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Even if you missed the Nordic congress in Dermato-Venereology in Tampere, you can catch up here!

The Nordic Congress in Dermato-Venereology is now completed and the organisers are just to congratulate for the success. This congress contained a lot of interesting lectures and for all of you who hadn't the possibility to attend the congress, now you can find extracts from many of the various lecturers in this issue of Forum (pages 123–140).

Anders Vahlquist who recently retired from his position at the Department of Medical Sciences at Uppsala University after a long and successful career was celebrated and honoured by a special day with both national and international lecturers. Anders also gave an overview of his 45 years research activities. Find both a summary of the day as well as the overview on pages 141–143.

Some dissertations (pages 145–147) and other information are also presented in this issue.

For the Swedish dermatologists there is in this issue an invitation to the forthcoming annual meeting of SSDV. Block the dates May 13–16! See page 144 for further information.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Sari Suomela, the Finnish country editor, for all her valuable services to Forum during the years. She has now decided to step down and in she is replaced by Alexander Salava. Alexander Salava's special interests are skin diseases, sexually transmitted diseases, and allergology and he received his PhD in 2007. I welcome Alexander and look forward to a good collaboration.



Alexander Salava, new Country Editor for Finland

Also Päivi Hägg has decided to step down and I thank her for her kind assistance with Forum. She is replaced by Erika Wikström. Erika Wikström has recently defended her academic thesis on "Epidemiology of Chlamydia Tracomatis Infection in Finland during 1983–2009" (see page 147). I welcome also Erika and look forward to a good collaboration.



Erika Wikström, new Country Editor for young Dermatologists in Finland

Wish you all a pleasant reading!

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The photo on the front cover shows the "Elvis Presley" show at the Gala Dinner in connection with the Nordic Congress. Photo: Antti Lauerma