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Folke Lagerlöf 1939–2010



It is with great sadness that we inform readers of *Acta Odontologica Scandinavica* of the sudden death of Folke Lagerlöf, Professor Emeritus at the Karolinska Institute (Huddinge, Sweden) and the Editor in Chief of this journal. He passed away while skiing in late January 2010. Folke took over the editorship from

Gunnar E. Carlsson in 1998. This was the beginning of an interesting and changing time for journals. Manuscripts were increasingly being submitted and handled in electronic form and soon the journals themselves began to ‘appear’ increasingly on our computer screens and less so on library shelves. Browsing of current issues of journals in libraries became much less common and researchers and clinicians became accustomed to using electronic means to find material of interest to them. Folke took this rapidly changing environment in journal editing and publishing in his stride. He was also keen to open up the journal from its Scandinavian origins into a truly international journal by building on the reputation of high-quality dental research that was known to be associated with Scandinavian countries.

Folke Lagerlöf’s own research interests were in salivary research and issues of oral clearance. He published a number of well-cited articles on these topics. In his private life, classical music and opera were his great passions and he played the piano and guitar. After his retirement, Folke took much pleasure from his family, especially his children and grandchildren. Very close to his heart was his lifelong companion and colleague Anette Oliveby. We regret the great loss of a wonderful colleague and friend who always seemed to be in a very good humour!

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