

is becoming less important in these days of increasing collaboration within the European setting. Furthermore, it has been said, there is an ever-increasing number of international meetings competing for attendees, organizers and calendar space. And, of course, there is also the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV). Those who argue in favour of the continuation of regular Nordic meetings point to similarities among the Nordic countries in terms of healthcare systems, medical education, and therapeutic traditions. And, not least, they love to attend Nordic Congresses.

At every general assembly of the NDA at which the future of the organization and forthcoming meetings have been discussed, the majority of delegates have pronounced their support for continuation. One explanation for this outcome may be that the general assembly meets during an ongoing congress, which has so far always been a success, and that the attending delegates are already looking forward to the next Nordic Congress of Dermatology and Venereology. Only the future will tell; the next Congress is scheduled for 2012 in Finland. Exact dates and place will be announced in forthcoming issues of *Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology*.

UEMS European Board Examination – Diploma in Dermato-Venereology

Harald Gollnick is the past president of the UEMS and responsible for the UEMS European Board Examination in Dermato-Venereology. For those of you who want to learn more about this examination *Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology* asked some questions. See the answers below.

What is the content in such an exam?

The content is the European Curriculum Teaching Program according to the UEMS charter.

What are the proportions of Dermatology and Venereology in the exam?

The proportions are 65% Dermatology and 35 % Venereology.

What knowledge do you need in histology and phlebology?

You need basic knowledge in dermatopathology and the usual CV knowledge in phlebology.

Can you do the exam online?

No, the exam is performed in place every year during 2 days.

Is the exam performed orally or written?

The exam is performed in writing. With MCI's. It consists of 400 questions including cases. All questions are demonstrated on a screen in the lecture hall.

How do you prepare for the exam?

By a good to very good residents training over 4–5 years and constant learning from books, CME articles and european guidelines.

Are there any online training courses?

No

How long have these exams existed?

The exam has existed in the UEMS since year 2000, in Dermato-Venereology since year 2007.

When is the next examination date?

August 6–7, 2010.

Where does the exam take place?

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Application

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