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Preface

The present conference follows upon the Nordic Seminar on Construction Economics and Organization, held 12 - 13 April 1999, also in Gothenburg. The 1999 seminar proved that Nordic arrangements fill a crucial function by bringing together younger and more experienced researchers in the field. This year, the Department of Building Economics and Management at the School of Civil Engineering and the Department of Service Management at the School of Technology Management have invited their Nordic colleagues to this conference. The response has been encouraging, and preliminary abstracts of 40 contributions were received. This volume includes the 29 papers that remained after the scientific review. These contributions are preceded by three keynote lectures.

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