

Dear Colleagues,

We start this issue with the 2022 Best Paper Awards and congratulate Hanagh Winter, Eleni Beli, Mehrdad Rafat, Neil Lagali, and Atle Østern. This year, our evaluation committee again includes members from each of the Nordic countries as well as a representative from Harvard Medical School.

We want to showcase the best and brightest PhD recipients from the Nordic region each year. Thus, we hope our readers will submit many nominations before the deadline of September 1, 2023. The 2022 awardees will be presented in the upcoming December issue of *Oftalmolog*. As in previous years, there will be three awards (gold, silver, and bronze), totaling NOK 125,000.

Our cover for this issue highlights an important new announcement. The Editorial Board of *Oftalmolog* continuously strives to improve the journal. To this end, we have this year introduced a peer review process to further increase the quality of the articles published. Moreover, this is the first step toward becoming an indexed journal in the future. If we succeed, articles in *Oftalmolog* will be more frequently cited and discussed internationally. Our articles will thus have a greater impact on the scientific literature and scientific progress.

*Oftalmolog* is pleased to receive reader suggestions for potential mini-reviews and perspective articles for future issues. Importantly, if you want to highlight a colleague who deserves special attention for their extraordinary leadership, innovation, scientific merit, or eye care, please do not hesitate to let us know. More information on nominations is given on page 42. The Editorial Board wishes you all a happy summer!



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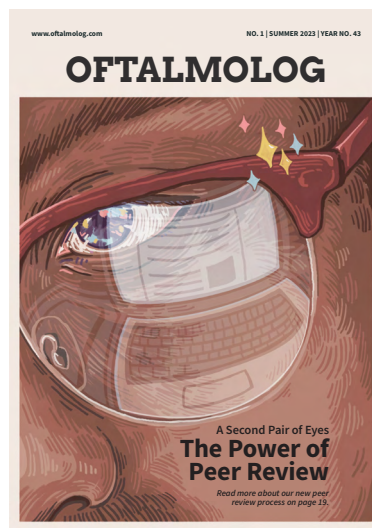
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## COVER:

For this cover, we highlight our new peer review process. We believe that peer review is a powerful tool to bring research of even higher quality to our readers. Through the review process, the authors receive valuable feedback from experts and a chance to improve the presentation of their work. And with additional eyes on the article and new perspectives, we can ensure a high-quality product.

Special thanks to Agnes Guttormsgaard for bringing this vision to fruition in our latest cover.

To read more about our peer review process, turn to page 19 or check out our website.



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