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Newsletter from the ostomy association COPA.

The ostomy association COPA has 3 interesting new projects to be carried out in a short time.

Extensive questionnaire

The ostomy association COPA and the firm Coloplast have made a huge survey about ostomy and taboo. All members (3500) in the association have together with an issue of the COPA magazine received a questionnaire with queries about the daily life with among other things ostomy, type of ostomy, age, cause for ostomy, ostomy and sex, aids, contact to the public authorities and others.

Over 30% (1106) have returned the questionnaire. Additional answers to the questions from 1000 citizens without ostomy have also been registered. The result was: it is still a taboo to speak about ostomy and faeces.

We are currently in 2014, and everything is still like in the old days - we normally don't speak about ostomy. The final result of the survey will be sent to the news media and published in the COPA magazine. It will also be placed on the COPA website.

Ostomy dating

It has been a wish from one of our members, that it would be possible to write and date with other ostomates on the associations website. Ostomy dating is now in the air. It is a closed forum with an access code and a password: info/stomidating.com. Maybe it is an idea for the ostomy associations in other countries?

PR film about ostomy and COPA

Over the years the ostomy association COPA has had a strong wish in making more and extensive information about ostomy and COPA. The association has now produced a short information film suited for a television spot. Furthermore COPA has also made an 8 minutes film about ostomy and COPA. This film is about to be edited and will in the future be suited for display in hospitals, at member arrangements and for educational purposes in the health care field. Both films will be translated into English and will be placed on the COPA homepage www.copa.dk

Regards Henning Granslev.