

EDITORIAL

With one exception all the articles in this volume are based on papers read at the Society's annual conference held in Aberdeen – hence the bias towards Northern Scotland.

The exception is Professor Vésteinn Ólason's paper, which he gave to the Department of Scandinavian Studies in Edinburgh under the auspices of *Nordisk språksekretariat*. We are grateful to them and indeed to all our contributors.

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