

Ole Petter Ottersen, Professor, MD, PhD.

Ole Petter Ottersen is Professor of Medicine and since August 1, 2009 the Rector (President) of University of Oslo. He 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 Norwegian Research Council. Ole Petter Ottersen was chairman of the board of FUGE (National Plan for Functional Genomics) from 2003 - 2007 and 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. Since 2006 Ottersen has been the chief editor of “Neuroscience” – the journal of the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO). Additionally, Ottersen is on the board of several international journals.

Ole Petter Ottersen has served as expert advisor and evaluator for a number of research councils and institutions in Europe and USA and served as chairman of the Senior Advisory Board of Helsinki Neuroscience Centre. He is currently panel chairman in the European Research Council. He has received several prizes including the Jahre Prize for young scientists (1990), Lundbeckfondens Nordiske Forskerpris/Nordic Research Prize (2005; shared with Prof. Jon Storm-Mathisen), and the Jahre Prize for senior scientists (2008).

Since 2002 Professor Ottersen has been included in the Institute of Scientific Information list of Highly Cited scientists (<http://hcr3.isiknowledge.com/formSearch.cgi>). He has published over 300 research papers and has edited/co-edited 5 international book volumes.