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Jarl Risberg

Jarl Risberg, Ph. D., is Professor of Neuropsychology at Lund University, Sweden. He is one of the most respected and distinguished scientists in neuropsychology in Sweden and his contributions are also widely known abroad.

His education began at the University of Lund with a B.A. in psychology 1963, Licensed Psychologist in 1969 and a Ph.D. degree in neuropsychology 1973. His outstanding research in neurocognition and development of cerebral blood flow (CBF) techniques for functional brain imaging awarded him Docent degree (Ass. Prof.) in 1973. During 1973 – 1974 he completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, Alabama. Returning to Sweden he was appointed head of the CBF-laboratory and the Laboratory of Neuropsychology at the departments of Psychiatry and Psychogeriatrics, Lund University Hospital. During 1982 – 1988 he held a research position appointed by the Swedish Medical Research Council. He was appointed Senior Lecturer in Neuropsychology in the Department of Psychiatry, University of Lund, 1988 – 1992. In 1992 he obtained Sweden's first full professorship in neuropsychology at the Departments of Psychiatry and Psychology, University of Lund. Since 2006 he is Professor emeritus.

To mention some of his major appointments, he was member of the Governing Board of the International Neuropsychological Society, 1985 - 1987. He was President of the Swedish Neuropsychological Society 2003 – 2007, and Chairman of the Program Committees for the INS meetings in Lahti (1988) and Stockholm (2002). He has been the main organizer of three Nordic meetings in neuropsychology, Lund (1984), Uppsala (1995) and Göteborg (2007) and was a member of the Organizing Committee for the XXVII World Congress of Psychology, Stockholm 2000.

He has lectured in neuroscience and neuropsychology for more than four decades, first and foremost at the University of Lund, but also frequently at all other universities in Sweden and at universities in the other Nordic countries and abroad. Twenty one students have completed their Ph. D. studies under his supervision. He has published about 250 peer reviewed articles and book chapters and coedited the first volume of the INS' book series.

Jarl Risberg's contributions to neuropsychology have had a great impact on numerous researchers and clinicians interested in brain-behavior relations. His research has focused on the understanding of the functions of the normal brain at different ages but also on disturbances of brain functions in a variety of patient groups, suffering from focal lesions or degenerative brain disorders. His research, teaching and supervision can perhaps best be characterized as theoretically anchored, experimentally creative, curious, always open for discussion and highly inspiring.