

## **International Groups Six Monthly Reports**

### **DEBRA Norway**

**July – December 2003**

#### **Fundraising and events**

None

#### **Special Projects**

Co- organizer of the 2nd. Scandinavian EB- conference for healthcare professionals  
In Stockholm, April 2005.

Started the preparations for the DEBRA Int. Meeting in 2005, to be held in Stockholm in  
April

Completed booklet on JEB in Norwegian. It is being translated into English and will be  
distributed to all Debra associations.

Started the work to transfer the Nurses forum and Dietitians Forum to the Nordic EB  
forum web page, and renaming the page to International EB forum.

#### **Conferences and meetings**

Sept. 2003: International Debra meeting in Neuchatel

#### **Research and medical news**

DEBRA-Norway has got local funding for a technician for doing collagen VII mutation  
detection in Scandinavian EB dystrophica families ascertained over the last 40 years  
(Gedde-Dahl 2002 Oslo meeting, Acta derm.venereol) and will afterwards engage a  
research fellow to compare the EBD inversa mutations versus other mutations in terms of  
in vitro degradation efficiency of metalloproteases. Supervisors will be Gedde-Dahl and  
Koss-Harnes, Oslo; L.Bruckner-Tudermann, Freiburg; and J-O Winberg, Tromsø.