

The Finnish Dermatological Society – Suomen Ihotautilääkäriyhdistys ry

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General information

The Finnish Dermatological Society was founded in 1916, being one of the oldest specialist societies in Finland. During its first decades the Society grew slowly, while the number of members has doubled during the past two decades. Today the Society has 377 members.

Goals

The main goals of the Society is advancing the cause of our specialty and our patients, as well as providing high-quality educational events and to support scientific research in our field by research grants, that are provided annually especially for doctoral students. Our main effort in education this year is the Nordic Dermatology Congress, that will be held in Tampere in 18–20 August, 2013. As President of the Finnish Dermatological Society I welcome all Nordic dermatologists and hope to see you during this event!

The long-term challenge is our aging patient population and the increase in skin cancer. Our Society will tackle these issues both through education and research, as well as raising awareness on these issues also among our citizens and our leadership in general.

The Society organises several educational meetings every year. The anniversary meetings are usually held in Helsinki, while

fall meetings as well as the Annual Dermatological Research Day have recently been held in other towns with active dermatology units. The Society also organizes international meetings, such as the 40th Annual Meeting of European Society of Dermatological research in 2010 in Helsinki (chair Professor Veli-Matti Kähäri) and the soon coming Nordic Dermatology 2013 meeting in Tampere in August 2013 (President Professor Annamari Ranki).

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The Board is now on its second year and will likely continue until 2015, when a new Board begins.



The Board of the Finnish Dermatological Society: (from left to right) Sirkku Peltonen, Jaana Mattila, Kaisa Tasanen-Määttä, Noora Neittaanmäki-Perttu, Sampsa Kauppi, Antti Lauerma, Alexander Salava and Maria Huttunen.