

## Foreword

The Fifth Nordic Reindeer Scientist's Meeting, organised by the Nordic Council for Reindeer Research, was held at Oulu, Finland, 30 October - 2 November 1989 and was attended by 62 delegates.

The principal themes of the meeting were 'Reindeer Feeds and Feeding' and 'The Economic and Ecological Carrying Capacity of Reindeer Husbandry'. The first of these two themes was selected to draw together and review many years' experience in feeds and feeding from the reindeer industries in Norway, Sweden and Finland. There is an acute need for information on all aspects of supplementary feeding, especially in areas contaminated as a result of the accident at the Chernobyl atomic power station. The second theme deals with the future of reindeer husbandry itself and covers both today's situation and tomorrow's development. Few forms of agriculture can be more closely linked to natural ecological processes than reindeer husbandry and thorough understanding of these processes is essential to secure the future of the industry. There were also a large number of presentations on topics outside the main themes. Several of these show the extent to which we still live under the shadow of the Chernobyl accident.

All abstracts and papers are published here as they were received and with only minor editing.

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## Forord

Det 5. Nordiske reinforsker møtet i regi av Nordisk Organ for Reinforskning (NOR) ble holdt i Oulu, Finland i dagene 30. oktober - 2. november, 1989 med 62 deltakere.

Som hovedtema ble valgt: «Fôring av rein» og «Økonomisk og økologisk bærekraft i reinnæring». Det første tema ble valgt fordi man lenge har følt at tiden var inne til å samle alle praktiske erfaringer som gjennom mange år har vært gjort på dette området og at Tsjernobylulykken har gjort fôring av rein meget aktuell i nedfallsrammede områder. Det annet tema bringer oss inn på livet av fremtidens reindrif. Det er behov for å vite hvor vi står og hvor vi akter oss hen. Knappt noen annen fastlandsnæring er dertil mere basert på økologisk forståelse enn reinnæringen. Denne både kan og bør ligge i forkant på dette felt. Forøvrig er det en lang rekke presentasjoner utenom hovedtemaene. Noen av disse presentasjoner viser at vi fremdeles lever i skyggen av Tsjernobyl-katastrofen.

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Nordisk Organ for Reinforskning retter stor takk til Uleåborg Stad for generøs mottagelse samt til firmaene Kesko, Medipolar og Poropolar OY for sine gode bidrag til møtets sosiale del.

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