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*After nine years of faithful service, Bengt Knave retired from the Editorial Board of the Journal during the current year, and one of the Journal's co-editors, Per Malmberg, has been appointed as his successor. In turn, Kjell Larsson is joining the Journal's editorial staff as a co-editor.*



Kjell Larsson (born 1948) is a professor of occupational lung diseases at the National Institute for Working Life in Stockholm. In January 2002 he is moving with his group to the Institution of Environmental Medicine at the Karolinska Institute. Kjell Larsson's research focuses mainly on the airway inflammatory response to environmental exposure, airway pharmacology, asthma (with special interest in the effect of physical activity and cold air), the development of allergy, and the epidemiology of obstructive lung diseases. Professor Larsson is chairman of the Swedish Society of Respiratory Medicine and was the co-chairman of the annual meeting of the European Respiratory Society (ERS) in Stockholm in 1996 and will chair the meeting in Stockholm in 2002.