

Editorial Information

You are now holding this year's final issue of *Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology* in your hand. A lot of changes have been introduced during this year – a new appearance; Young Dermatologists and Private Practitioners have their own sections; and some other things mirroring the fact that the Nordic Dermatologists are very active!

I am very grateful to all of you who have contributed to these issues. I am also happy to have such a wonderful team of Editors. They are both encouraging others to contribute and are contributing some material themselves, in order to cover what is going on in the Nordic countries. They are more than happy to receive all your information about events or reports of cases you think are of interest, etc. There is no piece of information too trivial to be published in *Forum* as long as it concerns *Nordic Dermato-Venereology*! Below you can read details of some subjects we will concentrate on in *Forum* next year. I welcome your reactions!

Forum Meetings

Some of the Editors of *Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology* gathered in Reykjavik, Iceland (Fig. 1) on 31 May 2008 and in Uppsala, Sweden (Fig. 2) on 2 October 2008 for discussions on how to improve *Forum*.



Fig. 1. Participants in the Forum meeting in Reykjavik (from left to right): Daniela Andersson (Editorial Assistant), Olle Larkö (Editor, Sweden), Jon H Olálfsson (Editor, Iceland), Thor Bleeker (Private Practitioner, Sweden), Harald Moi (Venereology Editor), Petter Gjersvik (Editor, Norway), Agneta Andersson (Managing Editor), Bernt Lindelöf (Co-editor, Sweden), Torbjörn Egelrud (Chairman of the owner of *Forum*), Outi Kortikangas-Savolainen (Chairman of the Finnish Dermatology Society), Turild Thune (Chairman of the Norwegian Dermatology Society), Ove Bäck (former Chairman of the owner of *Forum*), Gregor Jemec (Denmark). Missing: Robert Gniadecki (Editor, Denmark), Tomas Norman Dam (CME-Editor) and Carsten Sand (Co-editor, Denmark).



Fig. 2. Participants in the Forum meeting in Uppsala (from left to right): Sirkku Peltonen (Editor, Finland), Daniela Andersson (Editorial Assistant), Agneta Andersson (Managing Editor), Torbjörn Egelrud (Chairman of the owner of *Forum*), Harald Moi (Venereology Editor), Robert Gniadecki (Editor, Denmark), Olle Larkö (Editor, Sweden) and Tomas Norman Dam (CMI Editor). Missing this time were: Petter Gjersvik (Editor: Norway), Bernt Lindelöf (Co-editor, Sweden), Jon H. Olafsson (Editor: Iceland) and Carsten Sand (Co-editor, Denmark).

The main conclusion of these meetings was that we will put more emphasis on the following in future:

Education: *Forum* should contain more material on education, e.g. educational reviews, examples of examination questions, multiple choice questions, etc. We will try to build up stronger relationships with the National Societies in the Nordic countries in order to make *Forum* more closely connected with the dermatology training in each country.

Guidelines: We will publish guidelines on different treatment methods. Also, we will open up for discussions about the various ways the same disease may be treated in different countries.

Discussion forum: We will try to create more dynamic and interactive internet-based discussion forums and include the possibility of registering and recognizing individual dermatologic learning activities (CMI credits) for these activities.

The reason for choosing Uppsala for the latter meeting was that *Acta Dermato-*



Fig. 3. We also had the opportunity to meet Carl von Linné in person. Despite his age (born 1707) he looked rather healthy. Hans Odöo acting as Linné. Insert: Linné himself.



Fig. 4. Carl von Linné lecturing Professor Jouni Uitto from the Philadelphia University, USA.

Venereologica arranged an international symposium on 3 October 2008, entitled **Progress in Dermatology**, in connection with the University Hospital's 300 year anniversary. This gave

the participants in the *Forum* meeting the opportunity also to join the symposium.

Some of the members of the Advisory Board of *Acta Dermato-Venereologica* were invited to this symposium as speakers; a short extract of their lectures is given on p. 139.

After the *Forum* meeting we enjoyed an excellent dinner in the Orangery at Linné Garden. Among the guests was one of our greatest scientists from the 18th Century, Carl von Linné (born 1707) (Figs 3–4). Although many discoveries have been made during the past 300 years, our great scientists of today had some interesting conversations with Carl von Linné.

New co-editor in Finland

Since Håkan Granlund left the position as an Editor of *Forum* for Finland some years ago, Sirkku Peltonen has shouldered this task alone. It is my pleasure to announce that we again have a co-editor for Finland.

Dr Päivi Hägg (Fig. 5) graduated from the Medical School of the University of Oulu in 1995. She received her PhD in 1997 from the University of Oulu on Type XV collagen. She worked as a postdoctoral fellow in 1999–2000 at the Cancer Research Institute, University of California, San Francisco, USA. In December 2008 she will be a specialist in Dermatology and Allergology in Oulu. Her research interests include: connective tissue biology, glucocorticoid receptors and steroid resistance in atopic dermatitis and other inflammatory diseases.

We welcome Päivi into our editorial team. I am confident that the two editors of Finland – *Sirkku Peltonen*, who will stay as the ordinary editor of Finland, and *Päivi Hägg* as co-editor – will continue to stimulate the publication of a lot of interesting material from Finland.



Fig. 5. Päivi Hägg from Oulu, Finland

Uppsala in November 2008

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