

chlamydia. The sensitivity of NAATs are in the mid to high 90s, with specificity equal to cell culture (98-100%). While culture is the preferred test for medico legal cases, most experts have suggested that NAATs for chlamydia could be used as an alternative to culture if culture is not available. The PCR test currently used in most countries has the ability to include an internal amplification control that enables the laboratory to

determine the presence of inhibitors that may produce a false negative result. The PCR test has the ability to prevent false positive results (contamination) from any previously amplified products (Tomas Norman Dam).

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## The Registration is Open for the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Society for Dermatological Research (ESDR) in Helsinki on September 8–11, 2010

One of the main yearly meetings for dermatologists, the ESDR meeting, will be held in Helsinki this September. The ESDR, founded in 1970, is a non-profit organization promoting basic and clinical science related to dermatology. The ESDR is the largest investigative dermatology society in Europe with a current membership of over 800, and its annual meetings have most recently attracted about 800 participants. The organizing committee is planning a stimulating scientific program for this year, not forgetting the clinical aspects which are especially brought up on sessions of the Clinical Saturday. A special satellite symposium “The Nordic Light in Dermatologic Research” will be arranged by *Acta Dermato-Venereologica* on Thursday, September 9, followed by a postgraduate course in memory of Professor Ulpu Saarialho-Kere, who was a member of the ESDR Board and the Local Organizing Committee until summer 2009. The organizers wish all participants from the Nordic countries most welcome to these symposia.

The congress venue Marina Congress Centre is ideally located at the harbourside right in the heart of Helsinki. The downtown on Helsinki with its lively market square, world class shopping, excellent dining and busy nightlife are located just a few steps from the congress venue. Accommodation is also available in the immediate proximity of the venue. Please mark your calendar with the abstract deadline, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Early registration ends on July 9<sup>th</sup>. <http://www.esdr2010.org/>

### FOR THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF ESDR2010:

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Fig. 1. The chairman of the Local Organizing committee Veli-Matti Kähäri with Aira Raudasoja from the congress bureau CongCreator promoting the Helsinki congress in the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual ESDR Meeting in Budapest in September 2009.