

Editorial

The Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology is now the official journal of the Nordic Dermatology Association

In June, the 29th Nordic Congress of Dermatology and Venereology in Gothenburg reached some important conclusions for the *Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology*:

- *The Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology was accepted as the official journal of the Nordic Dermatology Association* by the board of the association on June 8th and by the general assembly of the association on June 9th. The status as official journal was consolidated on June 13th in Stockholm at the board meeting of the association behind Acta Dermato-Venereologica, the owner of Forum.
- *The Forum shall, with the approval of the general assembly of the association, continue to publish the abstract book of the Nordic Congresses.* The 30th congress

will be held in Odense, Denmark in 2004, with Professor Klaus Einar Andersen as Congress President.

- *Continuing Medical Education (CME)* will be introduced in the Forum to prepare for the situation in the future, when CME requirements may be officially implemented on an EC basis. Dr G.B.E. Jemec, Chairman of the EADV CME committee, was nominated as the new Forum editor, with CME as his special responsibility.

Moreover, the editors of the Forum are pleased to welcome Dr. Leena Koulu as new co-editor in Finland (see next page).

The aims of the Nordic Dermatologic Association are to promote co-operation in research, education and clinical

practice among dermato-venereologists in the five Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden), and this matches the declared aims of the *Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology* perfectly. The Association's primary purpose is to hold Nordic congresses and support education, while the Forum's primary aim is to promote co-operation related to clinical practice and education, as well as to present current research, exemplified by its publication of Nordic dissertations as brief summaries or full-length supplements. The linkage between the Association and the Forum is thus to the benefit of all and hopefully appreciated by future Forum readers.

The Forum for the Nordic Dermato-Venereology, the Association and the dermatologist have all passed a major milestone.

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