

EDITORIAL

Acta Dermato-Venereologica: Challenges for the Future

As the new Editor of *Acta Dermato-Venereologica*, I feel a great sense of excitement and responsibility at being entrusted with maintaining the high standards of the journal. Succeeding Professor emeritus Lennart Juhlin's 11 years as Editor, and Professor emeritus Nils Thyresson's 18 years is indeed an honour and it is a privilege for me to have both these highly esteemed men as Honorary Editors on the Board as well as close neighbours in Uppsala, where the Editorial Office has been located for the past 18 years. I am also glad to announce that Lennart Juhlin will stay on as a Section Editor sharing with me his great experience in the art of scientific publication.

With the new millennium approaching, *Acta Dermato-Venereologica* will change in general profile and appearance to meet the changing demands of readers. A new Board has been created which reflects the increasing internationalization of the journal. In discussions with Lennart Juhlin, Torbjörn Egelrud (Co-Editor), Kristian Thestrup-Pedersen, Mrs Agneta Andersson (Editorial Assistant) and Gunnar Swanbeck (Chairman of the Society for the publication of *Acta Dermato-Venereologica*), new Section Editors have been appointed to administrate the peer review process and to try to reduce

review time to a minimum. Additionally, many new members of the Advisory Board have been appointed, all of them highly experienced and well-known scientists and clinicians. Together they will, I am sure, assist me in preserving the journal in the forefront of dermatological and venereological science. They will also be important contact persons for readers and contributors in their home countries.

My challenge is, along with the Board and the key person at the Editorial Office, Mrs Agneta Andersson, to produce a journal that publishes the highest possible standards of research covering the whole range from basic skin biology and clinical dermatology to venereology. Our primary goals are to further speed up the publication process, to further increase the quality of the peer review process, and to include more overview articles. The journal will be available electronically to all subscribers as of 1999 and the possibility of rapid desktop publishing will be investigated. We hope that with these intentions and with the experience represented on the Editorial Board, *Acta Dermato-Venereologica* will continue to increase its citation index and prove its value to readers into the next millennium.

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