EDITORIAL

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THE 50TH VOLUME COMES BEARING WHIZZES FROM THE WINGS OF HISTORY

You are browsing the 50th volume of Psychiatria Fennica (Finnish psychiatry, suomalaista psykiatriaa). This publication series was started as the yearbook of the Psychiatric Clinic of the Helsinki University Central Hospital in 1970. So, on the one hand, it was a local publication, but on the other hand, the first volume was a great exhibition of psychiatric research in Finland, being like the Crystal Palace of Finnish psychiatry. It included an impressive number of articles laid out on 300 pages.

On the following pages, you will find a mixture of articles providing new original data and reviews on current topics of interest for Finnish psychiatrists. In addition to these new views on Finnish psychiatry, there are vintage reprints of three original articles of the first volume as well as those of five Lapinlahti Lectures starting with the first one from 1978 and the remaining four from the 1980s. The name for this lecture series was adopted after the Lapinlahti Hospital, which was one of the oldest psychiatric clinics in the world located on a small peninsula of natural beauty and was run in the original premises without interruption from 1841 to 2008. More than ten years have passed since its closure, but there is not yet a decision into which activities this property, including the listed building, will be transformed.

Like a cherry on top of a cake, there is an interview of Jouko Lönnqvist, the former (second) Editor-in-Chief. I advise you to also read the obituary of Kalle Achté, the former (first) Editor-in-Chief, as published by the Foundation for Psychiatric Research (see http://www.psykiatriantutkimussaatio.fi/index.php?tid=48).

Here, I wish all the best to Psychiatria Fennica, whatever form it may take in the future, and I want to propose a silent toast with the following greeting: "Ja, må hen leva! Ja, må hen leva! Ja, må hen leva uti hundrade år!" Enjoy right now, not later.

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