

# Foreword

The International Society for Cultural and Activity Research (ISCAR) is a scientific association that aims at developing multidisciplinary theoretical and empirical research on societal, cultural and historical dimensions of human practices, and promoting mutual scientific communication and research cooperation among its members. ISCAR supports the organization of a triennial international Congress, to be held in Sydney, Australia in 2014. Nordic conferences ensue every third year and have taken place in Denmark, Norway, and most recently in Sweden (2013).

This volume of the Nordic ISCAR 2013: A Nordic perspective on the Cultural and the Activity approach in Theory and Practice contains texts of the presented papers and keynotes. The Sixth Nordic Conference on Cultural and Activity Research was held 12-14 June 2013 at Kristianstad University, Sweden.

The Nordic ISCAR 2013 conference attracted more than 90 participants, from eleven countries. Beyond the five Nordic countries of Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Iceland and Finland, Kristianstad University hosted representatives from Japan, USA, Mozambique, Brazil, Russia and England.

Included in among more than the 70 conference presentations that represented several disciplines revolving around four main themes: 1) design, implementation and use of new technology, 2) educational practice, 3) work practice and 4) theoretical analysis and methodological considerations, were the heavily attended keynote presentations. The keynote speakers at the conference were Professor Regi Theodor Enerstvedt, University of Oslo, Dr. Hanna Toivainen, University of Helsinki, Professor Mariane Hedegaard, University of Copenhagen and Professor Inger Eriksson, Stockholm University. This proceeding contains fourteen inspiring papers, including the keynote contributions.

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