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Education

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

Current position

- ▶ Professor, University of Oslo

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
- ▶ President of the University of Oslo 2009-2017
- ▶ President of Karolinska Institutet 2017-2023

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

- ▶ Taught anatomy for medical students and dental hygienists at Karolinska Institutet 2017-2023

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) 2014-2021
- ▶ Strategic Advisor for EAT 2014-2017
- ▶ Founding Chair, Guild of Research Intensive Universities 2016-2017
- ▶ Panel leader Synergy Grants, European Research Council 2017-2019
- ▶ Chair Scientific Council, Helsinki Institute of Life Science HiLife 2017-2022
- ▶ Board member of the African Population and Health Research Center 2017-
- ▶ Member of the Brain Prize Committee (Lundbeckfonden) 2020-

- ▶ Council member, Virchow Foundation 2021-
- ▶ Member Virchow Prize Committee 2021-
- ▶ Committee member, Else Kröner Fresenius Prize 2022-
- ▶ Founding member, One Europe for Global Health 2022-
- ▶ Member World Health Summit Council 2023-
- ▶ Member Scientific Advisory Board of RIKEN 2023-
- ▶ Member Scientific Advisory Committee AI-Mind 2021-

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, 2022
- ▶ 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
- ▶ Dr Åke Olsson Foundation, Board member 2018-2023
- ▶ Petrus and Augusta Hedlunds Foundation, Board member 2018-2023
- ▶ Ruth and Rickard Julins Foundation, Board member 2018-2023
- ▶ Partnership group for Health and Life Sciences, Swedish Government 2018-2022

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 and Citations

372 research papers listed in PubMed (August 2022). In 2002 Professor Ottersen was included in the Institute of Scientific Information list of Highly Cited scientists and is now included in Webometrics list of researchers with $h > 100$ (<https://www.webometrics.info/en/hlargerthan100>). h factor 113 (Google Scholar, March 2023), more than 48 500 citations (Google Scholar, March 2023). Included in Stanford rankings of Scientists (6574) <https://elsevier.digitalcommonsdata.com/datasets/btchxktzyw/3>

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)

My blog archive as KI president

- <https://blog.ki.se/rektor/>