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Biologics – a Deceptive Expression?

In this issue the dermatological research is presented from Norway. Although we have not seen so many presentations from Norway in this respect recently, the report from Norway brings forward a lot of potential.

In a debate article on page 8, Petter Gjersvik rigorously questions the phrase “Biologics” and concludes that it should be renamed. You are invited to give your views on this topic.

On page 11 you can learn more about wounds and innate inflammatory responses. Brita Pukstad recently defended her doctoral thesis on this topic.

In this issue we have two reports on Dermatology Abroad; one from Germany and from San Francisco. Read and enjoy! The Young Dermatologists in Sweden reports from their latest annual meeting and two other meeting reports are also presented. Don't miss the forthcoming congresses later this year in Malmö, Sweden; one on vascular anomalies and one on contact dermatitis. Also, note the date for next Nordic Dermato-Venereological Congress in Tampere in page 10.

A new section is introduced in this issue: “The Editor of Acta Dermato-Venereologica recommends”. On page 31 you can find extracts of papers from the latest issue of *Acta Dermato-Venereologica* that the Editor considers of particular interest.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank two country editors who have decided to leave the board of *Forum*: Professor Berndt Lindelöf and Dr Carsten Sand. I am enormously grateful to them for their contribution over the years. At the same time, I would like to extend a warm welcome to two new country editors:

For Denmark I sincerely welcome Dr Helle Kiellberg Larsen, who is working at the Department of Dermato-Venereology, Bispebjerg Hospital, Copenhagen. She is specialized in dermatovenereology, with a special interest in venereology.



For Sweden I sincerely welcome Professor Lennart Emtestam, who is working at Karolinska Institutet, Huddinge, Stockholm. He is specialized in hidradenitis suppurativa and non-invasive measurements. His doctoral thesis from 1988 was entitled: Studies on epidermal Langerhans cells and on HLA factors in nickel sensitivity.



I wish you a pleasant reading!

Uppsala March, 2012
AGNETA ANDERSSON
Managing Editor

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