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Did You Know This About Your Society?

In this issue you can learn more about your national dermato-venereology society, and perhaps discover something new. Each society has given information about the society as well as informed about their goals and visions (p. 9–13).

Anita Dhirad from Karlstad, Sweden, has reported on her project as a resident in the specialist training. She has chosen the subject “Bullous Pemphigoid” (p. 3–8). This is a section in which I hope many of the young dermatologists within the specialist training in dermato-venereology will share their project results in the future.

Many dissertations have taken place recently and in this issue you can learn about: Neurofibromas; Toll-like receptors and inflammatory responses; Merkel cell polyomavirus infection; Neuron Navigator 3 gene aberrations; and Skin barrier function and mRNA expression (p. 16–21).

Learn more about the benefits of post-education. Helena Gonzales has been to La Jolla in California, USA to attend a course in Superficial Anatomy and Cutaneous Surgery. She describes her experiences from this course on page 25–26.

Atopic eczema is a difficult disease to treat. However, Kristina Ibler et al. have recently published a paper on a new preventional treatment that has had great results so far. See page 23 for more information.

The information about the Nordic Congress of Dermatology and Venereology, which will be held in Tampere in August this year, has been updated. The deadline for submitting abstracts is approaching, although it has been extended (to May 6, 2013). Please note this congress in your diary; it will be the highlight of the year for Nordic Dermato-Venereology. You can read about it on page 14–15.

Last but not least, I hope you have seen the new website for Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology. Please visit <http://www.medicaljournals.se/forum> and keep you updated regarding meetings, congresses, etc, and also join the discussions in the Discussion forum.

Wish you all a pleasant reading!

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