

Dear Jasna,

Thanks for the two issues of the Acta. I enjoyed reading them and look forward to future issues as a member of the Editorial Board. It is lonely to be back by myself as I begin my 22<sup>nd</sup> year as professor and head of dermatology at the New Jersey Medical School here in the New York City metropolitan area. After being with you at the Congress in Wroclaw, 2 weeks in Rhodes and ten days in Italy (Venice, Florence, Pisa, Siena, an incredibly elegant summer villa on the Tyrrhenian Sea, Portoferraio and the island of Elba, and the Tuscan countryside around Greve where we stayed in a vineyard), it feels strange to be home in an empty house. I have wonderful memories of this summer's adventures.

The Wroclaw 10<sup>th</sup> European Mycology Congress was a great experience for the entire family. Rhodes was fantastic, the largest island of the Dodecanese, just ten miles from the Turkish coast. We loved the famous Rhodian wine. Unfortunately, the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, is no more. We will always remember the spectacular Acropolis of Lindos with the remains of the majestic Temple of Athena, and our donkey ride to it. Lindos was once a great naval power in ancient times that had many colonies, including what is now Naples in Sicily. Kamiros was also an impressive ruin, a famous ancient city sometimes known as 'Little Pompeii'. Petaloudes was interesting too, a green valley with thousands of Jersey Tiger moths marketed as 'butterflies'. Thank gosh we got a hotel in Rhodes town, making this magnificent town readily accessible to us. The nearby Greek island of Syme was pleasant too, although I liked my solo adventure to Kos a bit more. Our side trip to Pisa was also an unexpected joy,

with its cathedral and Baptistery alongside its Campanile (the Leaning Tower). We did have a great time in Florence too, with our visit and shopping at the Ponte Vecchio and our viewing of its famous cathedral delightfully evident from our hotel window (which I could see from our bed).

Camila's driving ability still amazes me. I will never forget how she angled our small rental Ford around the streets of old town Portoferraio near the Casa di Napoleone. Camilcia, Mamusia and Mundzio this past Sunday attended the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising celebration, listening to US Secretary of State Colin Powell, German Chancellor Gerhardt Schroeder, Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott, etc. on this special occasion. I wish I could have been there with them.

I am particularly pleased that Mundzio got the highest grade possible in the category of language arts, in "expressing ideas in writing" and in "writing independently". I think he may be destined for greatness as a writer.

Thanks again for inviting us to visit you in Croatia this past summer. I wish we could have come.

With warmest regards,

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THANKS TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

After seven hard working years for the progress and higher level of Acta Dermatovenerologica Croatica, I enjoyed all the time as its Editor-in-Chief. Have we fulfilled our expectations with ADC?

Many world famous professors have generously helped us in these efforts as Editorial Board members and reviewers, the last one being Professor Robert Schwartz, 22 years active as professor and head of dermatology at New Jersey Medical School in New York City metropolitan area. The Wroclaw 10<sup>th</sup> European Mycology Congress held in June

2004 was a great experience for me to make friendly contact with Professor Schwartz and his family.

We will be glad to hopefully meet them in Croatia soon.

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