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All Around the World

One of the fun parts of working with Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology is to read all of the interesting reports from those of you who have been visiting and working abroad. In this issue there are two such reports. The first comes from Carsten Sauer Mikkelsen from Denmark, who spent six months in the Department of Dermatology at the University Hospital in Stavanger, Norway. You can read about his experiences and see photographs of the fantastic scenery of Lysefjord on page 12.

The other report is by Noora Takkinen from Finland, who spent two weeks in the Department of Pathology at Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, in 2009. Her visit resulted in some eye-opening experiences, which she describes on page 15. This report is a bright spot in view of the media coverage of the terrible earthquake in Chile in February.

We also have two jubilees in this issue. The Nordic Dermatology Association celebrated its 100th anniversary and the Skin Research Day in Finland celebrated its 30th. The secretary general of the Nordic Dermatology Association, Torbjörn Egelrud, provides some information and a historical view of the association on page 7. The Skin Research Day is an opportunity for researchers in the field of dermatology from all over Finland to gather and present their work. Sirkku Peltonen reports from this event on page 25.

In this issue we also introduce a new category; a Quiz. A short description of a case is followed, on the next page, by the diagnosis. Hanne Nybæk and Gregor Jemec have provided our first quiz, which you can find on page 23. Have a go at working it out, but no sneaking a peek!

Furthermore, Beni Amatya from Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm has written an educational review on pruritus in psoriasis, which starts on page 4. Carin Anagrius, chairman of the Division of Venereology, has compiled a list of the guidelines for treatment of sexually transmitted infections, approved by the division, which will be published in Forum (page 9). Also in this issue, this year's award winners of the LEO Pharma Research Foundation are described on page 11, there is a report from Margareta Svensson and Birgitta Wilson Claréus on their dermatology clinic in Farsta, Stockholm, and many other interesting articles.

Enjoy!

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The photo on the front cover shows Lysefjord in Norway.

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