

# Editorial

## Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology Celebrating the First Decennium

The *Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology* was launched with the publication of issue number one, volume one, in August 1996. Thus with the recent issue the journal has been published quarterly for 10 years. The journal was founded on the initiative of *Professor Lennart Juhlin*, honorary editor, for the Nordic dermato-venereologists to be an addition to *Acta Dermato-Venereologica*, both these journals being owned by the Society for publishing Acta Dermato-Venereologica. From start *Professor Jørgen Serup* served as the chief editor, and *Mrs. Agneta Andersson* as the editorial manager while simultaneously managing the office of the *Acta Dermato-Venereologica*. Uppsala, Sweden with the strong academic tradition is the place of practical operations. During the first decade the following

dermato-venereologists have served as national editors or co-editors:

*Professor Hugh Zachariae*, Denmark

*Professor Lasse Kanerva*, Finland

*Professor Edvard S. Falk*, Norway

*Professor Gerd Michaëlsson*, Sweden

*Assoc. Prof. Östen Hägermark*, Sweden

*Dr. Leena Koulu*, Finland

*Dr. Karsten Fogh*, Denmark

*Dr. Gregor Jemec*, Denmark (CME editor)

The editorial team is presently:

*Dr. Robert Gniadecki*, Denmark

*Dr. Carsten Sand*, Denmark

*Dr. Sirkku Peltonen*, Finland

*Dr. Håkan Granlund*, Finland

*Professor Jon Olafson*, Iceland

*Dr. Petter Gjersvik*, Norway

*Professor Olle Larkö*, Sweden

*Ass. Prof. Bernt Lindelöf*, Sweden

*Dr. Tomas Norman Dam* (CME editor), Denmark

*Professor Harald Moi*, Venereology editor, Norway

In later years, Agneta has had help by one of her editorial assistants, Daniela Andersson.

Since its start, the journal has been printed by Knud Gr@phic Consult, Odense, Denmark.

We cordially acknowledge all the efforts and all the support of past as well as present editors of the *Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology*, editorial assistant and our efficient printer. Without their constant support the journal would not have passed the test of time. All editors worked for the journal with no salary.

Over this 10-year period 40 regular numbers (about 1300 pages) have been published. We have also produced 8 supplements (about 400 pages):



Fig. 1. Uppsala, Trädgårdsgatan, with the Uppsala dome in the background.



Fig. 2. Uppsala, Trädgårdsgatan 14, the building housing the editorial office of *Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology* and *Acta Dermato-Venereologica*.



dermatologists prior to the congress, followed by the second abstract book in 2004.

- 1<sup>st</sup> supplement by Dr. Monika Gniadecka, May 2000, medical dissertation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> supplement, Abstract book of the 29th Nordic Congress of Dermatology and Venereology, Göteborg, Sweden, May 2001
- 3<sup>rd</sup> supplement by Dr. Frederik de Fine Olivarius, August 2001, medical dissertation
- 4<sup>th</sup> supplement by Dr. Elisabeth Held, May 2002, PhD dissertation
- 5<sup>th</sup> supplement by Dr. Jens Schiøtz Thomsen, May 2002, PhD dissertation
- 6<sup>th</sup> supplement by Dr. Steen Lisby, March 2004, medical dissertation
- 7<sup>th</sup> supplement, Abstract book of the 30th Nordic Congress of Dermatology and Venereology,

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Odense, Denmark, May 2004.

- 8<sup>th</sup> supplement by Dr. Charlotte Devantier Jensen, PhD dissertation, May 2005.

All Forum publications are distributed free of charge to all dermatologist in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, who are specialists and members of their national society.

A milestone in the history of *Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology* was the nomination as official journal of the Nordic Dermatology Association in May 2001, when the first abstract book of Nordic congresses was printed and distributed to Nordic

The aim and scope of *Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology* is broad and professional as well as social, see the declaration printed on the cover of the journal. The content of the journal is always very much up to the authors and readers, and contributions are hardly ever rejected although the need for adjustments occasionally arises. It is the authors who write the text, not the editors, and the style is quite free. Now and then themes are covered, such as the relation to industry in the May issue 2005. We also introduced CME and clinical cases with emphasis on the process and challenge of reaching a difficult diagnosis in order to increase the educational value of the journal. The journal is different

from a scientific journal and should be seen as an attractive and informal alternative for the service of the clinician. It shall fill unmet needs such as publication and distribution of medical dissertations – a special service to young colleagues and an opportunity for established dermatologists to become thrilled with recent research in our region.

We need the paper version of the journal for night table reading or reading in the train, and for convenience and recall we need the electronic version, since May 2005 available on <http://www.medicaljournals.se/forum>.

The *Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology* would not have become a

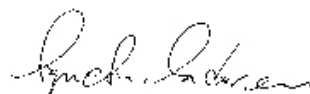
reality and not survived a decennium without the constant support of the industry through advertisements in the journal. We wish to acknowledge this support from the industry. There were never attempts to influence the editorial line and we have never faced controversial submissions. Advertisements payed for free production and distribution of the *Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology* and even created economy for free subscriptions to *Acta Dermato-Venereologica* to all dermato-venereologists in the Nordic countries. Financially the *Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology* developed successfully. Unfortunately gray shadows are now hanging over *Acta Dermato-Venereologica*, and the resources have in future to be reserved to support this journal along with a recent support from the

Welander Foundation to help *Acta Dermato-Venereologica* through a critical period. *Acta Dermato-Venereologica* co-operation with Taylor & Francis medical publisher will end by December 2005, and a new system of production and distribution shall be found.

Finally and most importantly we extend our profound gratitude to the many authors who spontaneously submitted their manuscripts to our journal and who did the real job. We do hope you will remain busy writers and we will surely keep the door open for almost any kind of thoughts and experiences.



Jørgen Serup  
Chief editor



Agneta Andersson  
Editorial Manager