

OBITUARY

Professor Lennart Juhlin 1926–2005



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Professor Lennart Juhlin, Honorary and Section Editor of this journal, sadly died from myocardial infarction on October 17, 2005, whilst going home from his office at Uppsala University Hospital. He died as he had always lived, constantly active and preoccupied with both medical and scientific issues. Lennart Juhlin was the Editor-in-Chief of this journal between 1988 and 1999. His international reputation as distinguished researcher and his long-lasting personal relations with many of the leading dermatologists around the world helped to promote the journal's development. Later on he also founded a new journal, the *Nordic Forum for Dermato-Venereology*.

Lennart Juhlin's scientific career spans more than five decades, beginning with his doctoral thesis in pharmacology at Uppsala University in 1956, followed by training in dermatology and venereology at Uppsala University Hospital (Head: Professor Nils Thyresson). In 1969 he took over as Professor and Head of the same department, acting until 1992, when he was succeeded by his close collaborator Professor Gerd Michaëlsson. During his long career, Lennart Juhlin was repeatedly invited to be Visiting Researcher and Visiting Professor at various institutions. He worked with Professor Sam Shuster in Newcastle-upon-Tyne (in 1963 and 1968), with Professor Walter B. Shelley in Philadelphia (1960–1961, 1964–1965 and 1975–1976), with Professor Jean-Paul Ortonne in Nice (1983–1984) and with Professor Peter van de Kerkhof in Nijmegen (1993). In 1981–1983 he was Director of the Department of Pharmacology, Centre International de Recherches Dermatologiques

(CIRD), Valbonne. His scientific output comprises over 300 medical publications and book chapters spanning from skin pharmacology to the pathogenesis of urticaria and vitiligo therapy. Apart from his own scientific activity he was also a tutor of several PhD students and a keen supporter of numerous postgraduates.

Lennart Juhlin was President of the Swedish Dermatology Society in 1972–1975, and for many years also Secretary General of the Scandinavian Dermatological Association. He served as honorary and board member of many international societies and was for a period a consultant to the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva. He was one of the founding members of the European Dermatology Foundation (EDF), now embracing all professors of dermatology and venereology in Europe.

On a personal level, Lennart Juhlin was not just a gentleman *par excellence* but also an extremely gentle person who always cared for his fellow-beings; he treated patients, students, staff and peers in the same friendly, comforting and always optimistic way. All of us who had the privilege of knowing Lennart will never forget his charming personality, his warm friendship and great generosity. The memory of him will remain forever! Our thoughts are with his dear wife Ingrid and his two children, Claes and Ann, and their families.

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Anders Vahlquist
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