, than by having a debate on the contributions, past, present, and future, of the Collective Resource Approach (CRA). This debate was initiated by a paper given by Philip Kraft and Jørgen Bansler at the Participatory Design Conference in Boston, in November 1992. The paper was later published in the conference proceedings and is reprinted in this issue (with the kind permission of the CPSR). Kraft & Bansler's paper is no

kind summing up of the efforts of the Collective Resource Approach, and it is a particularly scathing criticism of the recent attempt by Joan Greenbaum, Morten Kyng and others (*Design at Work*, Lawrence Erlbaum, 1991) to introduce the CRA on the US market.

If someone had thought that this criticism would lay out flat Morten Kyng, however, she should read his response in the debate section. But of course, Bansler and Kraft do not show any signs of being hurt by Kyng. If this debate reads like a boxing match, it says something about the strength of the opponents, but as debates go it is unusually fruitful in advancing the topic. And right now we are only hoping for Kyng to come back with more in the next issue in October.

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