

## EDITORIAL

### Farewell and Welcome!

After many years of skilful and enthusiastic work as section editor for Atopy and Immunology, Professor Tilo Biedermann, Munich, has recently asked to be replaced in this role due to other forthcoming duties. I would like to thank him sincerely for his devoted service, which has helped *Acta Dermato-Venereologica* to become one of the leading dermatology journals in Europe.

Concurrent with this farewell, I'm very pleased to welcome three new Sections Editors; Professors Margitta Worm, Birgitte Dréno and Marcel Jonkman.



**Margitta Worm** is Professor of Dermatology and Allergology, Charité-Universitätsmedizin, and clinical director of the outpatient clinic department of Dermatology and Allergy at Charité Hospital, Berlin, Germany. She graduated and received her doctoral degree at Freie Universität Berlin in 1991 and was research fellow at the

Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, from 1993 to 1995. Professor Worm was appointed full Professor at Charité in 2003 and is currently on the board of directors of the German Society for Allergology and Clinical Immunology (DGAK). She has published numerous papers in high-ranking journals of dermatology and allergy, and has recently received several research awards.



**Brigitte Dréno** is Professor and Chair of Dermatology, University of Nantes, and Vice-Dean for research of the Medical School in Nantes, France. She received her MD in 1980 and PhD in 1986. She was appointed University Professor first class in 2001 and Professor exceptional grade, level 2, in 2011, at the University of Nantes.

Among many other responsibilities, she was President of the French Society of Dermatology from 2004 to 2006 and secretary of the Research and Study group on Acne (GREA) from 1995 to 2006. She was also Vice-chair of the Cell Therapy Group of the French Agency for the Safety of Health Products, and a member of the Scientific Council "INSERM Workshops". Professor Dréno has a long publication list, with many papers in the field of facial dermatoses and diseases of the pilosebaceous glands.



**Marcel F. Jonkman** is Professor and Chair of Dermatology, and currently Head of the Expertise Center for Blistering Diseases at the University Medical Center Groningen, the Netherlands. He received his MD in 1984 and a PhD in 1989 from the University of Groningen. In 1997 he was appointed As-

sociate Professor, and in 2002 full Professor of dermatology with special regard to bullous diseases at the University Medical Center Groningen. In 1996 he was visiting fellow in the Uitto lab at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, PA. Professor Jonkman is founder of the Dutch Society of Experimental Dermatology. His research is focussed on blistering diseases, postgraduate dermatology education and imaging. He has published more than 200 papers in peer-reviewed journals, h-index 32, mainly within the field of genodermatoses and immunobullous disorders.

To all these highly distinguished colleagues, I extend a warm-hearted welcome to the editorial board of *Acta Dermato-Venereologica*!

I also want to make public another farewell; to the paper version of our journal! Since its inception in 1920, 96 volumes of *Acta Dermato-Venereologica* have been printed. Over the last 8 years, an e-version of the journal has been published in parallel with the paper version, and in 2011 we decided to adopt a totally open access policy, making the journal freely available online. Hardly surprisingly, the income from subscription fees has since dropped to a level that no longer covers the cost of printing and shipping the journal around the world. Hence, *The Society for Publishing Acta Dermato-Venereologica* decided in December 2015 that volume 97 (2016) will be the last to be printed and, as of 2017, no further subscriptions will be offered.

Importantly, however, the online readers of *Acta Dermato-Venereologica* will barely notice any change, because the layout of the journal from 2017 will be the same; all published papers will be collected in 8–10 issues per volume with pagination remaining as before. We hope that this small token of conservatism in the midst of all radicalism surrounding our e-publishing will be appreciated by the readers as well as by the authors. Reading a pdf version rather than html text is usually easier and certainly more attractive when one wishes to print out a paper of interest.

The policy of publishing the journal purely online from 2017 onwards will allow us to increase the number of accepted papers, which is desirable in view of the increasing number of submissions over recent years (630 papers in 2015). Although the length of accepted papers can now also be increased without additional costs, the possibility of using e-supplements will still be recommended whenever suitable (rather than overloading the pdf version of a paper). Needless to say, our rigorous peer review process will be maintained, providing a guaranty of the continuing high scientific quality of papers published in *Acta Dermato-Venereologica*, which, it is hoped, will lead to a further increase in our impact factor.

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Anders Vahlquist, Editor-in-Chief