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Summertime...

Now it is Finland's turn to present their ongoing dermato-venereological research. As in the previous issue, this presentation is arranged in geographical order from north to south. It is impressive to see that so much research is being done (see pages 8–17).

If you know someone who is thinking of having a tattoo, please hand them this issue of Forum to help them decide whether or not to go ahead. In the Educational Review on page 3, Nicolas Kluger presents the pros and cons of tattooing.

Two dissertations are presented in this issue, as well as highlights chosen by some of the country editors. There is also a press release for a recently published paper by John McGrath et al. that is likely to make a difference to the future treatment of skin diseases (see page 27).

You will find two meeting reports in this issue, as well as a report on what it is like to work in dermatology in Scotland, where Anders Vahlquist was a visiting professor last year (page 36–39).

Last, but not least, we have a request for you to participate in a survey for the TREatment of severe atopic eczema in children Taskforce (TREAT). They need as many participants as possible.

I wish you all a pleasant summer and hope you will enjoy the approaching holiday time!

Uppsala May 27, 2011 AGNETA ANDERSSON Managing Editor

The photo on the front cover shows Finland with the university cities that are presented in this issue