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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **EDUCATION:**

1985	Dr. philos. University of Oslo.
1966	Cand. real. (M.Sc.) University of Oslo.
1964	Cand. mag. (B.Sc) University of Oslo.

## FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Ecological research, wildlife population dynamics and management, management of protected areas and buffer zones, ecosystem based management, co-management and community based natural resource management, environmental impact assessment. Work experience from Europe, Russia, Africa, Asia, North and Central America, and the Arctic.

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

2001- present	Researcher, the Department of International Environment and Development
	Studies/ Noragric at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB), and
	Senior Advisor to UNEP/GRID-Arendal.
1995-2001	Director, Centre for International Environment and Development Studies/
	Noragric, Agricultural University of Norway (NLH).
1994-present	Professor II, the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (formerly Agricultural
	University of Norway (NLH).
1991-1995	Special Advisor, Environment and Development, Office of the Director
	General, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD).
1990-1991	Director of Research, Norwegian Polar Research Institute.
1988-1990	Assistant Resident Representative, NORAD, Lusaka, Zambia.
1986-1988	Associate Professor, Centre for International Environment and Development
	Studies/ Noragric, Agricultural University of Norway (NLH).
1985-1986	Consultant, NORCONSULT.
1972-1985	Head of Biological Department, Norwegian Polar Research Institute.
1966-1972	Research fellow, the Norwegian Research Council.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

2012-present:	Secretary General for the Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research
2010-present:	Assistant Project Coordinator for the Thematic Network on Environmental Training and Education for Sustainable Development of the Arctic (NETESDA) in Russia.
2010	Team leader for an Organizational Performance Review of the Norwegian Forum for Environment and Development (ForUM)
2010-present	Sector Manager for HERD/ Agriculture under the programme in Higher Education, Research and Development (HERD) in the Western Balkans 2010 – 2013
2009-2010	Organiser of a pilot project for "Identification and Development of Academic Partnerships between Azerbaijan and Norway in Agriculture and Related Sciences."
2009	Organiser and facilitator of a REDD workshop at Sokoine University of Agriculture, Morogoro, Tanzania: "Developing the Science, Economics and Governance of Ecosystem Service Payments in Climate-Prone Socio- Economies in Africa."
2009	Evaluation of M.Sc. course in tropical field ecology at the University of Life Sciences (UMB)
2008	Team leader, Mid Term Review of the "Mount Elgon Regional Ecosystem Conservation Programme" (MERECP), in Uganda and Kenya
2006-2010	Member of the Steering Committee (SC) for the programme "Education, Research and Training for Global Environmental Change and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in Western Balkans."
2006	Co-organiser of workshop on Integrated Ecosystem Management: "Building Successful Partnerships for Conservation in the Russian Arctic."
2005-2007	Co-organiser of a collaborative initiative by the World Resources Institute and UNEP/GRID-Arendal on Poverty, Ecosystems, and Governance in Africa: "Making Nature Work for the Poor"
2004-2006	Co-organiser of a university college course on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) with Indigenous perspectives. Under the auspices of the Saami University College in cooperation with UNEP/ GRID-Arendal and the Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON).
2004-2009	Co-organiser of the Norwegian - South Eastern Europe (SEE) Programme: "Institutional Collaboration Between Academic Institutions in Agriculture,

	Forestry and Veterinary Medicine In Norway and Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia & Montenegro" 2006-2009.
2005	Co-organiser of project "Co-Management and Community-Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM): World-wide Experiences and Perspectives Relevant to Challenges and Opportunities in the Russian North"
2004	Evaluation team leader on the project "Institutional cooperation between Mokolodi Wildlife Foundation and the Royal Norwegian Society for Development", in Botswana.
2004	Fact-finding and project planning mission to Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia & Montenegro: Institutional Collaboration Between Academic Institutions in Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine.
2003	Appraisal mission team leader: Tanzania Member Empowerment and Enterprise Development Programme MEMCOOP Phase II.
2001-2002	Fact-finding and project planning mission to Namibia, Botswana, Vietnam and Lao PDR: Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) in Africa and SE Asia. Opportunities for FK (Norway's Volunteer Service) co-operation in "Learning by Doing".
2000-2009	Expert Task Team Chairman; UNEP/GEF project: "Integrated Ecosystem Approach to Conserve Biodiversity and Minimise Habitat Fragmentation in the Russian Arctic (ECORA)"
2000	Co-chair, Second Seminar on Sustainability, Education and the Management of Change in the Tropics; EARTH University, Salzburg Seminar and Noragric.
1999-2000	Team leader, thematic evaluation of the World Bank's biodiversity related activities.
1999	Team member, Evaluation of the Centre for International Development and Environment Studies (SUM), University of Oslo
1998	Team member, UNDP-study on lessons learned on aid to the environment sector in Vietnam.
1998	Fact finding and project planning mission to Namibia. Management of natural resources, community development, education and training
1998	Fact-finding and project planning mission to Lao PDR. Management of natural resources, forestry, watershed management, education and training.
1997-2003	Member of Steering Committee for Botswana/ Norwegian programme on wildlife research and education programme (BONIC) under Botswana's Department of Wildlife and National Parks.

1997	Chairman, Inuit Circumpolar Conference symposium on "Wildlife Management, Indigenous People and the World of Politics", EU, Brussels
1997	Delegation Head, the Agricultural University of Norway/Noragric mission to Vietnam for final preparations of institutional cooperation.
1996	Fact finding mission to Lao PDR; Management of natural resources, forestry, education and training.
1995	Participation in the Agricultural University of Norway/Noragric mission to Vietnam for planning and preparations of institutional cooperation.
1994	Participation in World Bank pre-appraisal mission to Zimbabwe: "Wildlife management and environment conservation project".
1993-1994	Chairman, Executive Committee for the planning and implementation of Conference on Hydropower and Environment, Oslo September 1994.
1993	Planning and preparation of NORAD's environmental action plan in Botswana.
1993	Studies of field projects and discussions with NGO's, research institutions and Government institutions in Thailand.
1992	Member of the World Bank's Technical Review Panel for the proposed Global Environment Facility project on West Africa Game Ranching.
1992	Studies of field projects and discussions with NGO's, research institutions and Government institutions in Botswana, Namibia and Tanzania.
1991	Studies of field projects and discussions with NGO's, research institutions and Government institutions in India, Pakistan, Nicaragua and Costa Rica.
1990-1991	Member of the Fridtjof Nansen Institute's (FNI) planning team for the International Northern Sea Route Programme (INSROP).
1990	Negotiations with Soviet research institutions in Murmansk, Leningrad and Moscow. Preparations for joint Soviet/ Norwegian expeditions and research projects in the Soviet Arctic.
1988-1990	Assistant Resident Representative/Senior Programme Officer for NORAD, Lusaka, Zambia. Responsible for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, management of natural resources, environmental issues, research and training.
1988	Noragric-consultancy for Pastor Strømmes Minnestiftelse on the project PIRT in Bafoulabé, Mali.
1987	Consultancy for NORAD in Luangwa Valley, Zambia, the Luangwa Integrated Resource Development Project - LIRDP.

1986-1987	Pre-project under the SSE programme in cooperation with the University of Oslo, Biological Institute. Literature survey and report on the importance of indigenous plant and animal species in drought-affected Africa.
1986	Consultancy in Ethiopia for Noragric: Planned research under the Norwegian SSE programme.
1986	Consultancy on natural resources, Bale Province, Ethiopia for the Norwegian Church Aid.
1986	Consultancy for NORCONSULT on environmental statistics for United Nations Statistical Office and preparatory works for UNEP on resource management and pastoralism in semi-arid regions in Uganda.
1986	Preparation of a policy document on research in the SSE countries (Sahel, Sudan and Ethiopia) on behalf of the Norwegian Ministry for Development Cooperation.
1985-1986	Consultancy for NORCONSULT on project planning on geographical information systems, ground water resources and integrated resource management in arid regions in Africa.
1985	Studies of management practices of natural resources in Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi.
1985	Consultancy for NORAD in Luangwa Valley, Zambia. Management of national parks and wildlife resources, and integrated resource management (the Luangwa Integrated Resource Development Project- LIRDP).
1972-1985	Head of the Norwegian Polar Research Institute's biological unit.
1968–present	Scientific advisor to the Norwegian Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other governmental agencies.
1968-1985	Scientific advisor to the Norwegian Nature Conservation Society, WWF Norway and other NGOs on conservation and management of protected areas, wild species and natural resources.
1968-1985	IUCN Independent Scientific Expert on the International Agreement on the Conservation of Polar Bears and the International Treaty for the Protection of Migratory Species.

# MEMBERSHIP/ PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

2009 Elected member, the Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research.

2007-2009 Deputy Board Chair of the Norwegian Development Fund.

2005-2009	Board member of the Norwegian Development Fund.
2005-2007	Member of Council for the University of the Arctic.
2004 - 2006	Chairman, Norwegian National Committee of IUCN
2004-present	Member of the "Global Concepts Group" under the IUCN/SSC Sustainable Use Specialist Group (SUSG).
1999 - 2001	Board Chairman, Norwegian Consortium for Development and Environment (NODE)
1994 - 2000	IUCN Regional Councillor, Western Europe
1995 - 1997	Board Member, European Bureau for Conservation and Development. Board Chairman in 1997.
1995	Member, Final Jury, International Wildlife Film Festival, Missoula, Montana, U.S.A.
1993	Symposium Convener, "Strategies for protecting the Arctic wilderness, 5th World Wilderness Congress.
1992-present	Member IUCN/SSC Specialist Group on Sustainable Use of Wild Species.
1991	Member, Advisory Board and Programme Committee, 5th World Wilderness Congress.
1991 - 2004	Council member, the Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI).
1991 - 1995	Member of the Steering Committee for IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC)
1990-1992	Board Member, Coordinative Committee on European Arctic Ecological Research.
1990- 1992	Regional Member, Europe Region IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC).
1990-1993	Member, Norwegian National Committee for Arctic Research and Education.
1987-1989	Member of WWF's Scientific Council.
1970-1979	Board Member World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Norway.
1976	Member IUCN Critical Marine Habitats Group.
1972-1974	Member IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC).

1968-1986 Member of the IUCN Polar Bear Specialist Group. Chairman 1972-1974.

### **OTHER INFORMATION:**

112 scientific articles in refereed and other journals, 8 books, (6 with international editions), 19 film and TV productions, miscellaneous reports and newspaper and magazine articles.

M.Sc. and Ph.D. student teaching and research supervision. After 1985 also member of PhD evaluation committees.

Referee for international sientific journals.

Invited guest speaker and Session Chairman at international meetings, congresses etc. in Europe, U.S.A., Canada and Africa.

Country experience: Several Arctic regions, Russia, most countries in Europe, Canada, U.S.A, several countries in Africa, Asia and Central America.

Awarded the Order of the Golden Ark, by H.R.H. Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands in 2000.

#### LANGUAGES:

Norwegian: fluent English: fluent German: some