

NEW WINDS

This issue contains a few new elements: Hildes Circumpolar Health Awardees are invited to write about their activity in this Journal. The first article of this type is now available; the other editorial in this issue describes the Award in more detail. We have now also the very first information pages on indigenous health. The third new item in this issue is an abstract of a circumpolar dissertation. It is a start - we invite doctoral candidates to send us their dissertation abstracts with their photos to be published in coming issues. We have also rewritten the instructions for contributors. They can be found on the back cover page, and we kindly ask authors to take them into consideration. More detailed instructions are under preparation, and will be available on our website during the coming summer.

In February, the Nordic Council of Ministers decided to give development funding to the Journal. This allows the Journal to move on to electronic publishing as well this year. It is also our purpose to develop the content of the Journal so as to be more attractive to its main readers, circumpolar health professionals.

Our editorial process of the manuscripts is today shorter than before, its duration being now around 6 months, and the minimum less than 4 months.

We are happy to publish two review articles in this issue concerning indigenous health in Greenland and Canada. The originals are again from different fields of circumpolar expertise and health items. This continues the trend which shows an increasing activity on the part of scientists in different parts of the circumpolar area to publish their findings in this Journal. It means an increasing international collaboration in the field of circumpolar health

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