



Press Release

Johan Moan is awarded for UV research

The world famous UV and Vitamin D researcher is receiving the research award of the University of Oslo for his pioneering achievements in the area of tanning.

Veldhoven, 2nd August 2010 (SRF) – Professor Johan Moan, one of the world's most famous UV and vitamin D researchers, is receiving the renowned research prize of the University of Oslo (UiO). Moan manages the research department for biophysics and photodynamic therapy at the University Clinic of Oslo and is a professor at the Institute of Physics of the University of Oslo. He is in particular being awarded for his research concerning the effects of tanning on human health.

In one of his newest pieces of work, Moan recommends the use of solariums in particular in winter in order to ensure an equal provision of the human body with vitamin D. "During the winter months, the vitamin D level is significantly reduced as sunlight at this time naturally contains too little ultraviolet light to stimulate the vitamin D production in human skin. If you use solariums during this time, this can prevent the vitamin D level from dropping and can keep it at a constantly high level," explains the designated UiO research award winner.

The presentation of the award shall take place on 2nd September of 2010 on the occasion of the annual reception of the University of Oslo. The UiO research prize is endowed with 250,000 Norwegian kroner.

The Sunlight Research Forum (SRF) is a non-profit organisation with headquarters in The Netherlands. Its aim is to make the newest medicinal and scientific results regarding the effects of moderate UV radiation on humans available to the wider public.

Information:

An abstract of the study "J han Moan, Zoya Lagunova, Emanuela Cicarma, Lage Aksnes, Arne Dahlback, William B. Grant, Alina o Carmen Porojnicu: Sunbeds as Vitamin D Sources" is available to download from www.sunlightresearchforum.eu.

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