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## Never Stop Learning!

Although the summer has been short, I hope you have all had a lovely time filled with fun activities and lazy days. I know that many of you have been far from idle, as you have prepared submissions for the *Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology*. We have never received so many contributions for *Forum* as for this issue and we have therefore increased the length of the publication by 8 pages. Thank you all for making *Forum* such a living magazine!

For those who missed the congress in Reykjavik, Iceland in May, and for those who want to hear it again, Professor Mona Ståhle has written an extensive educational review based on her lecture "Systemic treatment for psoriasis – a new biologic era". Don't miss it on page 69! You can also read Lars Erik Bryld's summary of his lecture on "Infotech, internet and telemedicine" on page 73.

The International Investigative Dermatology Meeting in Kyoto in May attracted many participants. Anders Vahlquist (Uppsala), Sirkku Peltonen (Turku), Mette Deleuran, Christian Vestergaard and Kristian Thestrup-Pedersen (Aarhus and Nykøbing) give us their impressions of this meeting, starting on page 81.

In addition, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Scandinavian Conference on Epidermolysis Bullosa for Healthcare Professionals in Helsinki and the Paediatric Dermatology Meeting in Gothenburg are covered in this issue; see the reports on pages 78 and 80.

Sadly, we have an obituary in this issue. Another of our great dermatologists has passed away. Nils Thyresson will always be remembered as one of the precursors of Swedish dermatology.

Make sure you continue to develop by seeing things you haven't yet seen and doing things you haven't yet done. As Kristian Thestrup-Pedersen writes on page 95, when you visit different departments and places – you will always learn!

Now read, react and enjoy this new issue of *Forum*!

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*"The front cover shows Sveaborg (Suomenlinna) in Helsinki which was one of the tourist attractions during the EB conference (see page 78).*

*Suomenlinna Sea Fortress was built over 250 years ago and once had a population of 4600, larger than the population of Helsinki at the time. Construction began off the coast of Helsinki in 1748, when Finland was part of the Swedish Empire and the Swedes built a fortress on the islands as a counter to the increasing Russian naval strength in Kronstadt. In 1808, the fortress surrendered to the Russians, with Finland becoming part of the Russian empire. The fortress was originally called Sveaborg (literally, Sweden's Fortress), but was renamed Suomenlinna (Finland's Fortress) in 1918, one year after Finland finally gained independence from Russia. Today, the fortress is an integral part of the city and home to around 900 inhabitants.*

*Photo: Anders Vahlquist*