

From the editor:

News about the organisation of the journal Rangifer

The publisher of Rangifer, Nordic Council for Reindeer Husbandry Research (NOR), has decided that the normal issue of the journal will be published electronically and without any hard copy issues. This change will be implemented as soon as the practical arrangements are due. Until then, Rangifer will appear as before in the usual paper issue format. The subscribers will get further announcements in NOR's web pages www.rangifer.no and in Rangifer, when news are available. There will also be a strengthening of Rangifer's editorial organisation.

The reasons for the new orientation are several; the main arguments concern the modern possibilities for mediating scientific knowledge and the intention of professional improvement of the publication. Also the economic situation for the publisher and the working conditions for the editor have been additional reasons for the decision of electronically publishing. There will be established co-editors to secure an even better professional journal and to consolidate a faster publication process.

The journal will continue to offer an open and free publication possibility for the authors. In addition the journal will give the public free access to the Rangifer volumes and articles in it without any demand on subscription. Many of the earlier articles and volumes of Rangifer are already mediated through links in NOR's web site and also this free offer will be improved when NOR administers another and expanded server for the journal.

As the Editor in Chief I hope that the new arrangements, when initiated, will be to the best for the science of reindeer and reindeer husbandry and to the best for our authors and readers.

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