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**Biographic sketch,**

Ole Petter Ottersen (b. 1955) is Professor of Medicine and since August 1, 2009 the Rector (President) of University of Oslo. The University of Oslo has 27000 students and a staff of 7000 and is ranked among the 20 best universities in Europe (Shanghai ranking).

Ottersen obtained his MD in 1980 and his PhD in 1982. In 1992 he was appointed Professor at the Institute of Basic Medical Sciences, University of Oslo where he served as Chairman of the Department of Anatomy 1997 – 1999. Ottersen was Dean of Science at the Medical Faculty from 2000 to 2002. In 2002 he was appointed Director of Centre for Molecular Biology and Neuroscience, <http://www.cmbn.no>, a Centre of Excellence sponsored by the Research Council of Norway. The Centre has a staff of ~150 and is the largest of the Norwegian Centers of Excellence.

Ole Petter Ottersen was chairman of the board of FUGE (National Plan for Functional Genomics) from 2003 - 2007. FUGE is one of the largest programmes in the Research Council of Norway. Ottersen has also had several other positions of trust within the Research Council.

Ottersen is coordinator of one out of the three Nordic Centers of Excellence in Molecular Medicine (Centre for Research on Water Imbalance Related Disorders - WIRED). He was the coordinator of the EU Biomed projects KARTRAP and GRIPANNT and has been partner in several additional EU projects.

From 2006 to 2009 Ottersen was Chief Editor of “Neuroscience” – the journal of the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO). Additionally, Ottersen has served on the board of ten international journals, mainly within the field of neurobiology.

Ole Petter Ottersen has served as expert adviser and evaluator for a number of research councils and institutions in Europe and USA. Over the last three years he has evaluated four universities and higher education institutions in Europe.

Since 2008 he has been panel chairman (Advanced Grants) in the European Research Council.

He has received several international prizes including the Jahre Prize for young scientists (1990), Lundbeck Foundation Nordic Research Prize (2005), and the Jahre Prize for senior scientists (2008). Ottersen is Honorary Doctor at the University of Kuopio, Finland.

Since 2002 Professor Ottersen was included in the Institute of Scientific Information list of Highly Cited scientists (<http://hcr3.isiknowledge.com/formSearch.cgi>). This list comprises

less than 0.5% of all publishing researchers. With an h factor of 74 he has published over 300 research papers and has edited/co-edited 5 international book volumes.

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