

Finnish Private Dermatologists (Suomen Privaattidermatologit Ry, Pride)

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The first society of Finnish dermatologists working in private clinics was called Primecut, and had been active in Helsinki for several years prior to 1992, when the society collected the names of dermatologists working solely in the private sector and invited them to attend a congress in Oslo. The idea of establishing a nationwide registered society emerged during this trip. The founding meeting of Finnish Private Dermatologists was held in Tampere in summer 1993. The generally used nickname and abbreviation for the society is Pride. The purpose of this society is to connect dermatologists working in private clinics, to support their professional education and skills, and to participate in the development of healthcare in Finland. The society organizes meetings, seminars and excursions, and interacts with sister organizations abroad. Membership has increased from the 17 founding members up to almost 80. The society holds 3–5 meetings every year. Trips to congresses and meetings in Finland and abroad, combined with visits to local dermatological clinics have become an important part of activities. Clinical consultations among



Fig. 1. Marja Soini.



Fig. 2. Jukka Juhela.

colleagues and discussions concerning the economic aspects of the occupation are also important when the members of the society meet. The current president of Pride is Dr Marja Soini (Fig. 1) from Helsinki and the treasurer is Dr Jukka Juhela (Fig. 2) from Harjavalta.



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