

The Editorial Office of ActaDV Appears in a New Costume

Since almost 30 years, *Acta Dermato-Venereologica* (ActaDV) has been successfully collaborating with the *Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine*, by sharing office and employment responsibility for the editorial staff members, most notably Mrs *Agneta Andersson*, our highly esteemed editorial manager. During all these years, the two journals have gradually developed from being initially subscription-based and printed in collaboration with a major commercial publisher to now being published in-house as open-access, online publications with high impact factors (1). The great skills in scientific publishing acquired by the staff during this modernization process has now been further expanded thanks to the recent employment of a new editorial manager, Ms *Therese Granlund* (2).

Parallel to this, discussions have been undertaken between *The Society for Publication of ActaDV* and *The Foundation for Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine* concerning the best future organisation model for the editorial office. It is now clear that the office from 2021 onwards will constitute a separate company called *MedicalJournals Sweden AB*, owned jointly by the two non-profit societies as equal and sole shareholders. This organization model provides a more secure employment for our staff members and makes it possible to offer editorial services to other journals in need of such expertise. The first example of such an affiliation is *Scandinavian Journal of Material Sciences*, a newly started journal that will appear in 2021.

A not-for-profit ideology will be retained by the owners of the publishing company, implying that publication fees will be kept as low as possible also in the future. Any surplus from the company will be returned to the owner organizations, with the purpose of benefitting research and education.

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We are very pleased to announce that *Therese Granlund* has now accepted to become the new director (CEO) of *MedicalJournals Sweden AB* and that *Agneta Andersson*, who has splendidly served ActaDV since 1987, will be the new Chair of the company's board, also including 4 academic persons recruited by the owners. Mustered in this way and working in close contact with academia and authors from around the world, we feel confident that the new editorial company has a bright future. Needless-to-say, all submitted manuscripts will continue to be peer-reviewed and swiftly processed, making it always a priority for us to provide personal services to the authors throughout the entire process.

In the eyes of our readers and authors, the probably most overt sign of our new costume will be the altered design of our website and publication system. Thus, ActaDV will continue to modernize by shifting to a new publication system called Open Journals System (OJS). We hope that this will enable us to continue offering a state-of-the art publication experience for our authors, and we are also excited to gain from the advantages being offered by using a system developed for Open Access journals. Our skilled Senior Editorial Assistant, *Anna-Maria Andersson*, whom many of you know since she has been with us since 1994, will help guide you through these changes. She will maintain the responsibility for the entire process from submission to publication, and will thus remain your contact person also in the future.

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