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Greetings to Liv Merete Nielsen

Liv Merete Nielsen has meant a lot to me in my development as a researcher and person. She has shown how she can be a personal and friendly person just being herself, while at the same time entering large international research arenas with the greatest naturalness. She has shown in an exemplary way how to build a new research field within the design profession in Norway where you combine professional expertise at an international level with interpersonal relationships. She has impressed me in taking an appropriate number of initiatives, but not too many, which she has then followed up with systematic, gentle and friendly, iron will. There has never been an unkind word, but through pleasant and enthusiastic appeals, everlasting, she has engaged, gathered, and uplifted an entire professional environment. This has happened across institutions, across departments and across national borders.

She has been able to follow up the projects she has selected, and these have been used in a strategically wise way so that the projects carry on after they have ended, perhaps particularly with regard to the social networks that lives on afterwards. Her own interest in and practical competence in the field of design means that she has an in-depth understanding of the creative process, the complex entrepreneurial dimension and the theoretical perspectives that can illuminate the practical processes in new ways. When all the impressive achievements both internationally and nationally are put aside, perhaps what remains as the very best memory of the collaboration we have had and still have, is her wonderful mood and infectious enthusiasm.