
This double four-day programme effectively combined the interests of datalinguists, lexicographers and terminographers working on computer-aided projects throughout the five Nordic Countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden).

The first two days represented the fourth in the series of Nordic Datalinguistic symposia whose aim has been the presentation and discussion of data methodology and application within the field of language studies. The series reflected an initiative by the Nordic Committee for Linguistic Data Processing; earlier symposia in the series were held at Gothenburg (1977), Copenhagen (1979) and Trondheim (1981).

This year's conference was ably organised by the Centrum för Datorlingvistik at the University of Uppsala; the principal honour goes to Anna Sågvall Hein. The thematic focus was on computer-aided morphological and syntactic analysis (parsing), with a view, among other goals, to providing the requisite basis for machine translation.

Of special interest were Monday evening's practical demonstrations of computer-aided projects.

The second two-day programme was organised by the Norwegian Termbank (Norsk Termbank) (Bjarne Norevik, Håvard Hjulstad) and Rune Midtvedt (Nordisk Institutt, Bergen). This conference on computer-aided lexicography and terminology culminated in productive group discussions on such subjects as a common Nordic format, programme packages, classification for termbanks. The debate at group level bore fruit in the form of plenary resolutions on future perspectives and activities within the Nordic arena.
The decision to retain the Nordic format for the conference series was applauded by the participants. The series provides a most useful forum for specifically Nordic research and interests at a level midway between the open international congress and the local meeting, and offers recruits to the special field from the Nordic countries an opportunity to present projects on which work is currently being carried out.

A delightful and efficiently organised joint symposium Dinner Dance further consolidated the foundations of Inter-Nordic co-operation, while Wednesday morning's two free hours offered a welcome visit to some of the historic sights of Uppsala, under expert guidance. Conference participants were also entertained by the Chancellor of the University at a reception, and had on that occasion a chance to see some of the splendours of the most ancient University in the Nordic countries (founded 1477), before returning to the contemplation of sophisticated data-processing techniques harnessed to the aims of modern linguistics and lexicography.

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