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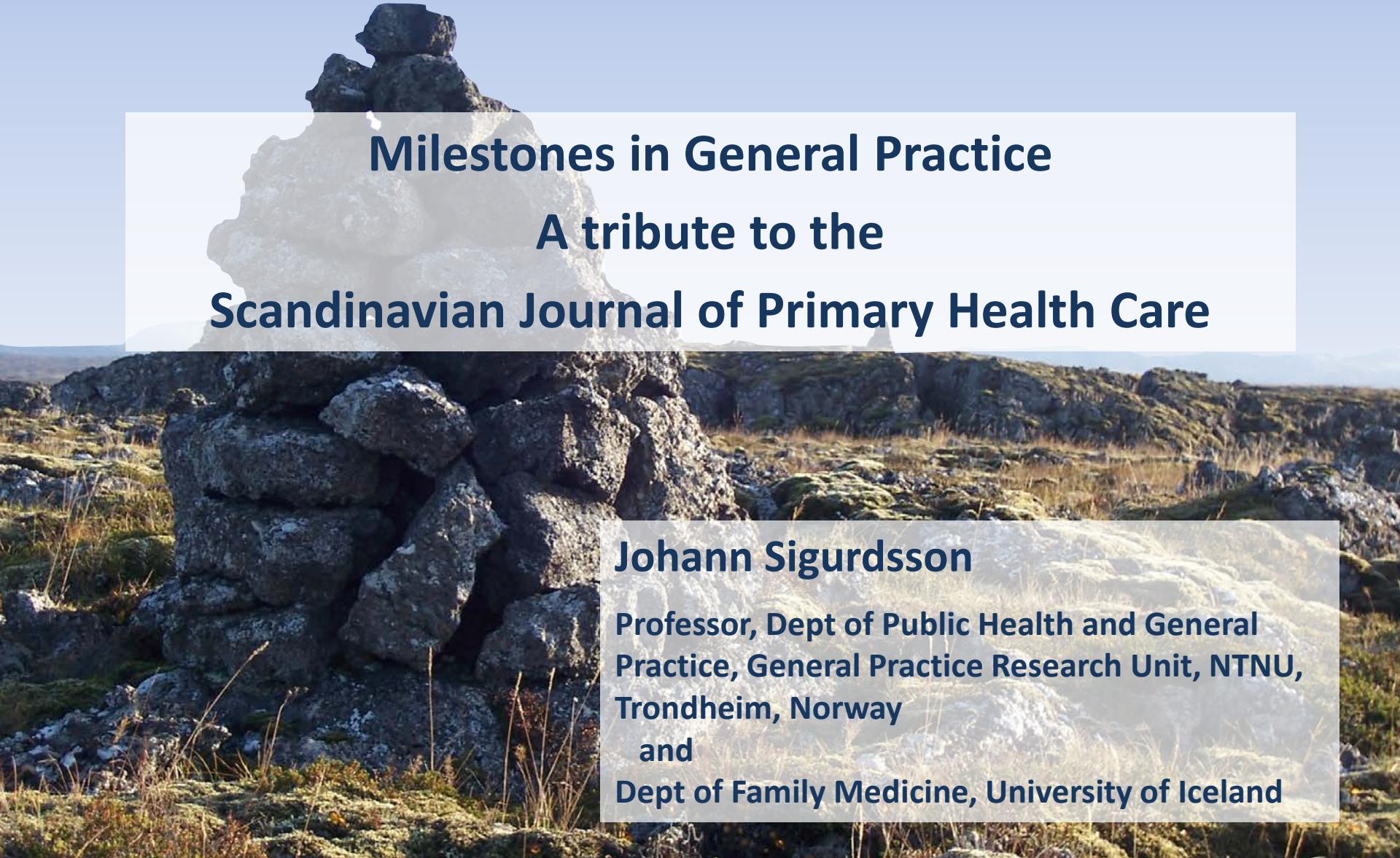

Milestones in General Practice
A tribute to the
Scandinavian Journal of Primary Health Care

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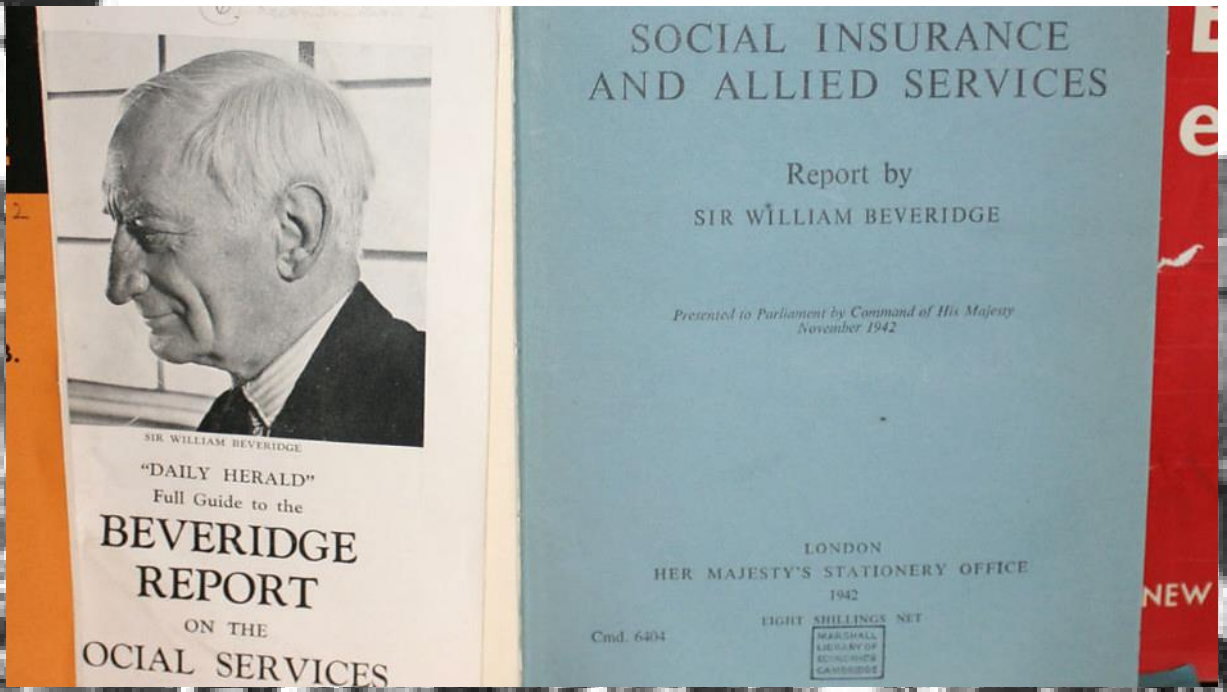
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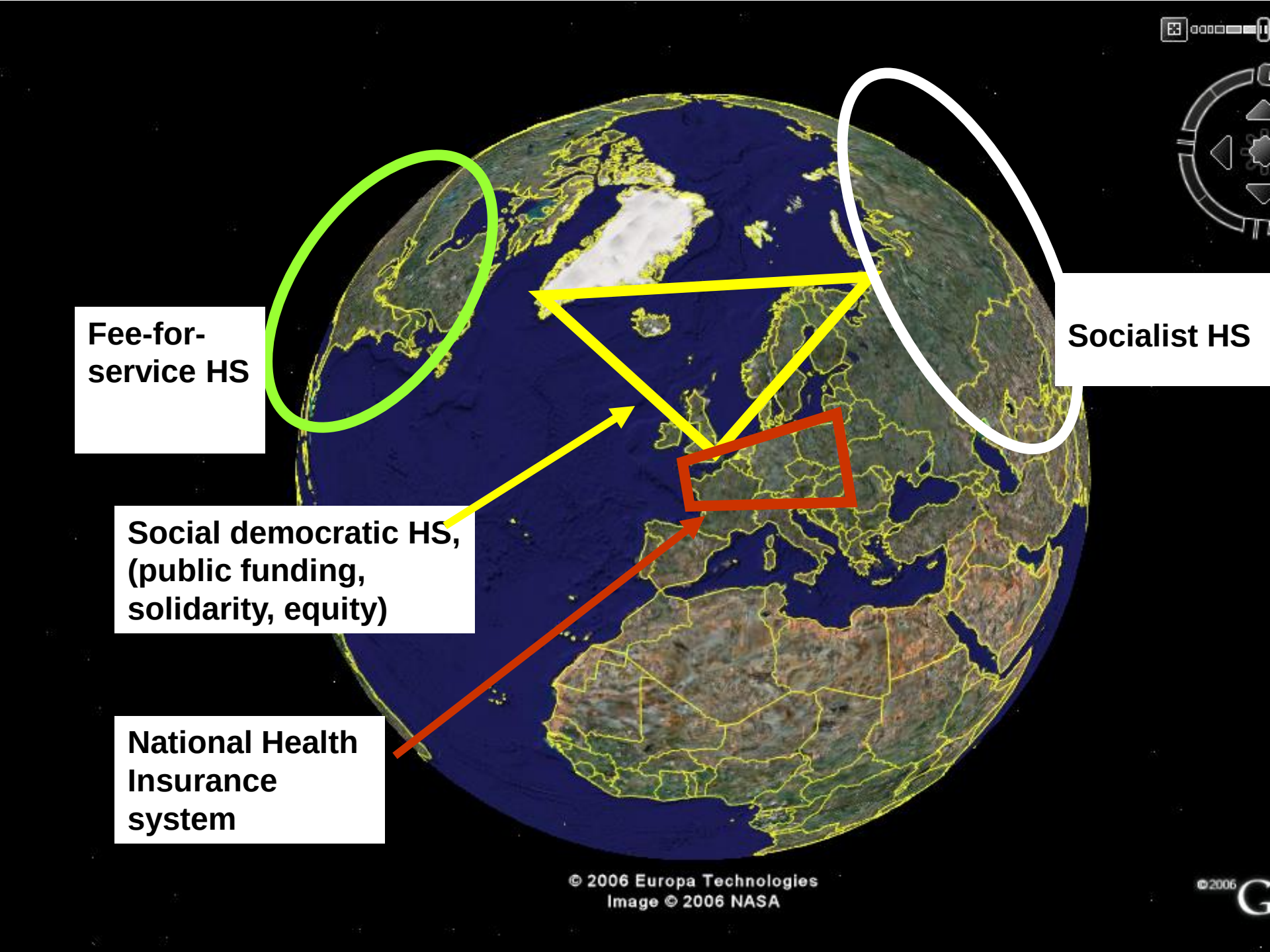
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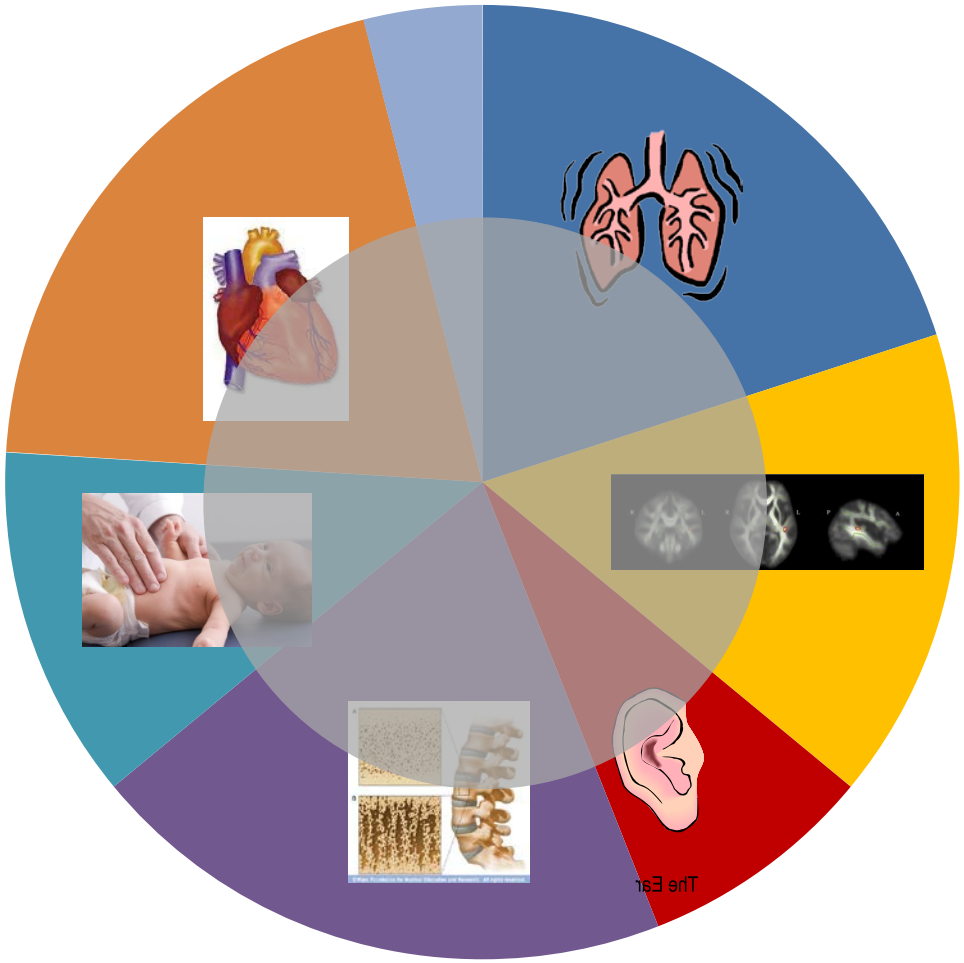
“Building on public funding, solidarity and equity, the Nordic healthcare systems can be seen as among the ***most ambitious and vulnerable projects in the modern, globalized world”.***

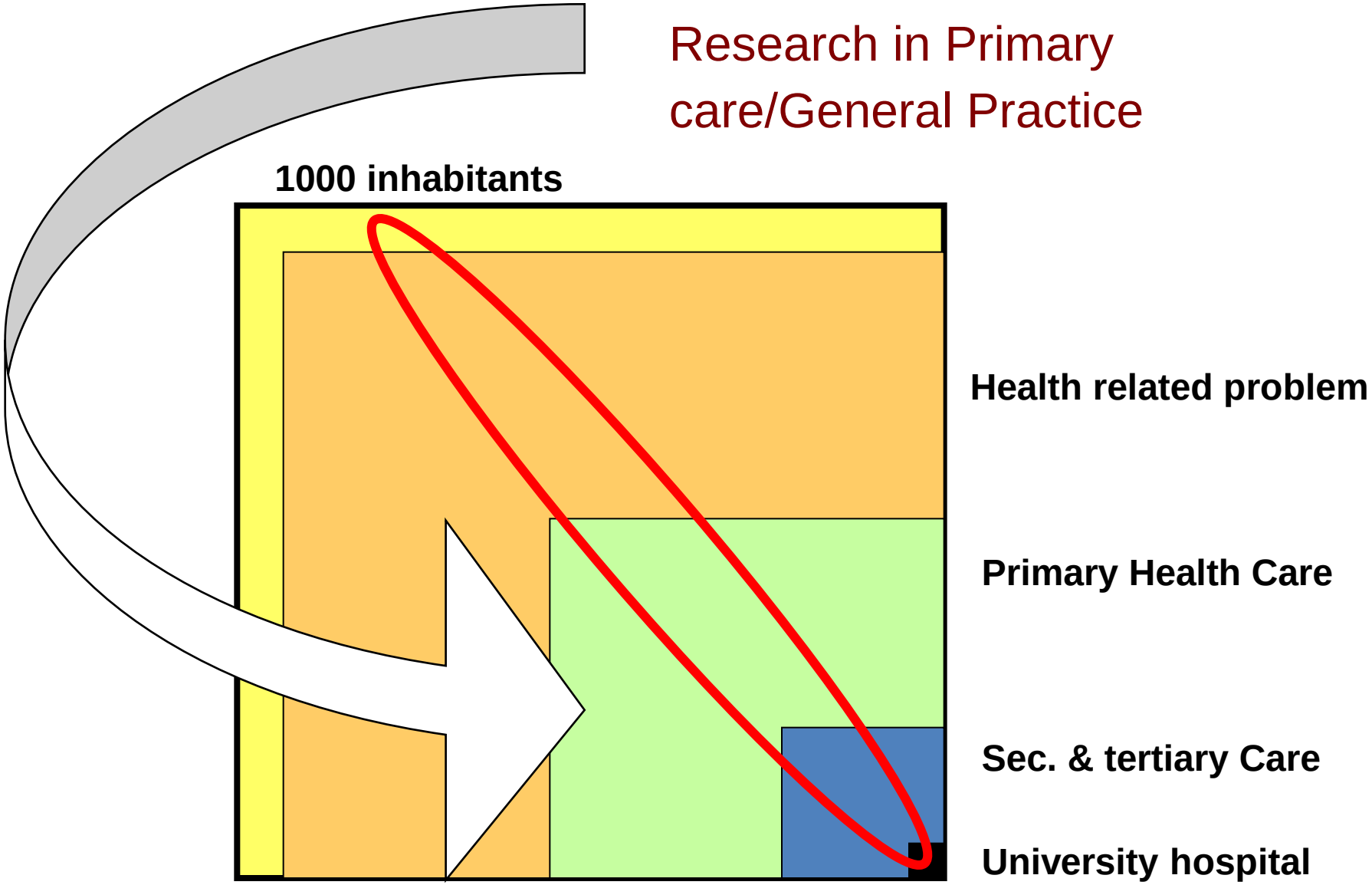
- Stavdal, Heath and Westin 2007

Our Identity and the Content of our Discipline?



Our Identity and the Core Content

Research in Primary care/General Practice



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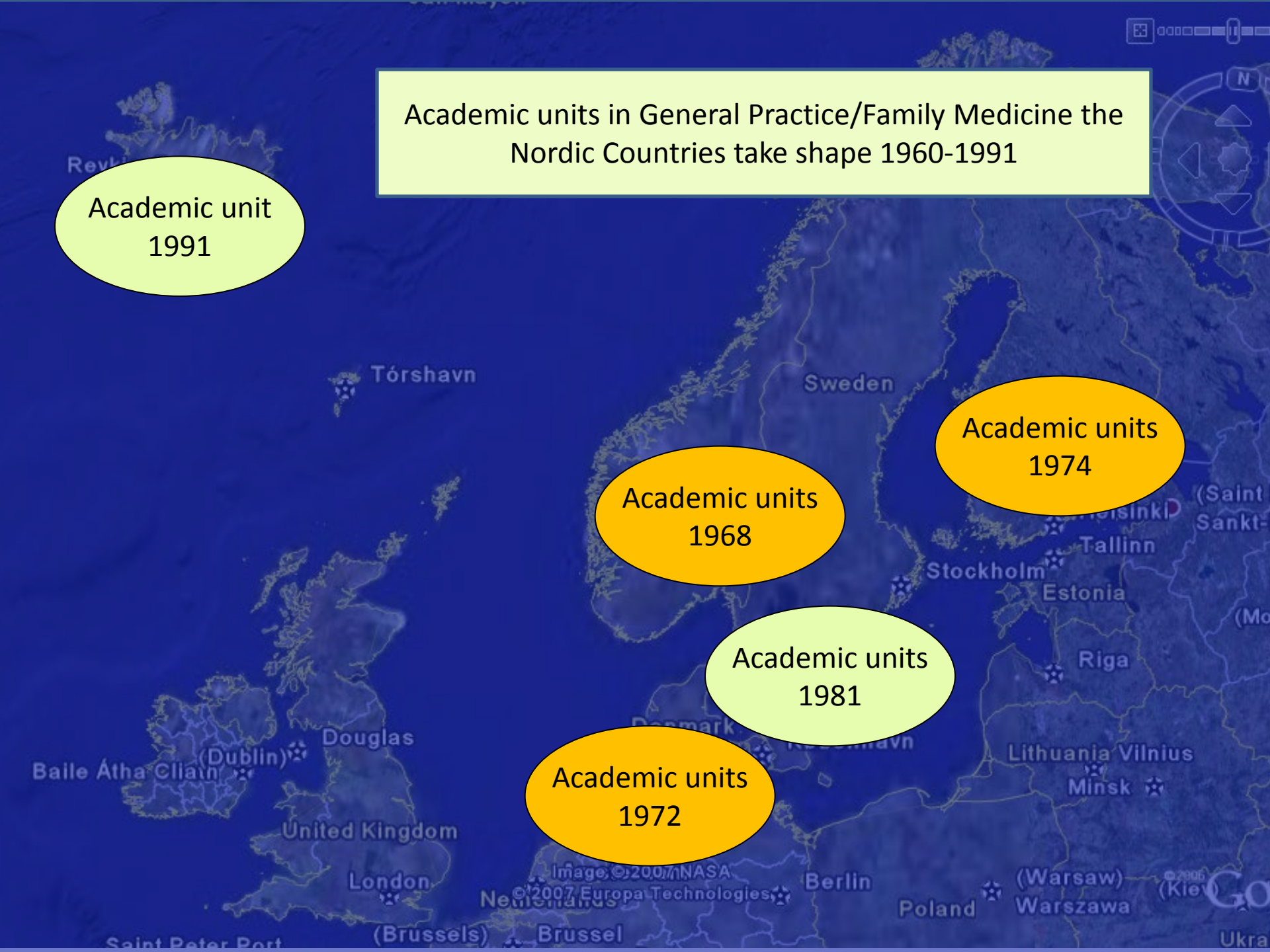
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Meeting in Tylösand,
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Meeting in Helsinki,
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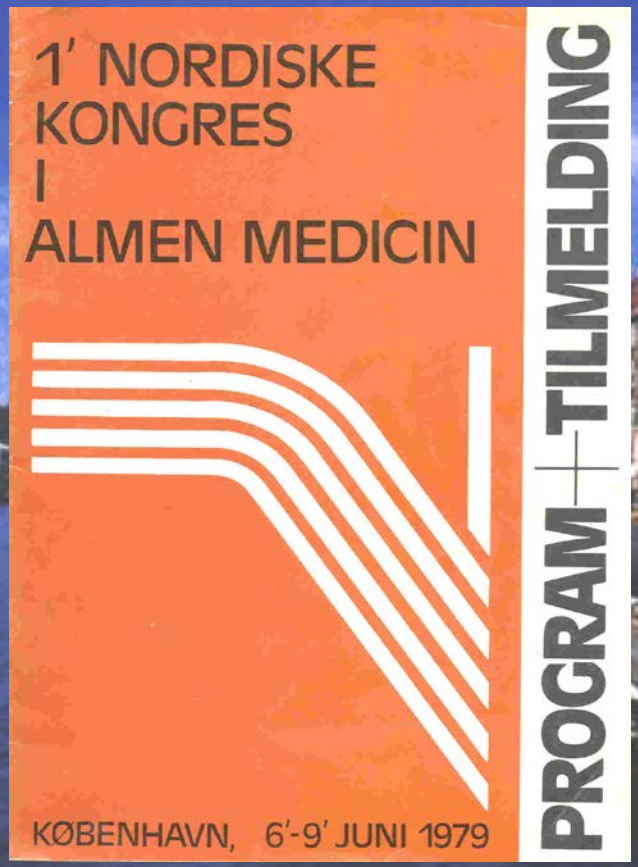
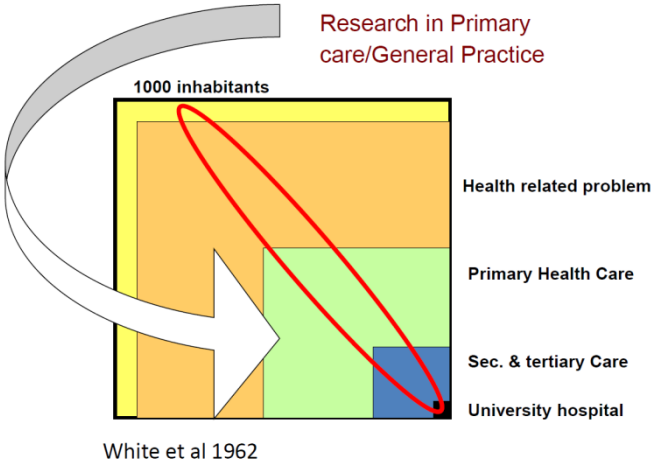
The Nordic network established - 1979



Paul Backer, Copenhagen

1979

Research is the platform of our discipline



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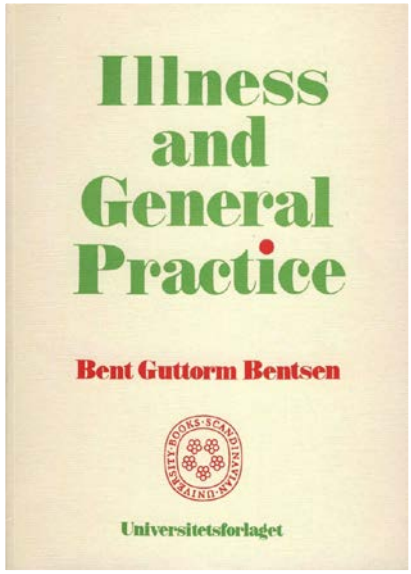
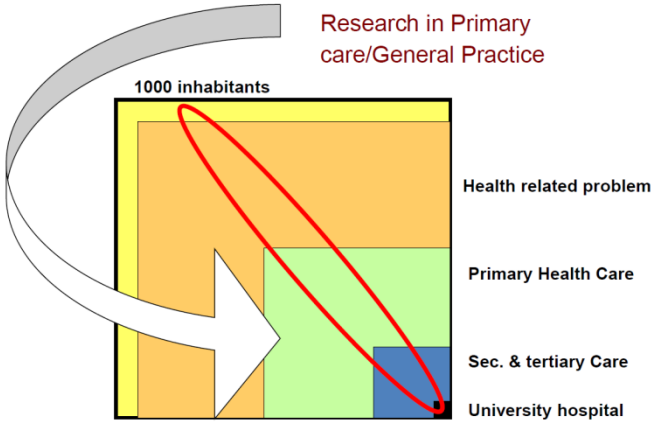
Research in general practice "untraditional"

➔ Difficult to publish in "traditional" journals



Christian Borchgrevink, Oslo

1979



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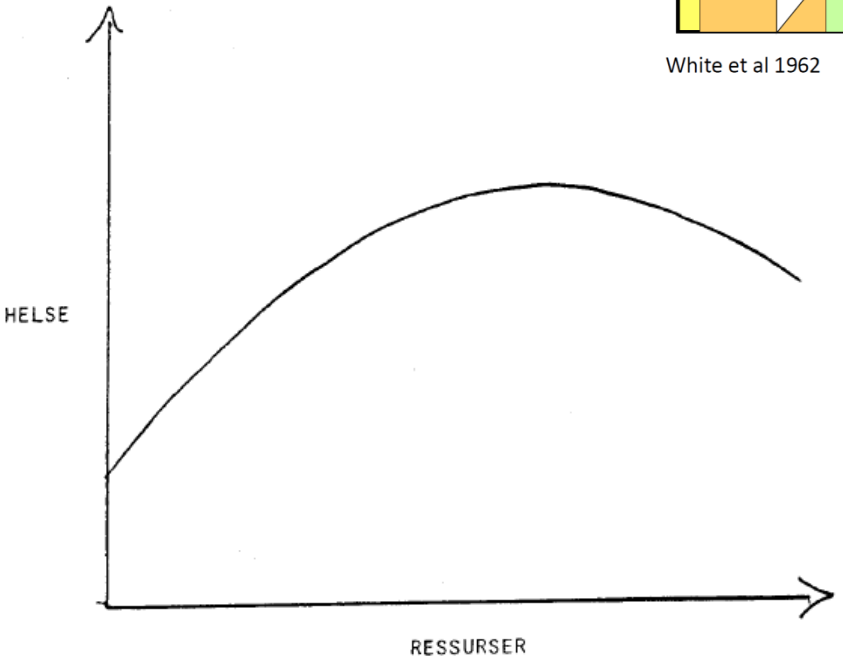
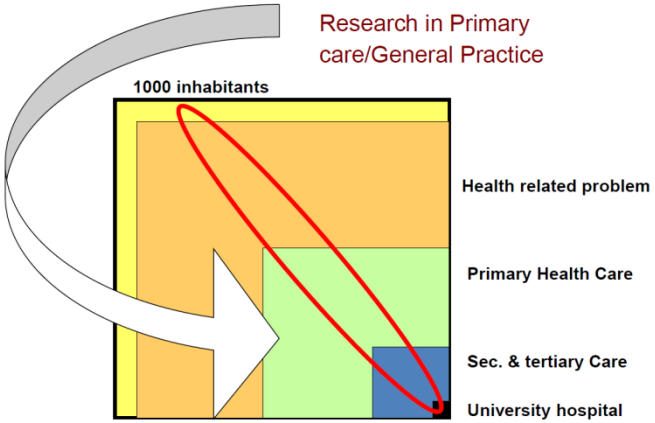


Figur 1. Sammenheng mellem resurser til helsevenet og befolkningens helse.

Det er rikelig med problemer og muligheter:
For han som bare kan avsette litt tid til forskning, og til han som kan forske på full tid.

Harald Siem, Oslo



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"It looks as though the more you scrutinize the issue of screening, the fewer diseases appear suitable for screening"

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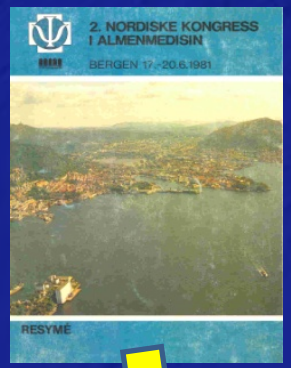

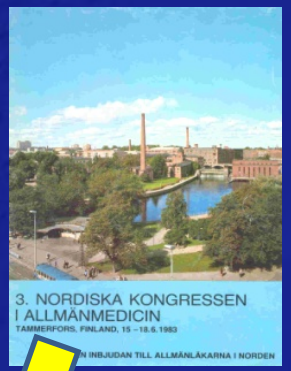

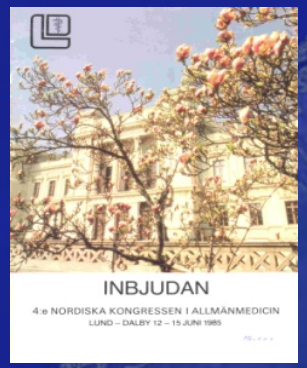

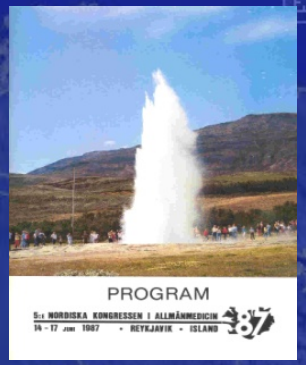

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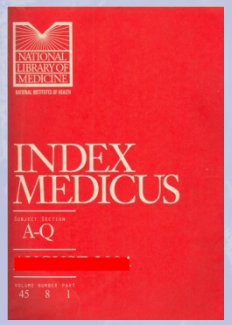

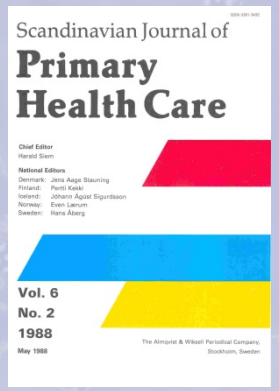

Harald Siem

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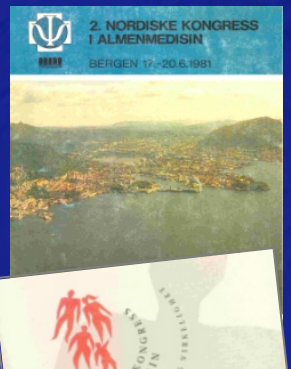

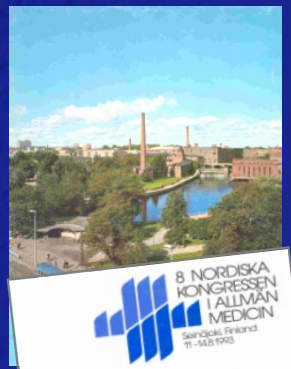

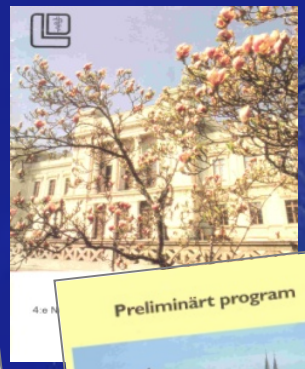

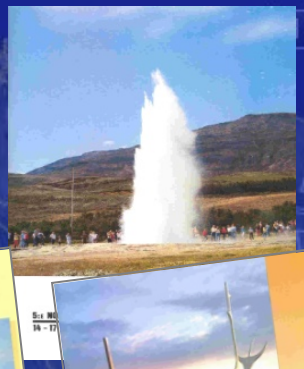

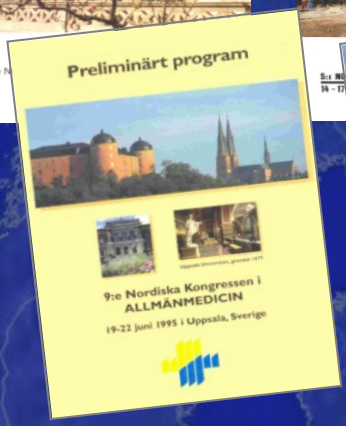

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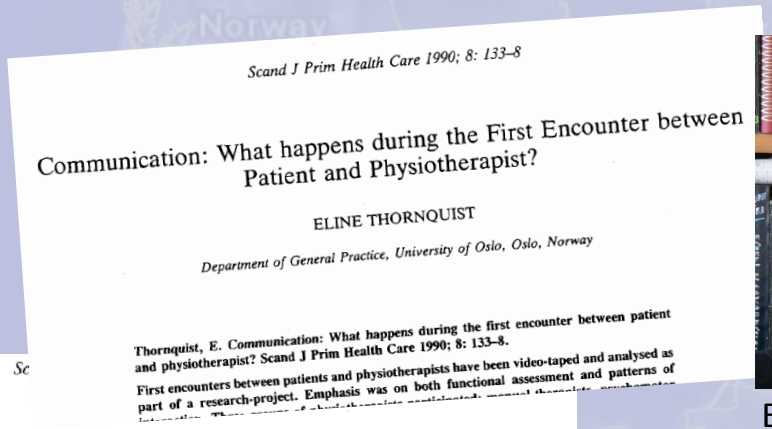

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Communication: What happens during the First Encounter between Patient and Physiotherapist?

ELINE THORNQUIST

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Thornquist, E. Communication: What happens during the first encounter between patient and physiotherapist? Scand J Prim Health Care 1990; 8: 133–8.

First encounters between patients and physiotherapists have been video-taped and analysed as part of a research-project. Emphasis was on both functional assessment and patterns of

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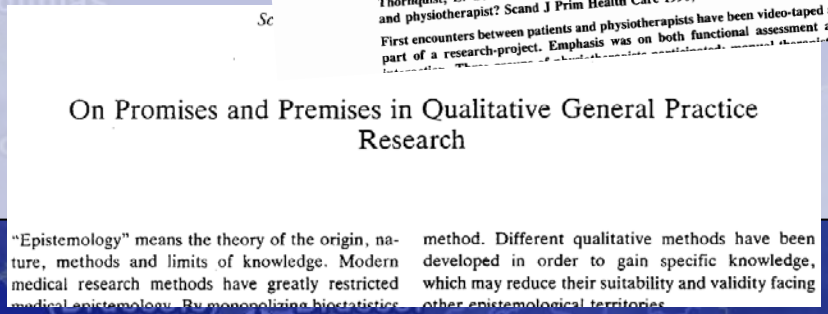

On Promises and Premises in Qualitative General Practice Research

"Epistemology" means the theory of the origin, nature, methods and limits of knowledge. Modern medical research methods have greatly restricted

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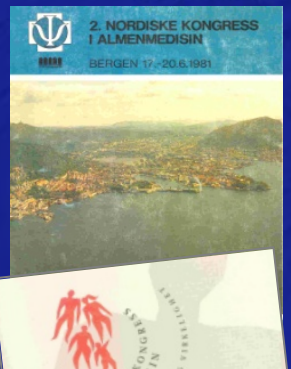

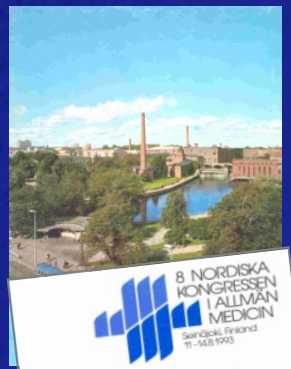

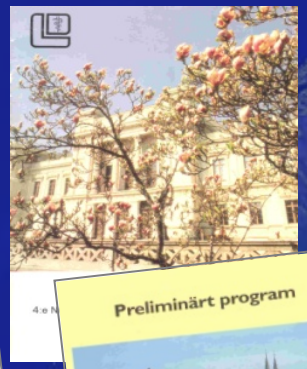

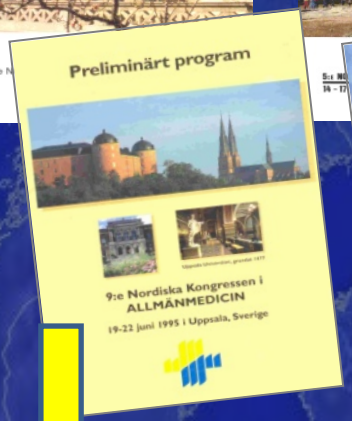

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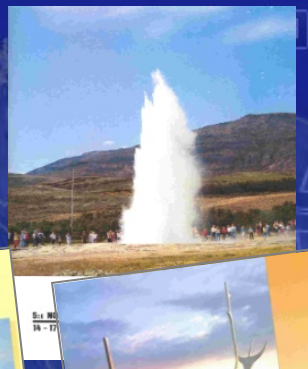

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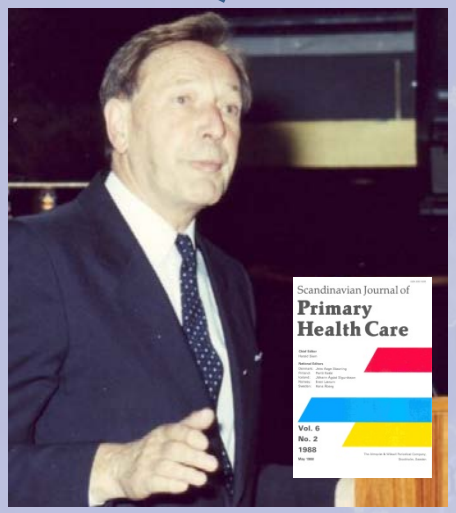

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Structured abstract

Herrström P, Hogstedt B. Dental restorative materials and the prevalence of eczema, allergic rhino-conjunctivitis, and asthma in schoolchildren. Scand J Prim Health Care 1994;12:3-8.

Objective – To study the association between allergic diseases (eczema, allergic rhino-conjunctivitis, and asthma) and different types of dental restorative materials (amalgam, composite, and glass ionomer) in Swedish schoolchildren.
Design – Cross-sectional survey with a questionnaire asking for symptoms of allergic disease during the previous year. This information was combined with current dental status (number and type of filled tooth surfaces).
Setting – Primary care and a school in the centre of a middle-sized Swedish town (approx. 80,000 inhabitants).
Participants – 348 pupils of both sexes 13 – 15 years old.
Outcome measures – The occurrence of allergic disease in pupils with and without dental fillings of different types. The mean number and type of filled tooth surfaces in diseased and healthy pupils.
Results – 44% of the pupils had no amalgam fillings. This group of children reported significantly more often asthmatic symptoms than the group with amalgam (P=0.02). The asthmatic children had a lower mean number of amalgam surfaces than the other pupils (P=0.002) and also a lower mean number of filled tooth surfaces of all types.
Conclusion – The results of this study do not support the theory that amalgam fillings increase the prevalence of allergic diseases or allergic reactivity as such in schoolchildren. Neither do composite and glass ionomer seem to cause such complications.

Key words: adolescence, asthma, dental amalgam, dental materials, eczema, rhinitis.

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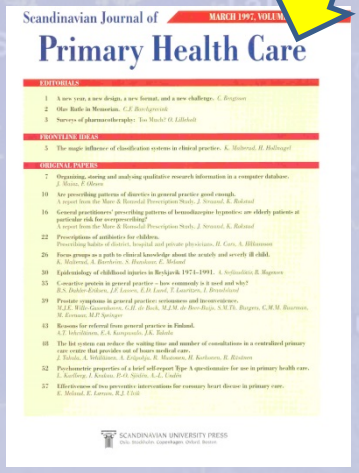

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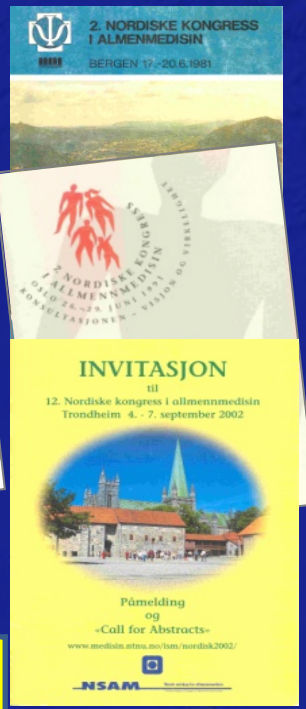

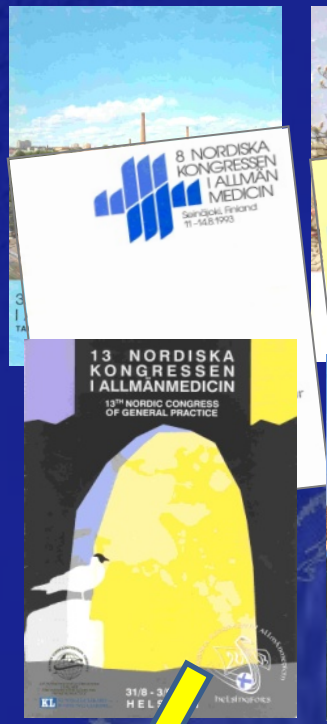

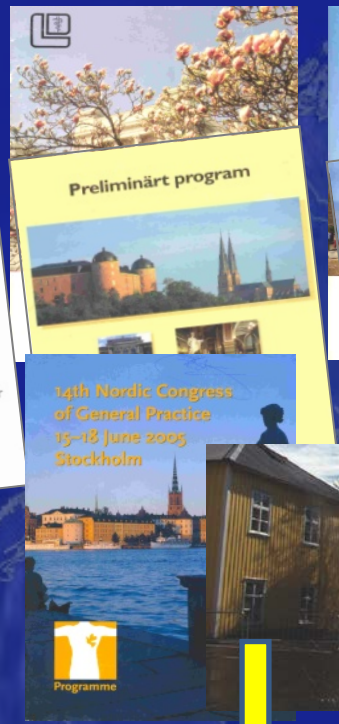

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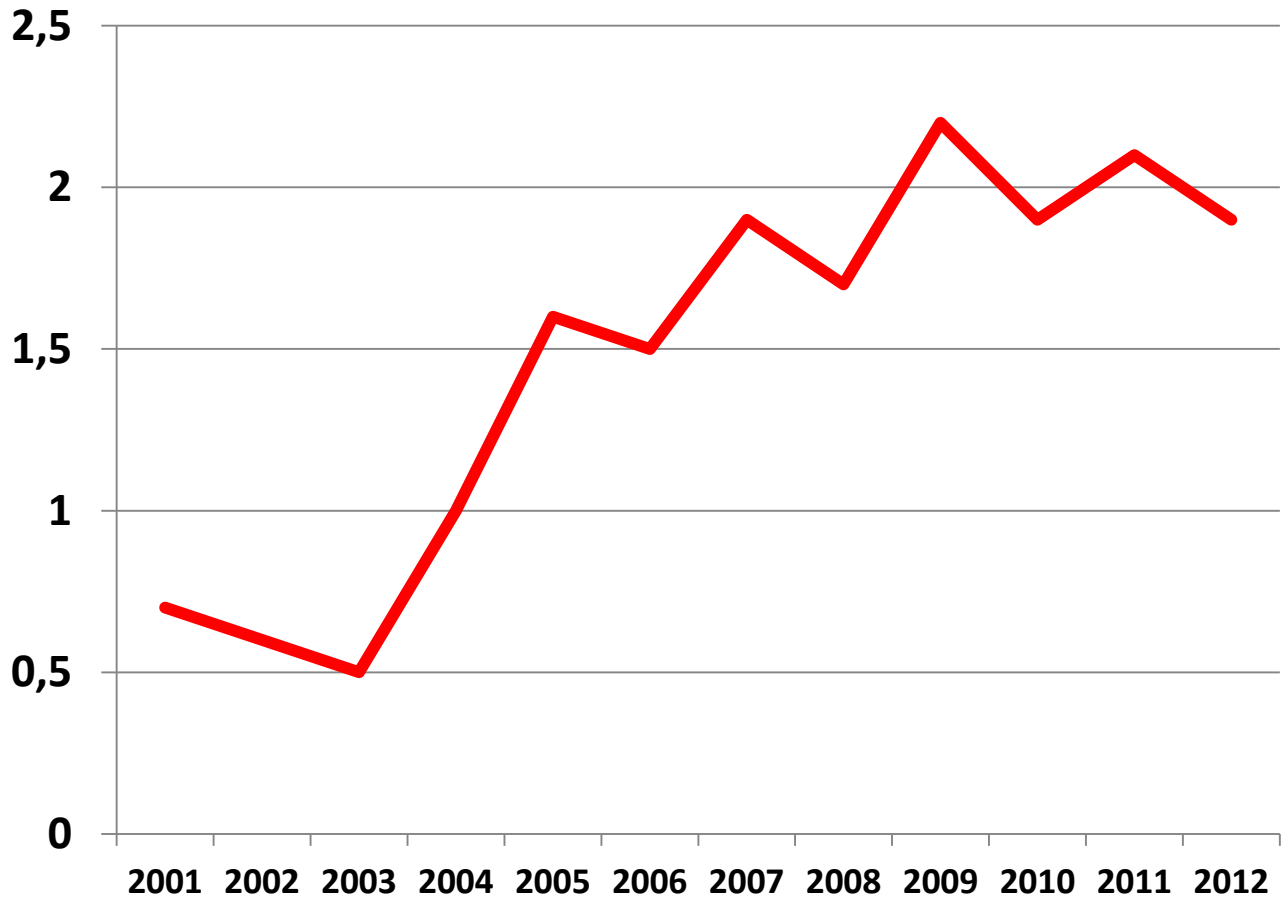

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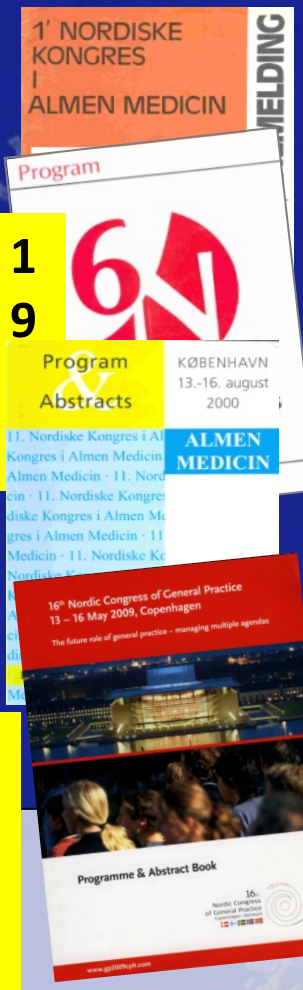

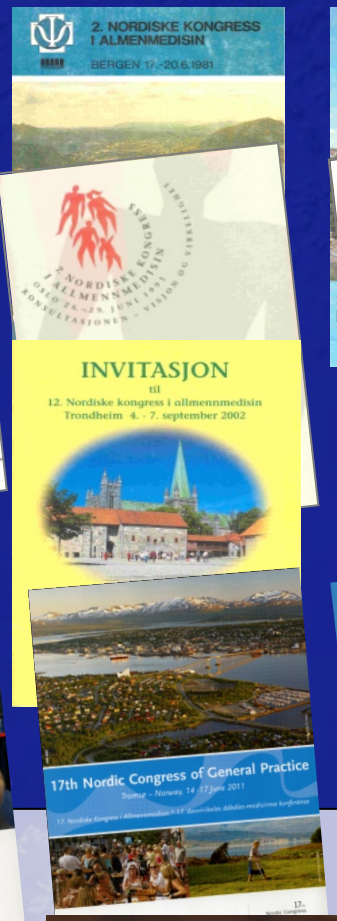

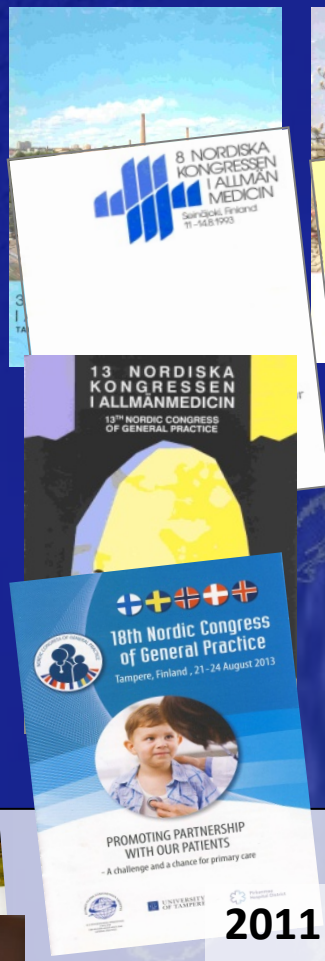

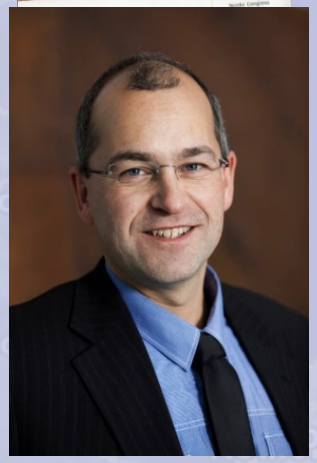

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2011 and ahead

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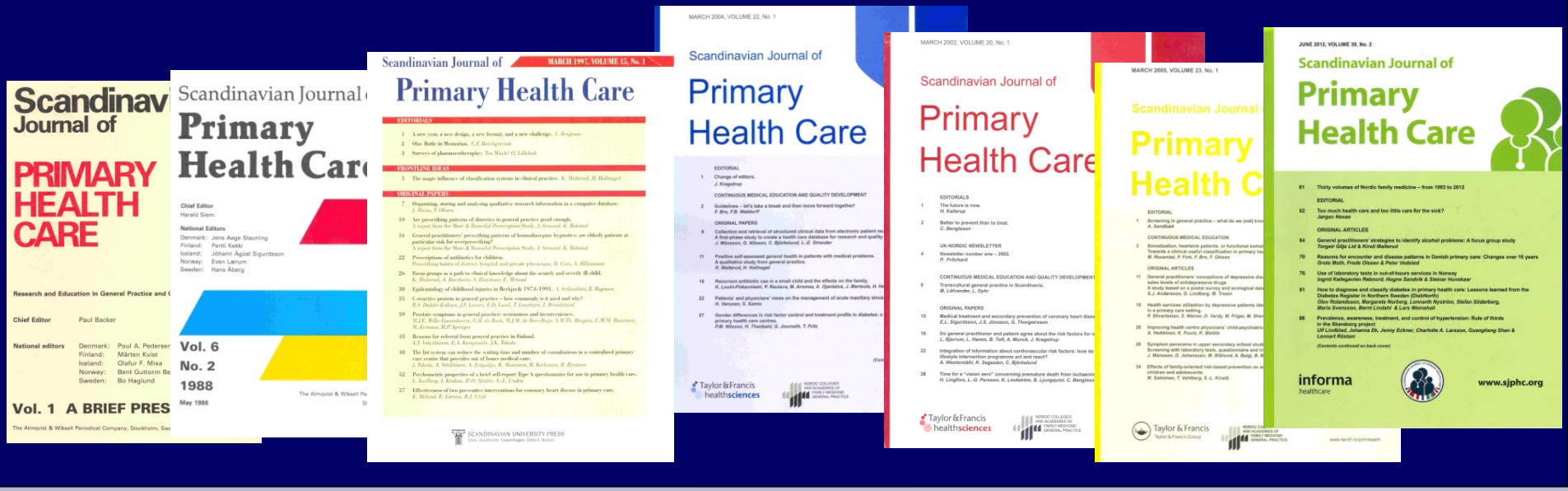

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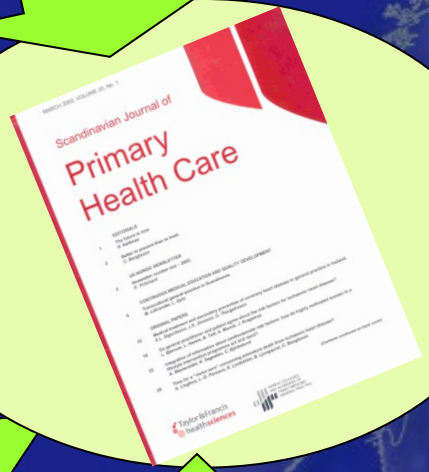
High quality conventional science

Health policy research

Meta-perspective research



Social inequality

„Existential physiology" e.g. Whitehall

"Good" research withoutt misconduct

Qualitative research

Anna Stavdal, Norway

The Nordic Federation of General Practice

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