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## **ISSUE 10 Amendment of NFPF/NERA's policy paper**

At its meeting in Reykjavik 31/8-1/9 2012 the Board discussed the issue of congress language. The Board's conclusion of the discussion was that the Board wants English to retain as NFPF/NERA's official language, but wanted to stress the importance of Scandinavian languages as an alternative in the activities of the association. The main argument is related to the need to keep our languages alive in the scientific community of Nordic scholars.

In order to do so, the Board proposes that we change the policy paper to emphasize the Scandinavian languages.

Within the current policy paper the text is formulated the following way:

The congress language is English. Abstracts are always in English. It is possible to present a paper in one of the Nordic languages but it must be clear announced in the program. Presentations in Nordic languages will be placed at the end of the sessions.

The Board understands the text as being too negative formulated with respect to using Nordic languages. Hence, we suggest a text that promotes the importance of utilizing the space of action according to language and thereby acknowledge the importance of retaining Nordic languages in educational research.

We suggest the following text replaces the current text:

The congress language is English. Abstracts are always in English. Paper presentations can be in English or one of the Nordic languages. The choice of language of presentation (English or one of the Nordic languages) must be announced when submitting the abstract.