The idea to publish a thematic issue of Acta Dermatovenerologica Croatica has been considered for some time. At the last Editorial Board meeting, we concluded there was a need to print a monothematic issue on psoriasis. After successful 4th Croatian-Italian Symposium on Psoriasis, held in Zagreb in November 2008, the topic and the title were born. Very good lectures and fruitful discussions were encouragement to invite the lecturers, experts in the field of psoriasis to share their knowledge with our readers. Although this is a thematic issue containing papers by invited authors, all articles underwent peer-review, after which we have chosen nine articles on the topic of psoriasis, ranging from basic science through interaction of psyche and psoriasis to diagnosis and therapy.

The first part of this issue dedicated to psoriasis is entitled Psoriasis-State-of-the-Art.

In the second part, there are three relevant articles on the topics of melanoma, therapy of pruritus, and immunologic aspects of atopic dermatitis.

As we are all the time trying to improve the quality of our journal, tending to reach a higher level, your opinion and reactions to such a thematic issue will be valuable for us indeed.

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