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The Winter is Here – But Where is the Snow?

I guess I will regret this statement when this issue is distributed and I am fed up with shovelling snow, but at present it is very dark and dull outside. However, I hope the content in this issue will brighten you up and give you some joy.

Now it is Denmark's turn to present their ongoing dermato-venereological research. As in the previous issues, the cities of each university are presented in the front cover. Read about the impressive ongoing research in Denmark on pages 118–131.

See also a presentation on *Hudexpressen* that is running a pilot study to teach school children about the harmful effects of the sun and how to protect the skin (page 132–133).

The highlight reports in this issue are covering one paper from Denmark on psoriasis by Maria Salskov-Iversen et al. (page 141) and one from Finland by Teea Salmi et al. on dermatitis herpetiformis (page 142).

We also present a very dramatic case report from Ukraine on purpura, ulceration and necrosis with a fatal outcome.

In a dissertation from Finland (Heli Kavola) you can learn more about Merkel cell carcinoma.

I wish you and your families all a festive season and a very happy, healthy and rewarding New Year to come.

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