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Spring is in the Air!

Spring has finally arrived here in Sweden. The weather is getting warmer and everything is returning to life after a rainy and dull winter. Like the change of seasons, a lot of events are happening in the Nordic countries. The foremost forthcoming event is the Nordic Congress of Dermato-Venereology in Reykjavik, Iceland, which begins at the end of May 2008. We hope to see many of you there.

In Oslo, dermatology has entered a new phase; the two dermatology departments at Rikshospitalet and Ullevål University Hospital have merged into one department situated at Rikshospitalet. Read Petter Gjersvik's report of the merger on page 37.

On 7–8 March 2008 a Nordic meeting of dermatologists in private practice was held in Stockholm. Dr Birgitta Wilson Claréus presents a report from the meeting on page 53.

The Society for Finnish Private Dermatologists visited South America and the 21st World Congress of Dermatology; a "Once-in-a-lifetime" journey described on page 51.

The young dermatologists in Finland have held their educational meeting: read the report from their president Sampsa Kauppi on page 60. The Danish Society for Young Dermatologists is presented in this issue, as well as some information from the Swedish Forum for Young Dermatologists. Agneta Andersson, the Editorial Manager of Acta Dermato-Venereologica and Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology gives some useful "inside information" on what to consider when submitting a paper to a scientific journal.

This and much more is what you get in this issue of Forum. We hope you will find it of interest. We invite your input, your comments and thoughts on what you want to read and learn more about. It is with you and for you Forum is created!

Last but not least, our colleague and good friend Ove Groth has passed away. Long live his memory!

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