

Information from Acta Dermato-Venereologica

Reflections after the first year on our own

One year ago we ended our collaboration with a commercial publisher as of January 2006 and started to publish *Acta Dermato-Venereologica* by ourselves. The Society for Publication of Acta Dermato-Venereologica had several reasons for making this decision: 1) our prognostic calculations showed that the journal's economic situation would improve by such a change; 2) we wanted the journal to move more quickly towards open access and 3) to ascertain that all steps in the publication process adhered to a non-profit ideology.

Acta Dermato-Venereologica is on the road again!

Have all these goals been fulfilled? Yes, the economy has changed from deficits over the last 5 years to a small surplus for 2006. Thanks to a generous grant from the Welander-Finsen Foundation covering some of the accumulated deficits we are now in a healthy (non profit!) situation. Meanwhile, open access after 1 year has been instituted for all papers, with a possibility for immediate open access for selected papers (reviews,



high impact papers, etc.). This is a first step towards total open access; however, before this is fully executed we must have a better knowledge of how to balance the expected fall in subscription income against the need for additional page charges. So far, the shift of the *Acta Dermato-Venereologica's* policy from a commercial publisher to publication in its own right has been surprisingly smooth and successful.

How to access Acta Dermato-Venereologica?

All the Nordic dermato-venereologists have free access to the electronic version of *Acta Dermato-*

Venereologica via their membership of the Nordic dermatological societies. All members who have stated their e-mail addresses to the editorial office will receive an alert every time a new issue is available. The log-in details will be supplied by the editorial office. Please contact agneta@medicaljournals.se.

As a member of the Nordic Dermato-Venereological societies it is also possible to buy a paper version of the journal to a reduced fee. For 2007, the price for the paper version is 600 SEK.

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Conflicts of interest matter!

In issue 6, 2006, of *Acta Dermato-Venereologica*, Professor Hywel Williams et al., in a timely Special Report, address important aspects of Conflicts of Interest (CoI) in Dermatology. The scope of the problem and suggestions on how to avoid/reduce a negative impact of CoI on the quality of science are ventilated. This issue has been barely discussed before in the Dermatologic literature, but is sure to be a growing problem in the future.

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