



## Torsten Norlander: 1950–2020

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A native of Sweden, Dr. Norlander began his academic career studying psychology at the University of Umeå in the 1970s. Having developed an interest in educational psychology during this time, he then enrolled in the “adults high school teacher” (equivalent to teacher at Preparatory College) program at the University of Linköping, before enrolling in the PhD program, which he then completed at the University of Gothenburg. His thesis centered on alcohol and creativity and involved conducting experimental studies that focused on different phases of creativity. Shortly thereafter Dr. Norlander was appointed Associate Professor in Psychology at Stockholm University and then Professor at Karlstad University. At the time of his death, he was affiliated with the Karolinska Institutet and Evidens University College.

As a collaborative author throughout his academic career, Dr. Norlander cowrote in excess of 100 research papers. His areas of interest included creativity, mood states, coping with stress, and treating pain and stress using sensory deprivation tanks and, in particular, the flotation-restricted environmental stimulation technique. Dr. Norlander first connected with *SBP Journal* as an author in the 1990s, and we were honored to have him join our Board of Consulting Editors in 2014. He was also an active peer reviewer, contributing thoughtful, well-reasoned commentary to improve the accessibility and accuracy of other authors’ work.

We thank Dr. Norlander’s colleague, Mats Niklasson, for letting us know that Torsten had passed away. As a longtime friend of the journal, he will be missed by all of us who worked with him. Mats also mentioned that Torsten considered an article published with our journal in 2010 as among the work of which he was most proud. As a tribute to Dr. Norlander, the article, which was coauthored with Mats Niklasson and Irene Niklasson, and is titled, “**Sensorimotor therapy: Physical and psychological regressions contribute to an improved kinesthetic and vestibular capacity in children and adolescents with motor difficulties and concentration problems**” will be available via open access as our Download of the Month for March and April. We will also provide free access to **Dr. Norlander’s portfolio of articles** with *SBP Journal* for March and April 2021.

Those wishing to pay their respects can contact Dr. Norlander’s family through his website, <http://torstennorlander.dinstudio.se>