

## Swedish Forum for Young Dermato-Venereologists: Annual Meeting

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The group of young dermato-venereologists interested to participate in their annual meetings is growing. Below find a report from the latest one.

The 2011 meeting for Young Dermato-Venereologists in Sweden was held at Lejongdal Castle in Bro, outside Stockholm, on 27–28 October. A total of 50 resident physicians attended, which is the largest number of participants in years. As in previous years, the content of the lectures was adapted to the mission statement of our society and we selected interesting topics that are not covered in other regular courses. Four pharmaceutical companies provided financial support for the course.

The meeting opened on Thursday 27 October with talks by *Filippa Nyberg*, Chairman of the Swedish Society for Dermatology and Venereology (SSDV), and *Katarina Lundqvist*, who is responsible for educational matters in SSDV, who discussed SSDV and raised some important educational issues.

Subsequently, *Nela Söder* and *Thomas Wiberg*, representatives from the National Board, described how to proceed when applying for a specialist degree. They set out clearly what should be documented in resident education and what needs to be submitted to the National Board.

In the afternoon, *Nils Hamnerius*, Chief Physician at the Skin Clinic at Skåne University, gave a lecture on skin diseases and other conditions that affect the nails, and *Carl-Fredrik Wahlgren*, Professor at the Department of Dermatology, Karolinska University Hospital and Karolinska Institutet, gave an interesting lecture on itching, which included an overview and

update of itch pathophysiology, causes, clinical implications and suggestions for investigation and treatment.

The first day was closed by *Femke van Rooijen*, resident physician from The Netherlands, who trained at a dermatology clinic in Sweden. She talked a little about her own work and presented a case report.

On Friday 28 October, Associate Professor *Maria Bradley*, Department of Dermatology, Karolinska Institutet and Sophia Hospital in Stockholm, gave inspiring lectures on the characteristics and treatment of skin diseases in dark-pigmented skin, tropical skin diseases and on her personal experiences of working as a dermatologist in Africa. After lunch, participants watched a PowerPoint presentation and listened to a recorded lecture by *Karin Rosen*, MD, and Chief Physician in Dermatovenereology at Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Gothenburg, about vasculitis from a dermatological perspective. A review of the various forms of vasculitis with skin manifestations, and their investigation, diagnosis and treatment setting was presented.

In addition to listening to inspiring speakers, we also had time to review this year's survey on resident doctors, compare salaries, visit the exhibitors' booths, enjoy good meals and, most importantly, get to know colleagues from all over Sweden. Networking between colleagues is a very important reason for holding this course and we are delighted that interest in these meetings has increased.



Fig. 1. Participants at the 2011 annual meeting of the Swedish Forum for Young Dermato-Venereologists.