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Education

- ▶ M.D. University of Oslo 1980
- ▶ Ph.D. (Neuroscience), University of Oslo 1982

Current position

- ▶ President of Karolinska Institutet 2017-

Previous positions

- ▶ Research Fellow, Anatomical Institute, University of Oslo 1978-1983
- ▶ Associate Professor (Prosektor), Anatomical Institute, University of Oslo 1983-1992
- ▶ Professor of Medicine, Institute of Basic Medical Sciences, UiO 1992-
- ▶ Head of the Department of Anatomy, Institute of Basic Medical Sciences, University of Oslo 1997-1999
- ▶ Dean of Science, Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo 2000-2002
- ▶ Head of EMBIO (Interfaculty Unit for Molecular Biology, Biotechnology and Bioinformatics at the University of Oslo) 2001-2002
- ▶ Chairman of the Board of FUGE (National Program for Functional Genomics in Norway) 2003-2007
- ▶ Director, Centre for Molecular Biology and Neuroscience (Center of Excellence sponsored by the Norwegian Research Council; www.cmbn.no) 2002-2009
- ▶ Coordinator, Nordic Centre of Excellence in Molecular Medicine (WIRED) 2005-2009
- ▶ Chief Editor of Neuroscience (Official Journal of the International Brain Research Organization) 2006-2009
- ▶ Rector (President) of the University of Oslo 2009-2017

Teaching experience

- ▶ Educator of medical students since 1976, taught a number of fields, including neurobiology, histology, gross anatomy and functional anatomy.
- ▶ Member of committee for planning 7th semester in "Oslo 96"
- ▶ Educator of physiotherapists and postgraduate students

EU grants/other major grants

Partner or coordinator of several current or previous EU projects including:

- ▶ Co-ordinator of EU Biomed project *Kainate and AMPA receptor trafficking* (KAR-TRAP) 2003-2005
- ▶ Co-ordinator of EU project *Glutamate Receptor Interacting Proteins as Novel Neuroprotective Targets* (GRIPANNT) 2005-2008
- ▶ Norwegian representative to European Cooperation in Scientific and Technological Research, COST 2001-2005
- ▶ Partner of EU training network CORTEX 2006-2009
- ▶ Partner of EU project NEUROIMAGE 2006-2009
- ▶ Principal investigator of numerous other national or international grants

Major grants (in addition to the EU grants) include:

- ▶ Center of Excellence (Norwegian Research Council): Coordinator/director 2002-2009
- ▶ Grant from the Nordic Council (Nordic Centre of Excellence Program in Molecular Medicine): Coordinator. 2005-2009
- ▶ Grant from the Norwegian Research Council (STORFORSK): Coordinator. 2005-2008

2007: Founding partner (together with the Biotechnology Centre) of the Norwegian node of the Nordic Partnership of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL)

Positions of trust – international

(the list is not exhaustive)

- ▶ Board Member of Wallenberg Consortium North 2002-2006
- ▶ Member Expert Advisor Group, Brain Power, Sweden 2004-2006
- ▶ Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board for Helsinki Neuroscience Center 2002-2007
- ▶ Panel leader, European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Grants 2008-2012
- ▶ Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of Lundbeck Foundation 2007-2013
- ▶ Chairman, Lancet – University of Oslo Commission on Global Governance for Health 2011-2014
- ▶ Member of the board of Nordforsk 2013-2016
- ▶ Leader of the Det Nordiske Universitetssamarbeidet (NUS) 2013-2015
- ▶ Chairman of the Kavli Prize Committee (Neuroscience) 2013-2017
- ▶ Chairman, Advisory Board for Academic Monitoring Panel on Global Governance for Health 2014-2017
- ▶ Member of the Strategic Advisory Board for Biocenter Finland 2012-2015
- ▶ Chairman of the prize committees of the Olav Thon Prizes (national and international) 2014-
- ▶ Strategic Advisor for EAT 2014-2017
- ▶ Chair, Guild of Research Intensive Universities 2016-2017
- ▶ Panel leader Synergy Grants, European Research Council 2017-
- ▶ Chair Scientific Council, Helsinki Institute of Life Science HiLife 2017-
- ▶ Board member of the African Population and Research Center 2017-
- ▶ Member of the Brain Prize Committee (Lundbeckfonden) 2020-

Served as ad hoc expert advisor/evaluator for a number of organizations, institutions and research councils.

Participated in several university evaluations and other onsite evaluations including:

- ▶ University of Uppsala (panel member) 2007
- ▶ University of Göttingen (panel member) 2007
- ▶ University of Oulu (panel head) 2007
- ▶ University of Kuopio (panel member) 2008, 2013
- ▶ Evaluator in the German Universities Excellence Initiative 2011-2012
- ▶ University of Turku 2015
- ▶ Biocenter Finland 2016

Positions of trust – national

(the list is not exhaustive)

- ▶ Chairman of the Jahre Prize Committee 1996-2003
- ▶ Chairman of Interim Board of CONNECT Norway 2000-2002
- ▶ Member of Senior Advisory Board for Nordic CONNECT 2000-2002
- ▶ Member of Interim Board of Norwegian Biotechnology Forum 2000-2001
- ▶ Panel leader of the EVA Project (Committee for evaluation of the University of Oslo as research institution) 2001-2002
- ▶ Member of the Advisory Board of Institute of Neuroscience, Norwegian University of Science and Technology 2006-2008
- ▶ Chairman of the board of University of Oslo 2009-2017
- ▶ Board member Universitetsforlaget 2009-2017
- ▶ Member of the board of Oslo University Hospital (OUS) 2012-2017
- ▶ Chairman of the board of The Norwegian Association of Higher Education Institutions (UHR) 2013-2015
- ▶ Member of the Business for Peace Advisory Board 2013-2017
- ▶ Member of the board of Partnership for Change 2013-2017
- ▶ Chair, Samarbeidsorganet (joint council) of the Regional Health Authority and University of Oslo (Chair alternating with the Director of the Regional Health Authority) 2014-2017
- ▶ Visiting Professor at the University of Oslo 2017
- ▶ Dr Åke Olsson Foundation, Board member 2018-
- ▶ Petrus and Augusta Hedlunds Foundation, Board member 2018-
- ▶ Ruth and Rickard Julins Foundation, Board member 2018-

Research Council Responsibilities

- ▶ Member of Scientific Advisory Panel 1992-2000
- ▶ Research Supervisor of MEDKAP 2000-2001
- ▶ Chairman of the Board of FUGE (National Program for Functional Genomics in Norway) 2003-2007

Honors and Awards

- ▶ Anders Jahre's award for medical research to younger researchers 1990
- ▶ The University of Oslo Prize for Scientific Research (Universitetets forskningspris) 1994

- ▶ The Lundbeck Foundation Nordic Award for Outstanding Research (shared with Jon Storm-Mathisen) 2005
- ▶ Anders Jahre's award for medical research (senior prize) 2008
- ▶ Member of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters 1993
- ▶ Member of Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher Leopoldina (now German Academy of Sciences) 2001
- ▶ Member of The Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters 2006
- ▶ Member of Scanbalt Academy 2006
- ▶ Honorary Doctor University of Kuopio 2010
- ▶ Honorary Doctor École Normale Supérieure, Lyon 2015
- ▶ Honorary Doctor Strömstad Academy 2017
- ▶ Member Finnish Academy of Science and Letters 2017
- ▶ Member Academia Europaea 2017
- ▶ **Ordre national du Mérite** ([ordre honorifique français](#)) 2019

Professional memberships

- ▶ Member of the European Neuroscience Association (FENS)
- ▶ Member of the Society for Neuroscience (USA)

Editorial Board Service

- ▶ Neuroscience (Official Journal of the International Brain Research Organization)
Associate Editor 2002-2005
Chief Editor 2006-2009
- ▶ European Journal of Neuroscience 2000-2009

Member of editorial board of the following journals (prior to 2009)

- ▶ Amino Acids
- ▶ Anatomy and Embryology (Managing Editor)
- ▶ Brain Research Protocols
- ▶ Journal of Brain Research
- ▶ Journal of Chemical Neuroanatomy
- ▶ Journal of Neurocytology
- ▶ Neuroscience
- ▶ Protocols in Neuroscience
- ▶ The Cerebellum

Publications

352 research papers listed in PubMed (March 2019). In 2002 Professor Ottersen was included in the Institute of Scientific Information list of Highly Cited scientists (<http://hcr3.isiknowledge.com/formSearch.cgi>). h factor 105 (Google Scholar), more than 40 000 citations (Google Scholar).

Editor/co-editor of international book volumes/special Issues

- ▶ Glycine Neurotransmission (Wiley 1990)
- ▶ Understanding the Brain through the Hippocampus (Elsevier 1990)
- ▶ The Glutamate Synapse as a Therapeutical Target (Elsevier 1998)
- ▶ Glutamate (Elsevier 2000)

- ▶ Water transport in brain (Elsevier 2004, Neuroscience Special Issue)
- ▶ DNA repair and genome homeostasis in brain (Elsevier 2007, Neuroscience Special Issue)