

Book Notice

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A symposium on all sorts of names and naming, excepting personal names and placenames, was held in Gothenburg 4-6 December 1991. The papers from that symposium are collected in this 56th NORNA publication. The articles are accompanied by English or German summaries as necessary.

NORNA, a Scandinavian organization of onomasticians, celebrated its first two decades of existence with this symposium which departed from the usual interests (anthroponyms, toponyms) to address the names of animals, vehicles, etc., as related to the basic structures evident in personal names and placenames. Thing names, abstract names, names in commerce, the thinking behind naming houses and boats and such, popular names of plants, dog names, names for flocks of sheep, names of cows, railway engines, names and nicknames of automobiles, boat names, names of eating places, potato varieties, public and private institutions, and more are taken up. The Scandinavians seem to organize their material better than some (say) literary onomasticians and try more than mere list-makers do to derive from collected materials some general patterns or insights into the naming process.

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