

Editorial

Dear Readers of the Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology

It was recently decided by the owner of *Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology*, the board of Acta Dermato-Venereologica, to reorganize the Forum and introduce a system with renewal of editors of Forum every 3 years. The board is comprised of Swedish professors. The Nordic Association of Dermatology and the national societies have no direct ownership. A similar system of renewal of editors is not introduced for the Acta Dermato-Venereologica.

I served Forum as chief editor and founding editor since the very start of the journal back in 1996. The present panel of editors all functioned for 3 years or more. All editors shall as a consequence of the new organization offer their seat to other colleagues. The Acta board will run this process.

Thus, as of 31 December 2007 I expire in my chief editor function. New editors will have free hands and opportunity to renew the journal.

I remain a strong believer in the good aims of *Forum for Nordic Dermato-Venereology*. This quarterly magazine goes to every dermatologist, and it is with no doubt the most read dermatology journal in the Nordic region. Forum is far more exposed to dermatologists than the Nordic Association, the Nordic congresses and the Acta Dermato-Venereologica.

A major problem I had to tackle was a relatively low influx of papers for the Forum. Over the years particularly the influx from Sweden, the biggest nation in the north, declined. The group of Swedish professors are key positioned to help the journal out of this, and a special obligation is carried on their shoulders to make Sweden a gold supporter in the future on the factual level.

I address my cordial thanks to the many idealistic colleagues, who supported the journal during the first 12 years. A special thank is addressed to the editors and to the printer, Knud Graphic, who serviced Danish doctorants expediently, when they had their dissertations published as supplements to the Forum.

I thank the chairman of the Acta Board, Professor Ove Bäck, for his honest and straight approach.

Finally my thoughts go to the late Professor Lennart Juhlin of Uppsala, the founder of the Forum, for his friendship and generous support during the infancy of the journal.

Dear readers, I wish you all a happy new year. May the Nordic spirit survive and be real whatever the scene may be.

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Jørgen Serup