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From Sweden . . . the Drs. Møllers

Dr. Margareta and Dr. Aage Møller smiled happily August 14, as they walked into their new offices on 3-F.

After months of preparation entailing several trans-Atlantic air flights, they had finally arrived at Eye and Ear Hospital.

In Sweden, at the Sahlgren's Hospital and University of Goteborg, Margareta Møller, M.D., Ph.D., had been an Associate Professor in Audiology and an Assistant Chief Physician in Audiology and Otolaryngology. There, too, Aage Møller, Ph.D., had been an Associate Professor, sponsored by the Swedish Medical Council in the field of research.

Now, the distinguished couple was crossing the threshold to two new positions. Dr. Margareta Møller is the new Director of Audiology and Speech Pathology at Eye and Ear and Associate Professor of Clinical Otolaryngology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Dr. Aage Møller is the new Director of Physiological Acoustics at Eye and Ear and Research Professor of Otolaryngology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

"Working together at Eye and Ear Hospital will be challenging and interesting," the husband and wife team said enthusiastically.

The Møllers' coming to Eye and Ear will combine team research and patient care. It will also provide more comprehensive clinical care to persons affected by hearing disorders.

"Often, there is an iron curtain between pure researchers and clinicians," explained Dr. Margareta Møller. "But ours is a unique situation. My husband and I think that both disciplines, audiology and physiological acoustics, will benefit from close collaboration."

"Diagnostic methods and patient treatment will improve through solid knowledge about the functioning of the ear," added Dr. Aage Møller, "and physiological research will benefit from close collaboration with clinical treat-



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ment."

"What is most important is the treatment of patients," the Møllers agreed. "We feel that theoretical research should have a connection with the real world, and should not be done in isolation. It is important to provide the best possible service for the patient."

Dr. Margareta Møller believes a hearing disorder affects the entire person. "A person with a hearing disorder cannot understand what people are saying to him; or often, he cannot understand their reactions to him. People treat him as though he is silly, or they become irritated," she explained. "Spouses often can't understand this type of communication problem, and this results in many family arguments."

"We will also work together for better diagnostic tests in patient care," she added. "We would like to make a critical review of tests used today, and possibly simplify them."

In addition, the Møllers hope to improve upon developments in such diagnostic fields as ERA (evoked response audiometry), electrocochleo-

graphy, methods for recording the acoustic middle ear reflex, and impedance audiometry. Another important area will be the physiological background of noise-induced hearing loss.

"It is not presently known how the ear is damaged by noise," Dr. Aage Møller said. "We've been studying this in Sweden, and will continue working on it here."

Respectively, as Associate Professor of Clinical Otolaryngology and as Research Professor of Otolaryngology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Dr. Margareta and Dr. Aage Møller, will participate in teaching.

"Teaching is an important part of our jobs. We enjoy it," they said emphatically.

And, as a couple new to the Hospital staff and Pittsburgh, they are very excited about the future.

"We are looking forward to working in collaboration at Eye and Ear," Dr. Aage Møller said cheerfully.

"We have a nine-and-a-half-year-old son, Jan," added Dr. Margareta Møller with a smile, "who just adores Pittsburgh."