

P R E F A C E.

*T*HE INTENTION TO PRESENT investigations within Scandinavian odontology in foreign countries is not new. Already in 1918 the Editor of *Svensk Tandläkare Tidskrift* (Swedish Dental Journal), H. Ramberg, issued a number written wholly in English and intended for foreign readers. The year after, it was discussed on the meeting in Copenhagen of *Nordisk Odontologisk Förening* (Northern Odontological Society) to issue a publication of Scandinavian odontology "decided for a foreign auditory". This proposal caused *Odontologisk Tidskrift* (Odontological Journal) to publish *NORDISKT ODONTOLOGISKT ARKIV* (Archives of Northern Odontology), which appeared with its first number in 1922 and was edited by Im. Ekström. The last and seventh number appeared in 1931.

The publication of an *ACTA ODONTOLOGICA SCANDINAVICA* was proposed by Danish initiative on the meeting in Helsingfors in 1932 of "*Skandinaviska Tandläkarföreningen*" (Scandinavian Dental Association) without leading, however, to any concrete results. The same was the case with a discussion regarding an *ACTA* which was arranged in connection with the meeting of "*Nordisk Odontologisk Förening*" (Northern Odontological Society) in Gothenburg in 1933.

In the spring of 1938 the Editor took the initiative to bring up under discussion with the Editors of the other Scandina-

vian dental journals problems of mutual interest. The publication of an *ACTA ODONTOLOGICA SCANDINAVICA* was also considered and for a preliminary treatment of this question a meeting between the Editors was held in Gothenburg the 3rd of June 1938. It was unanimously agreed upon the urgent need of a publication in foreign language in order to secure the presentation of valuable treatises within Scandinavian odontology before a foreign auditory. The appearance of an *ACTA* would also at the same time solve the old problem of issuing the national Scandinavian journals in their respective languages.

A preliminary plan was worked out by the Editor and sent in August 1938 to the other Editors for consideration. A new meeting was held in Gothenburg the 20th of November, when this plan was discussed. The final and decisive meeting between the Editors took place in Stockholm the 4th of March 1938.

The Danish Dental Society resolved to take part in the publication of the *ACTA* the 6th of November 1938, The Finnish Dental Society the 31th of March, the Swedish Dental Society the 14th of April and the Board of the Norwegian Dental Society the 18th of April 1939.

The principal object of *ACTA ODONTOLOGICA SCANDINAVICA* is to present Scandinavian odontology before a foreign auditory. In connection herewith the *ACTA* has the intention to protect the right of priority of Scandinavian authors within odontology.

A more detailed description of the history and the proceedings leading to the publication of the *ACTA* will appear in each of the Scandinavian dental journals.