

EDITORIAL

Thanks for the Years with Acta Dermato-Venereologica

It has been most stimulating to work as editor of *Acta Dermato-Venereologica* over the last 11 years, during which time I have had the opportunity to be in direct contact with clinicians and researchers all over the world. In this age of rapid development, 11 years is a long time, and it is now time for a change. I am very happy that Anders Vahlquist, a good friend and collaborator for many years and presently Professor of Dermatology and Venereology in Uppsala, will take over as editor. He will be the fifth editor of *Acta Dermato-Venereologica* since its start in 1920. The founder, Johan Almquist, was editor until 1935, when he was succeeded by Professor Sven Hellerström, who took care of the journal until 1969. Professor Nils Thyresson then became editor and remained in office until 1987, when he became honorary editor. For the 75th anniversary of *Acta Dermato-Venereologica*, he published its history through the years (Supplement 194).

As I leave the position as editor, I am glad to say that the journal is still in good health, and we are pleased to receive many excellent articles, for which I would like to thank the authors. Unfortunately, space does not permit us to accept them all, though many are worth publishing. In the last year, we were able to publish 175 out of 314 received. Our citation index is above 1, which is good for specialized journals with a mixture of clinical and investigative reports. At present, 2,100 copies of each issue are printed. Since the journal will also be available electronically as of 1999, the future number of prints is uncertain.

I would like to take the opportunity here to thank the mem-

bers of the Editorial Board for their advice. Special thanks are due to Professors Torbjörn Egelrud and Anders Vahlquist for their fine collaboration as Assistant Editors. About 200 reviewers specializing in the various areas in which research is done do an immense amount of work. Many thanks to all; with your advice, you have helped to improve the standard of the journal through the years.

The key person at the editorial office during my period as editor has been Mrs. Agneta Andersson, with her never-failing interest in improving the journal generally. She takes care of editorial changes, budget and administrative affairs and correspondence with the whole network of people involved in publishing a scientific journal. With her sharp intellect, unbelievable memory and thoughtfulness, she has become indispensable to *Acta Dermato-Venereologica*. Due to the increase in number of articles and its accompanying correspondence, her workload has increased despite the conveniences of modern technology. In the last four years, Anna-Maria Andersson has been another most valuable member of our staff, taking good care of contacts, especially with authors and reviewers. With such good company, it has been a pleasure to work as editor. I thank them most heartily for their efforts.

In changing times, change is inevitable. I wish Anders Vahlquist all success with *Acta Dermato-Venereologica* in the future, and I hope he will find it as stimulating as I did. Anders' programme and intentions for the new millennium will appear in the next number of *Acta Dermato-Venereologica*.

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