

Dear Colleagues,

We begin this issue with the 2023 Best Paper Awards and congratulate our winners: Hanagh Winter, Eleni Beli, Ivan Potapenko, Morten la Cour, Torleif Tollefsrud Gjørberg, and Eirik Sundlisæter. Key points from their work and their research inspiration are included in this issue. For the full articles, you can visit our website or scan the QR codes next to each winner. We would like to thank our evaluation committee, comprised of representatives from each of the Nordic countries as well as Harvard Medical School. In this issue, we include highlights from seven recent Nordic dissertations on topics ranging from novel surgical techniques to the impacts of a new screening database.



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As in previous years, there will be three awards (gold, silver, and bronze), totaling NOK 125,000. The recipients will be presented in the upcoming December issue. All dissertations defended in the Nordic region between January 1 and December 31, 2023, are eligible for nomination for the 2023 Outstanding PhD awards. *Oftalmolog* hopes to receive many nominations from our readers by September 1, 2024.

Occasionally, *Oftalmolog* publishes highlights from ophthalmology conferences and courses with distinguished speakers. On page 10, we present key takeaway messages from the expert panel who held a course on ocular inflammation and infection at St. Eriks Eye Hospital. To learn more about this important subject, we asked some of the speakers and world-class professors to present a perspectives article on the very latest in uveitis diagnosis and management (pages 15–19).

How well are Boston keratoprotheses doing in the hands of Danish eye doctors? The answer can be found in the peer-reviewed article from our Danish colleagues on page 11. If you wish to submit similar studies or perspective articles for our consideration, please send topic outlines or draft manuscripts to info@oftalmolog.com.

The Nordic Congress of Ophthalmology 2024 is fast approaching. A very exciting scientific program with several outstanding speakers is lined up. You can see the full schedule along with practical information for planning your visit to Finland. We hope that the cover motif gets everyone in the mood for adventures in Kuopio.

The Editorial Board wishes you all a happy summer and hopes to see many of you at the Nordic Congress of Ophthalmology 2024 in Kuopio.

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COVER:

We are excited to highlight the beautiful city of Kuopio, Finland—the capital of Lakeland and host of this year's Nordic Congress of Ophthalmology. The artist who created this cover, Agnes Guttormsgaard, was inspired by the breathtaking natural beauty of the region and wanted to use bright summery colors to invoke a whimsical sense of awe and adventure. You can read more about the conference and what awaits in Kuopio on page 23.

