

KJELL NOWAK IN MEMORIAM

Professor emeritus Kjell Nowak died unexpectedly 2nd September 1999. Until his pension a few months ago he led mass communication research within the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at Stockholm University. Kjell Nowak was one of the pioneers of Swedish and Nordic mass communication research. He was known for his scientific curiosity and for his uncommon breadth of interest. These qualities led him both to explore new questions and to develop innovative approaches to "old" ones. His interdisciplinary breadth, coupled with an unfailing personal warmth, formed the basis of an extensive network of contacts among scholars around the world.

Research in our field today is characterized by theoretical pluralism and methodological diversity. Kjell Nowak is perhaps the Swedish scholar who most personified this development – in his own research, in his ability to gather together colleagues from a variety of disciplines and, not least, in his personal qualities.

Kjell Nowak served for many years as chairman of Nordicom's board. He will be fondly remembered and sorely missed.

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