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Dermatology Doing Well!

It has been a great pleasure to compile this issue of Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology. We have received many contributions from you, and have even had to save some of them for the next issue. I am very grateful for all your efforts in making Forum as interesting as it is. Our ambition is to put together a journal that appeals to every dermatologist and venereologist in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Unfortunately, there have been very few (in fact no) contributions lately on venereology, but the next issue will include one or two papers on this subject. If you have any suggestions on topics you would like to read about, or if you know of a specific event, please report this to me, or to the country editors, and we will try to cover it in Forum.

This issue of Forum includes a variety of contributions. The Educational Review by Charlotte Duch Lynggaard et al. on page 68 focuses on the fact that childhood rosacea is a rather poorly described disease, but one that is definitely worth taking seriously.

John Paoli and Olle Larkö present the Swedish clinical guidelines on actinic keratosis, squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) and basal cell carcinoma (BCC) on page 71. Rather extensive guidelines and comments from the other Nordic countries, especially from Denmark and Norway, draw our attention to some discrepancies in the diagnosis and treatment of both SCC and BCC.

One of the more enjoyable events in Finland this year took place on May 22, when Professor Jouni Uitto from the Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, USA, received an honorary doctorate. Sirkku Peltonen reports on this event on page 78.

Another piece of welcome news is that the Impact Factor of Acta Dermato-Venereologica is at an all time high of 2.456. Anders Vahlquist informs us about the state of Acta Dermato-Venereologica on page 79 and, on page 80, Jon Hjaltalin Olafsson encourages you all to become members of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV).

As always you will find dissertations, information from the Norwegian Dermatology Society, recently published articles and more in this issue.

Until next time, enjoy the beautiful autumn with its changing colours outside!

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The photo on the front cover shows the procession for Honorary Doctor (see page 78).

Academic procession entering the Turku Cathedral for the service after the degree ceremony on May 22nd, 2009. The degree ceremony is an academic rite of passage in which those who have completed their doctoral degree formally receive the insignia associated with this status: the hat, the sword and the diploma. Many traditions of the Finnish academic community today are deeply rooted in the history of the Academia Aboensis, the university founded in Turku in 1640 by the Swedish Queen Christina. The first degree ceremony was held in already in 1643. As stated in its founding charter, the new Academia was to be modelled on the medieval Uppsala University. Via Uppsala, academic ceremonies conducted at Turku came to follow a spectacular tradition that had originated at Bologna and Paris in the 13th century. This tradition still flourishes in all of its central features. (Photo: Ilmari Peltonen)