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## **Preface**

Eight papers on concrete research carried out in the Nordic countries are published in this volume of Nordic Concrete Research, NCR 2000:1, which is number 24 in the series.

Before publishing, the members of the Research Committee of the Nordic Concrete Federation have reviewed the papers.

The main task of the Research Committee is to encourage Nordic concrete research by stimulating inter-Nordic co-operation. Therefore the main activities for the Research Committee is publishing of the bi-annual publication Nordic Concrete Research, arranging the large Nordic Concrete Research Symposia every third year and supporting organisers of Nordic thematic workshops. These activities further help to provide young scientists with Nordic acquaintances on both a professional and private level, thus stimulating continuation of the inter-Nordic research co-operation.

The Research Committee invites Nordic concrete scientists to publish their research in Nordic Concrete Research. It is the aim to ensure a quick review and publishing procedure in order to be able to publish the papers while the results are still new. This should make the publication valuable for publishing research results, especially for Ph.D. students. Furthermore, the publications can acts as “a window” to the rest of the world presenting the state-of-the-art of Nordic Concrete Research.

Besides the normal volumes of Nordic Concrete Research, special volumes are published in connection with the Nordic Concrete Research Symposia, and, special thematic proceedings from Nordic workshops.

The first thematic proceeding is “Water in Cement Paste & Concrete – Hydration and Pore Structure”, published in May 2000. The content, and the abstracts of the papers, can be found on the Nordic Concrete Research web-site: <http://www.itn.is/ncr/>. I do hope that organisers of subsequent Nordic thematic workshops will consider this opportunity to publish workshop proceedings.

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