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## Travel broadens the mind

This issue of Forum sets out the second set of guidelines from the Division of Venereology in Sweden. These guidelines, on *Mycoplasma genitalium* infection, presented by Carin Anagrius at the sexually transmitted diseases clinic in Falun, Sweden, will be of value to all dermato-venereologists. You can read more on page 36.

As you may have noticed, in past issues of Forum, some of our colleagues have reported on their trips abroad, working at or visiting dermatology departments. This issue contains two such reports. The first is by Elke Weisshaar, Professor in Dermatology at the University of Heidelberg, Germany (page 39). In her two and a half week visit to Mbarara in Uganda she learnt about Ugandan dermatology and experienced the friendliness and gratitude of the patients at the Dermatological University Hospital Mbarara.

Sirkku Peltonen, Turku, Finland, is the author of the second report (page 44). Together with three of her colleagues, she visited two dermatology clinics in London, UK. The group wanted to deepen their knowledge and practical experience, especially with respect to epidermolysis bullosa. It required a great deal of paperwork to arrange the visit.

Kaare Weissman, author of the case report on page 54, made an interesting observation when treating a 12-year old girl with pityriasis rubra (PRP). He concludes that the best treatment for juvenile PRP is a positive attitude and a good emollient and not the aggressive medication that they tried initially.

The dissertations in this issue focus on two different aspects of atopic dermatitis. Johanna Mandelin, University of Helsinki, Finland, writes about tacrolimus ointment for long-term treatment on page 49, and Lena Hagströmer, Karolinska University Hospital, Sweden, focuses on defence defects on page 50.

You can read about the 2010 staging system for cutaneous melanoma by Ilkka Koskivuo on page 47, try the CME presented by Tomas Norman Dam on page 60, and get updates from Norsk Dermatologisk Selskab (NDS) and Dansk Dermatologisk Selskab (DDS) on pages 57–59.

If you have any comments on the content of Forum, or would like to read about some aspect we have missed out, please contact your country editor or me. You find the contact information next to the table of contents and on the inside back cover.

Enjoy!

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*The photo on the front cover shows a scenic view on the road from Mbarara to Queen Elizabeth National Park, South-Western Uganda.*

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