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NORDIC HYDROLOGY AT THE END OF THE
INTERNATIONAL HYDROLOGICAL DECADE AND THE BEGINNING
OF THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROLOGICAL PROGRAMME

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At the start of the activities initiated during the International Hydrological Decade, IHD, it was suggested by Dr. Malin Falkenmark at the “1st Nordic Meeting” in Hässelby, 1966, that a joint Scandinavian hydrological journal should be published.

A Joint Committee for the Journal NORDIC HYDROLOGY was organised by the National Committees for the IHD in Denmark, Norway and Sweden, and the Geophysical Society of Finland. This Joint Committee prepared the publication of NORDIC HYDROLOGY, the first issue of which appeared in 1970. The Joint Committee has been the formal owner of the Journal since its introduction.

Dr. Arne Forsman has been the editor of the journal since its introduction, performing a time-consuming job in which his establishment of International and Nordic contacts in the field of publication has been of great value for the development of Nordic Hydrology. Dr. Forsman feels that he no longer has time to be the editor, and this is the last issue he has edited. The Joint Committee wish to thank him for the tremendous amount of work he has put into NORDIC HYDROLOGY over the years.

As from Vol. 7, No. 1, 1976, NORDIC HYDROLOGY will be owned by the Nordic Hydrological Association. This change of ownership was envisaged in 1970 before the Nordic Hydrological Association was established. The end of IHD, 1975, has been considered a suitable time for the transfer to new ownership. The Joint Committee, which will be dissolved at the beginning of 1976, extends its thanks to the Association and its representatives for assuming the responsibility of ownership after the termination of the IHD period.

Munksgaard International Publishers Ltd. have had the entire responsibility for the publication of NORDIC HYDROLOGY. From the beginning, the company has worked assiduously to increase both the circulation of the journal and the number of subscribers.

As a result of the tremendous price increases within the printing industry, set against the background of the number of subscribers, another printing procedure has been judged as preferable for NORDIC HYDROLOGY. As from Vol. 6, No. 4, 1975, Munksgaard Ltd. ceases to be the publisher of the journal which will in the future be printed by the Polyteknisk Forlag, Copenhagen. The Joint Committee extends its thanks to Munksgaard Ltd., in particular to their Production Manager Per Pettersson, whose energy and professional knowledge, together with the company's resources, have been of great importance to the journal during its formative years.

To cover the editorial costs, the journal has received economic support from the Nordic Publishing in Science, NOP, without which the journal could never have been realised.

NORDIC HYDROLOGY will be issued without a price increase during 1976. In addition to the regular four issues each year, it is the new owners' intention, as a special service, to send out one thematic issue per year so that a total of five issues are planned without any increase in the subscription rate.

As before, the principal aim of NORDIC HYDROLOGY will be to conform to the highest possible scientific and technical standards. NORDIC HYDROLOGY will publish articles within all fields of hydrology in its widest sense, but there will be more emphasis on the quantitative and qualitative effects of human activities on surface and ground water.

It is hoped that NORDIC HYDROLOGY provides a link between basic hydrological research and the practical application of scientific results within the broad field of water management.

In conclusion, thanks are extended to Munksgaard Ltd., to the editor Dr. Arne Forsman, to the Nordic Publications Committee and the members of the Joint Committee, and not least to the authors and subscribers who have all contributed to establishing the journal, thus furthering Nordic and international co-operation within the field of hydrology.

It is also the Joint Committee's opinion that under its new owners the journal will continue to satisfy the requirements of a majority of hydrologists, in particular those in the Nordic countries.

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