



## Press release

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### From *UFO-Nyt* to ufo.dk

**One of the world's oldest periodicals about the UFO myth is published for the last time, but takes the battle to the Net.**

In January 1986 "The Other Side" was set up by Jim Speiser. It was an Internet forum on UFOs and paranormal subjects for skeptics, believers and doubters. Now anyone with a computer, a modem and a telephone connection could share their thoughts and points of view with other people. The monopoly of the UFO organizations was now broken. Previously their conferences, magazines and books had set the tone for the debate. The ufologists knew each other, spoke the same "language" and dealt with the same subjects. The Internet suddenly gave other people the opportunity to be heard, resulting in more aspects of the subject being introduced and examined in new ways.

The Internet can be seen as a democratic forum where everyone has a voice. The downside is that today the Net has developed into a platform where any fool can quickly and easily disseminate anything without a shred of evidence, calling themselves an "expert" – and even be believed.

Once there were probably around 3,000 UFO periodicals worldwide. Many of them were published by people with experience in report-taking and investigation, and who over many years had developed a sound knowledge of this area. Today there are fewer than 50 periodicals, with 20 having to close in 2008-9 alone. And now, after 52 years, we have come to the last edition of *UFO-Nyt*.



The widespread death of UFO magazines obviously cannot be attributed solely to the Internet. Right from the birth of the UFO myth in 1947, many have been waiting for the definitive answer to the UFO riddle. As this has not materialized, many people have lost faith and either lost interest completely or gone to the fringes and embraced the more extreme aspects of the UFO myth, e.g. cattle mutilations, abductions and messages from earthly spirits through crop circles, which suggests a yearning for a pre-scientific worldview.

Another factor has been a reluctance to spend much time on organizational issues, which have proved far less exciting than expected and which hardly attain Spielbergesque heights.

And finally, some organizations have sawn off the branch they were sitting on. This also applies to Scandinavian UFO Information (SUFOI). The organization has gone through a long process from being a spaceship-believing organization at its birth in 1957 to become an organization that today deals analytically with the UFO myth and does not believe in spaceships. There is no mystery (are we being visited from elsewhere?) that must be solved, but rather the exploration of many different phenomena and events that may give rise to UFO experiences.

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Human beings see and experience the world as we think it is – and the report material tells its own story: there is no evidence that Earth is being visited from outer space. This message has shaped SUFOI for many years. The magazine has not wasted column space on romantic fantasies about space brothers, but has instead – in accordance with SUFOI's changing purpose and vision – tried to facilitate an overview and a real knowledge of the UFO phenomenon, as well as scotching wild UFO stories and putting down unfounded rumours. Unfortunately, it just doesn't sell many tickets to publish well-researched articles on how we humans can experience quite common phenomena in unusual ways.

It doesn't make any sense to continue publishing a resource-intensive product like *UFO-Nyt* for a small but loyal readership when SUFOI, by focusing on the Internet and with fewer resources, can reach many more people, both the information seekers and the news media – as well as the more fanciful conspiracy theorists who need challenging online.

The Internet's information chaos makes it increasingly difficult for people to obtain informed and credible facts. SUFOI has invested more than 50 years in learning about the UFO phenomenon and we believe that the organization, with all its experience, is still obligated to provide the public with impartial knowledge on the subject. In future this work shall be carried out primarily via the website [www.ufo.dk](http://www.ufo.dk).

The last issue of *UFO-Nyt* includes part 3 of Ole Henningsen's series of articles in Danish on the Danish Air Force's UFO archive, which was released in January 2009. The article focuses on a radar observation made at Thule Air Base in northern Greenland.

Release of the Danish Air Force UFO archives in 2009 please read: "Exciting release of Air Force UFO archives" at <http://www.ufo.dk/british/articles/flyufo-uk.php>

Kind regards  
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