

Time for Change – A Welcome to Karsten Fogh, the New Regional Editor in Denmark

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*Your days on earth
are just so few
that there's exactly
time to do
the things that don't
appeal to you*

Over the years, having taken care to follow the words, at least to some degree, of this 'Groom' by Piet Hein, the Danish scientist turned poet, this was never the case with my job as regional editor for Nordic *Forum*. Working together with Jørgen and Agneta, our Chief Editor and our Editorial Manager, for six years and the first six volumes has been thoroughly appreciated and always a pleasure. However, the time for change has come. All journals in due time need new blood, and the oldest blood is to be renewed now. It is my sincere hope that Karsten Fogh will enjoy his new job as much as I have. He didn't hesitate the least when asked to take over,

so I really believe it appealed to him.

Forum has grown up from a risky infancy six years ago to its present maturity as the 'Official Journal of the Nordic Dermatological Association'. The time has long since passed for desperate calls from Jørgen or Agneta for urgent contributions to the next edition. Today they even have a waiting list, and the growing number of advertisers demonstrates a confidence that the journal is read with interest by dermatologists in all Nordic countries. The scepticism that met Professor Lennart Juhlin, when he took the initiative to establish *Forum*, has vanished.

Karsten Fogh, who is 47 years old, received his education at the Departments of Dermato-Venereology at Marselisborg Hospital and Bispebjerg Hospital. He has spent a year as a postdoctoral research fellow at Ann Arbor, University of Michigan Medical Center, and became a specialist in dermato-venereology in 1996. His doctoral thesis from the University of Århus, which he defended in March 1990, had the title 'Lipoxygenase products of arachidonic acid in psoriasis, atopic dermatitis and experimental arthritis'. He became senior physician (*overlæge*) at Marselisborg



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Hospital (now Århus Amtssygehus) in March 2001 and assistant professor (*lektor*) at the University of Århus in August 1998. Karsten Fogh has a long list of international publications among his merits and he has been president for 'Young Dermatologists' (*Foreningen af Yngre Dermatologer*) and a member of the board of the Danish Society of Dermatology since April 2000.

It is my hope that, in cooperation with Carsten Sand Petersen, he will attract many young Danish dermatologists to publish and bring their views to the pages of *Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology*.