

# Meeting News

## 31st Annual Meeting of the ESDR in Stockholm, September 2001

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For the second time in the 30-year history of the European Society of Dermatological Research (ESDR), its annual meeting was organized in a Nordic country. We were happy to welcome almost 500 participants to the meeting in Stockholm. Although the 11th September terrorist attacks cast sinister shadows over the final meeting preparations, our initial fears that these frightening events would jeopardize the whole meeting did not come true. Only a handful of delegates were actually deterred from joining us in Stockholm. The Scandinavian

Two of the organisers, Johan Heilborn and Mona Bäckdahl, in front of other delegates at the meeting.



Poster viewing in the poster hall which exhibited altogether nearly 300 posters.



Plenary session with the new President of ESDR, Prof Leena Bruckner-Tuderman, chairing and Prof Martin Black lecturing on Autoimmune Bullous Diseases: New Aspects, New Therapies.

participation was greatly enhanced, as expected, and we were happy for the opportunity to expose our national dermatology communities to high quality international dermatology research.

The satellite symposium on Cutaneous Gene Therapy, which has already been highlighted in Forum (vol. 6, issue 4, 2001), set the stage for a continuation at an excellent scientific level. The program committee had put together an exciting program. "The Clinical Saturday: From Bench to Bed-



Jouni Uitto visiting the booth where Agneta Andersson represented Acta Dermato-Venereologica.



Paul Bowden, Chairman of the program committee.

side" was introduced as a novel concept with the overall aim of translating basic research into clinical reality. We learned about new developments in cutaneous lymphoma, melanoma, immunotherapy and molecular diagnosis of skin diseases. The initiative was much appreciated and will hopefully become a cornerstone of future meetings. The poster walks, introduced in Berlin 2000, were extended this year, allowing young investigators to discuss science with expert senior colleagues in small groups. The social events included a reception at the City Hall and a visit to the Vasa museum. By and large the delegates considered the meeting very successful.

On behalf of the local organizing committee, we would like to thank all the participants and sponsors for contributing to the meeting, scientifically as well as socially. Next time we will meet in Geneva!

Some of the Finnish delegates at the meeting.



Martin Röcken in discussion with Thomas Schwartz and J.M. Schröder, all Germany.

