

Dear colleagues,

The editorial board hopes you are all doing well despite these challenging times. We start off this issue with the Best Paper Awards. This year, our evaluation committee includes members from each of the Nordic countries as well as Harvard Medical School. Trained by a Nobel prize laureate, our international evaluator Dong Feng Chen has a particular focus on potential breakthroughs and is a great addition to the already accomplished Nordic committee. Collectively, the expertise of the gender-balanced committee spans the spectrum of ophthalmology.

Advancements and breakthroughs in diagnostics and therapeutics are of the highest interest to *Ophthalmology*. Mini-reviews and perspective articles are also much appreciated. We are glad to have three such papers in the July issue. We also want to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our colleagues and showcase high-quality dissertations, upcoming events and conferences, and efforts to increase collaboration that advances ophthalmology across the Nordics.

The editorial board would like to congratulate two of our Nordic colleagues, Professor Christina Lindén and Professor Miriam Kolko, for being listed on *Ophthalmologist's Power List* for 2021. This year's list presented the most influential female figures in ophthalmology in the world. We also want to congratulate all the Best Paper Award recipients, chosen for their intriguing content combined with great language, images, and illustrations.

Our congratulations go to Mette Hedegaard Correll, who defended her thesis last year. If you know about any other great theses in the Nordic region in 2020, please let us know by October 1, 2021. From the 2020 nominations, three Nordic Outstanding PhD awardees will be announced in our December issue. There are certainly many ways to evaluate theses. To avoid subjective evaluations and potential biases, the editorial board has decided that the three dissertations with the highest total impact factor at the time of submission will receive the awards, totaling NOK 125,000.

For more information about the Best Paper and Outstanding PhD Awards, please visit our new webpage, [www.ofthalmolog.com](http://www.ofthalmolog.com). There, you will also find information about *Ophthalmology's* most recent award series, the Outstanding Presentation Awards, celebrating extraordinary presentations by our Nordic community. New this year is also *Ophthalmology's* community page. Please do not hesitate to reach out to *Ophthalmology* if you want to advertise ophthalmological equipment, job opportunities, availability for employment, or relevant events. We want *Ophthalmology* to be a platform that unites eye doctors from across the Nordic countries. Thus, we will publish advertisements from ophthalmologists free of charge on our community page.

For the first time, *Ophthalmology* presents a Special Issue. The focus of this issue is glaucoma. We are thankful for the excellent contributions by all the authors in both of our July issues.

The editorial board is grateful for any suggestions from our readers on potential upcoming topics. The more input and collaboration with our readers to advance *Ophthalmology*, the better. We offer free proofreading by a native English speaker and illustrations by one of our graphic designers to all our authors. We strive to support our authors at all stages of the writing process.

The editorial board wishes you all a happy summer! We look forward to sharing with you our next issue in December.



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Manuscripts can be sent to [info@ofthalmolog.com](mailto:info@ofthalmolog.com). Deadline for the December issue is October 1, 2021. For guidelines about manuscripts, deadlines, and distribution, visit [www.ofthalmolog.com](http://www.ofthalmolog.com)

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