

Preface

This issue of *Acta Odontologica Scandinavica* is opened for the publication of the proceedings of a symposium on craniofacial growth. Only rarely has the journal presented special issues focusing on one theme. However, this was a Nordic conference with Nordic contributors, and the presentation of these papers is therefore in accordance with

the policy of the journal. I wish to thank the guest editors, Drs. Hans Friede and Stavros Kiliaridis, for their excellent work in editing the papers.

Gunnar E. Carlsson
Editor

Foreword

The field of craniofacial growth is explored by many disciplines, each of them working at different levels and with rapidly increasing knowledge. It was our ambition already at the planning stage that the meeting should bring together researchers and research students from these different areas and help forge links between them. We were therefore happy to see, for 5 days, the results of this attempt. Profound knowledge in each of the fields covered by the lecturers was followed by fruitful and stimulating discussions in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. And the discussions were not interrupted on leaving the lecture hall.

We are aware that neither the warm personal atmosphere created during the meeting nor the interesting discussions could easily be transferred to a publication. Therefore, our intention with this publication is to cover

at least the main parts of the lectures presented at the symposium. We feel great satisfaction that almost all the lecturers, despite their busy work schedules, could contribute with a condensed version of the paper presented at the meeting.

We would like also to thank the Editor and the Editorial Board of *Acta Odontologica Scandinavica* for giving us the opportunity to print the proceedings. Furthermore, we would like to thank Nordisk Forskerutdanningsakademi (NorFA, 94.25.009/00) and the Swedish Medical Research Council (MFR, K94-24S-10932-01) for providing us with the financial support to realize our goal. The extra expenses for this issue were paid for by NorFA.

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