

# Internet access to a database of NGT articles

The Lillehammer 1994 Olympic games reminded us that winter Norway, with its abundant snow and rugged landscape, is perfectly suited for winter sports activities. A look through past issues of NGT reminds us that summer Norway, with its abundant bedrock exposure and variety of geological terranes, is equally well suited for geological field research. A collection of back issues of NGT forms an exhaustive encyclopedia of Norwegian geology.

Lacking either a cumulative index or a table of contents, the usefulness of NGT as a primary source of geological information has been limited. If one is interested in the geology of gold or of the Lillehammer area, how does one find such information hidden in the pages of past issues of NGT? The Geological Survey of Norway (NGU) has now solved this problem for us by compiling reference databases for Norwegian geology, including NGT. Titles, authors, key words, geographic areas, and complete abstracts of all NGT articles are included in the database. Issues between 1960 and 1993 are not included, and by the end of this year the database should be complete back to the first volume in 1905. NGU asks no charge for use of the database, and it is easily accessible via Internet (address *dec01.ngu.no*) or via a modem (telephone number 47 73 904430). All who have access to Internet or electronic mail can now instantly search through NGU's database to find topics of interest in NGT.

Complete instructions in Norwegian are available as a report from NGU in Trondheim. Brief instructions are given here, so that you can try it right now. To log in to the NGU computer, type *ngu\_info*. For the password type *ngu\_ref*. To open the NGT database, type *NGT*. To find references in the Lillehammer area, type *finn Lillehammer*. Twenty-five references from the Lillehammer area are instantly found. To show the first reference found, type *vis*, to show the complete abstract, type *neste side*, and to show the next reference, type *neste*. To find references where the word gold appears in any NGT title, abstract or key words, type *finn gold*. Typing *finn Lillehammer og gold* will find all cases where gold is mentioned in one of the Lillehammer references. Here you will find none: obtaining gold in Lillehammer is not as easy as it may have looked from TV coverage of the Olympics! If you have problems with special Norwegian letters *æ*, *ø*, *å*, which are not available on some computers, you may replace part of your word with an asterisk\*. For example, to search for Magerøya, try *finn Mager\** or *finn Mag\**. When you wish to leave the database, type *slutt*.

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