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Thanks for a Great Year!

A year is soon to its end, and this is the fourth issue of *Forum* 2008. This year has been truly exciting. We have tried to make *Forum* more attractive to you, and I dare say that, together, we have done a very good job. For this I want to thank the Editors, all the contributors, and my co-worker at the Editorial Office, Daniela Andersson, for putting everything together in such a nice way. We are already planning for next year and how to make *Forum* even better; I have written more about this in the Editorial on page 108. If you have an opinion, don't hesitate to contact me; I very much appreciate your feedback.

One topic that we have been discussing for a long time is the possibility of printing guidelines in *Forum*. So far we haven't made it reality. In Finland they have now begun to work on guidelines, and Elina Heikkilä reports on page 119 how to prepare and share such information with clinicians. This is work that will continue in the future.

Baldur Baldursson from Reykjavik sums up the Nordic Congress on Dermato-Venereology, which was held this spring. He writes about the highlights of the congress. The standard of the congress was very high thanks to our Icelandic colleagues. Did you know that one of the lecturers was this year's Nobel Prize winner in medicine? This speaks for itself when talking about high standards. Read more and see some photographs from the meeting on page 137; perhaps you are in one!

Also from this congress is this issue's Educational Review by Filippa Nyberg, page 110. She gave a lecture on an Overview of Lupus in Women.

In times of cuts and merging clinics we certainly need a sunshine story or two. In this issue you can read about Utsikten on page 122. Utsikten is a successful dermatology clinic in Stockholm established by Associate Professor Göran Wennersten, in 1980.

Finally, I would like to congratulate two of our Nordic dermatologists, Professor Mona Ståhle in Stockholm and Associate Professor Lars Iversen in Aarhus, who have both been awarded large research grants for their projects; read the interviews on page 117.

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The photo on the front cover shows Karin Boye (1900–1941) was born in Gothenburg, Sweden. She studied at Uppsala University from 1921 to 1926 and debuted in 1922 with a collection of poems, "Clouds" (Sw. "Moln"). In 1931 Boye, together with Erik Mesterton and Josef Riwkin, founded the poetry magazine Spektrum, introducing T.S. Eliot and the Surrealists to Swedish readers. Karin Boye is perhaps most famous for her poems, of which the most well-known ought to be "Yes, of course it hurts" (Sw. "Ja visst gör det ont") and "In motion" (Sw. "I rörelse") from her collections of poems "The Hearths" (Sw. "Härdarna"), 1927, and "For the tree's sake" (Sw. "För trädets skull"), 1935. She was also a member of the Swedish literary institution Samfundet De Nio (chair number 6) from 1931 until her death in 1941. Outside Sweden, her best-known work is probably the novel "Kallocain". Inspired by the rise of National Socialism in Germany, it was a portrayal of a dystopian society in the vein of Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-Four and Huxley's Brave New World (though written almost a decade before Nineteen Eighty-Four). In the novel, an idealistic scientist named Leo Kall invents Kallocain, a kind of truth serum.

As seen on page 121 the EADV congress 2010 will be held in Gothenburg where you can find this statue. Photo: Göteborg Tourism