

## Norwegian Society of Dermatology and Venereology – Norsk Forening for Dermatologi og Venerologi

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### General information

Norwegian Society of Dermatology and Venereology (NSDV) was founded in January 27<sup>th</sup>, 1915. Presently, the society has 253 members, 168 specialists and 48 residents. The remaining part are retired colleagues and associated members.

### Goals

The primary goal of the current board has been to stimulate the scientific activity of Norwegian dermato-venereology. For many years little to none high level research was conducted by Norwegian dermato-venereologists. Six years ago, the board decided to arrange and finance an annual meeting for researchers where members from all over the country can get together, discuss current subjects and do networking. These meetings have become very popular, and the present board has decided to continue allocating money to cover all the expenses for the participants. During the last years the status of dermato-venereology in Norway has improved. Several PhD-candidates have defended their thesis and many young colleagues are in PhD-programs. Many factors have played a part, but we believe that the focus on research in the NSDV has been of importance.

Other main issues for this board has been to work for good and updated training programs for the residents and try to establish mandatory postgraduate education programs for authorized specialists. It is not difficult to recruit young doctors to dermato-venereology, but the fact is that most of the young specialists want to live in the cities. More than 80% of

the applicants to vacant resident positions are women. The board has started a discussion on how to recruit colleagues who are willing to establish practice in rural areas, and we have asked ourselves and the members how to make the specialty more attractive to male residents.

### Membership

Most of the Norwegian dermato-venereologists are members of the NSDV. In Norway, all specialists who are members of the Medical Association, are mandatory members of a specialist society. Even though most of the members are pushed into a membership of NSDV, I believe most of the colleagues benefits from the membership. The society arranges two annual courses open for all members, and we try to give members updated information on guidelines and other important news through the year.

### Board

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A new board and chairman (probably) will be elected at the general assembly in April 2013.



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