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## You and me, Hanne!

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### Dear Hanne!

My memory of you is so bright. I mean it's nice to think of you and it is easy to see you in front of me even though it has been many years since we met. Our collaboration meant a lot to me – both professionally and personally. What I immediately found so incredibly sympathetic about you, Hanne, is your big warm heart, the lack of compromise when it comes to what you believe in, and that you don't despise weakness.

When I was going to write this text, I went through my backups from old computers to be able to remind you of what we did together and show the impression it made on my life. I hope you feel the same joy when reading this as I do when writing about it. There are so many encounters with you and colleagues who gathered around you that I could mention, but here are a few that I think were particularly productive and fun!

### *The workshop in Gothenburg 2001*

You became a key player in a very successful collaboration over several years between researchers in Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden. The start was a small workshop in Gothenburg with only five participants and with the aim of discussing the possibility of introducing joint postgraduate courses. As I recall, our common interest was to introduce perspectives into accounting research that showed greater awareness of the human nature. From a meeting in Turku, I particularly remember you saying: "There is too much focus on action today. People should engage in more reflection." This has lingered with me and I feel it is increasingly relevant.

### *Your time as visiting professor at the School of Business, Economics and Law, Gothenburg University*

On two occasions you were a visiting professor in Gothenburg, one period in the academic year 2004–2005 and one in the academic year 2005–2006. You were involved in teaching at various levels, contributed to the development of postgraduate courses, supervised doctoral students, held seminars, carried out workshops and collaborated in research projects. The colleagues and students greatly appreciated your presence and for me the Rhetoric and Communication and Argumentation Analysis lectures provided a new platform for my teaching and research.

### *The book project An Actor's Approach to Management 2007–2011*

You were the driving force in the editorial work on a book published with the title *An Actor's Approach to Management. Conceptual Framework and Company Practices*. The group of authors met on a number of occasions where you thoughtfully combined the needs to achieve results and to do so in pleasant ways. As a member of the editorial team, I was allowed to provide feedback on a draft of the cover. I was somewhat doubtful about the illustration (photo) of the eyes of a person who appears to be cross-eyed, but you burst out laughing and said: "You don't understand this". I obviously did not because the illustration has been successfully used in different ways later. And I have made great use of the book in my teaching in various contexts, above all at master's level and in commissioned training.

### ***The first Actor-Reality Conference 2011***

The above-mentioned book was presented at a conference in Gothenburg – The Actor-Reality Perspective. On-going research and future prospects – with contributions inspired by the perspective. Your critical but friendly comments to the authors (about 20 researchers and PhD students from the Nordic countries, England and Italy) laid the foundation of a network that grew rapidly and is still growing. I can imagine how much work you have done to create such an excellent setting for academic exchanges and wish I had been able to contribute more over time.

Finally, I would like to express my warmest thanks and wish you a fantastic time ahead when you now will retire. If you happen to pass by Gothenburg, it would be wonderful if you would like to visit Knavråås!

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