

Prof Maria Vang Johansen – Denmark



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Biosketch

Maria Vang Johansen is professor in parasitic zoonoses at the Department of Veterinary Disease Biology, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen. For more than 25 years Maria V. Johansen has been coordinating and participating in research projects addressing epidemiology and One Health approaches to control of neglected helminth zoonoses (e.g. schistosomiasis, cysticercosis, foodborne zoonotic trematodes, opisthorchiasis and clonorchiasis). The research has been conducted in Africa, Asia and Europe. She is first or co-author on more than 120 peer reviewed publications, an equal number of conference presentations and 12 text books. Maria V. Johansen has extended course planning and teaching experiences at all levels (high school students, district health workers, MSc and PhD students, post-graduates and technicians) in Denmark, Africa and Asia. The teaching has addressed all aspects of 'helminthology' and issues like 'experimental animal use', 'research theory', 'research ethics', 'cross-disciplinary approaches', 'logical thinking' and linking research and development. Concerning broader research activities, Maria is a Diplomate of the European Veterinary Parasitology College (DipEVPC), she is head of the WHO/FAO Collaborating Center of Neglected Parasitic Zoonoses, has been member the Swedish Research Council FORMAS' evaluation panel on Food and Animal Welfare 2010-2014, member of Expert evaluation panel at Institute for Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium (2014 -), and Member of the Danish Committee for Animal Experiments Inspectorate. In the past she has been the President of the Danish Society of Parasitology and secretary of the Scandinavian Society for Parasitology. Since 2006, Maria V. Johansen has been Treasurer of the World Federation of Parasitologists.