

# *Curriculum Vitae*

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**Summary** Growing up in the countryside in Denmark was the start for the lay out for education and work. This became both in the practical and theoretical field of horticulture, nature management and interpretation. Since the 1980'es into organic farming.

## **Current position**

2016- **Adviser** at NORSØK, Norwegian Centre for Organic Agriculture. Responsible for the display garden and different ongoing projects.

**Field** Organic horticulture. Management and production. Interpretation. Social responsibility.

## **Academic degrees**

2002-1994 **Master of Science in Horticulture. MSc. Cand. Hort.** Previous Den kgl. Veterinær- og Landbohøjskole now: LIFE, University of Copenhagen. Keywords: Cultivation, botany, environment, ecology and nature.

## **Education**

2006-2005 **Nature interpreter.** Landscapes, biodiversity, sociology, pedagogic and journalistic work. Denmark.

1996-1992 **Upper secondary school leaving certificate.** Preparation and formation. Some courses studied on own hand (Danish and Spanish). Lyngby, Denmark.

1986-1983 **Gardener.** Specialized in greenhouse production. Søhus College, Denmark.

## **Post-qualifying education**

2019            **Qualitative Research Methods,** Århus University, Denmark.

2014            **Project Management.** Bioforsk.

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- 2014 **UVI Aquaponics Workshop.** University of the Virgin Islands, (USA) - Agricultural Experiment Station, Horticulture/Aquaculture Program.
- 2012 **How to publish in peer-reviewed journals.** Tress & Tress - Improving academic performance. Ås, Norway.
- 2010 **Coaching in organizations.** Theory and praxis. Business high school in Køge, Denmark.
- 2010 **Quality in conversation.** Course with introduction of NLP techniques and appreciative inquiry.
- 2005 **Parks and Gardening as rehabilitation.** Swedish agricultural University in Alnarp. Report on gardening project in St. Hans Hospital.
- 2005 **Latin American culture, literature and history 1820 - present.** University of Copenhagen.

### Previous positions

- 2015 -2016 **Adviser** at NIBIO, Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research. Responsible for the display garden and different ongoing projects.
- 2015- 2011 **Adviser**, Bioforsk Organic Food and Farming Division, Tingvoll. Responsible for the display garden and different ongoing projects.
- 2010-2009 **Manager** at Ecogreen, Albertslund. Management of greenhouses and fields, taking care of staff and responsible for economy.
- 2009-2004 **Horticulturist and nature interpreter** at Psychiatric Center St. Hans. Nature, well-being, gardening and therapy.
- 2004-2003 **Academic coworker** in Botanical Garden and Museum at Copenhagen University. Updating the database of tropical and subtropical plants.
- 2005-03 **Teacher** at Rødovre Kulturelle Aftenskole. Courses in practical gardening with advising and going on excursions.
- 2003 **Consultant** at The free Agents. Fundraising, outdoor living, green tourism and environmental issues. Representing the staff at the board.
- 2002-1999 **Gardener** at Tivoli amusement park in Copenhagen. Temporary during summertime. Practical and manual work with insight in decoration, design and maintenance.
- 1992-1989 **Gardener** at Gentofte Municipality. Maintenance of green areas in different types of nature. Employment paused by maternity leave and stay in Mexico.

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### **Relevant positions of trust**

2022-19 **Co-leader** in local affiliation of The Norwegian Association for Mycology and Foraging

2020- 19 **Board member** in Norwegian Seed Savers.

2019-17 **Secretary** in Norwegian Seed Savers.

2016- **Coordinator** of Health, Environment and Safety at NORSØK.

2016- **Union representative** at NORSØK.

2014- **Member of the Board** at Friends of Tingvoll Farm.

2014-2012 **Treasurer** of Tingvoll Association of Art.

2011- 2008 **Mentor**. Coaching colleagues during career. Corps provided by the trade union Jordbrugsakademikerne.

1998 **Member of the board** in Center for Ecology and Environment. Copenhagen University.

1986-1983 **Member of the board** Gardeners trade union. Odense, Denmark.

### **Other Activity**

2010 **School service assistance** at Hesselbjerggård. Teaching pupils visiting the farm.

2009 -2014 **Participant** in Nordic Network in Nature, Health and Live qualities.

2010-2003 **Translator** (volunteer) for PLAN. Translation of letters Danish to Spanish.

2004-1997 **Participant** in foundation of an ecological village.

1988-1987 **Volunteer in developing country** in school building brigade in Nicaragua.

### **Publications (selected)**

2024 **Report** “Soil improvement in greenhouse” (in Norwegian).

2022 **Report** “Phasing out peat in growing media - results from Scandinavian studies”. Friis Pedersen, S. & Løes, A.K.

2021 **Report** “Plant reproductive material for Norwegian organic farming - status and possibilities» (in Norwegian). Serikstad, G.L., Friis Pedersen, S. & Frøseth R.B.

2019 **Report** “Compost barn - compost quality and management experiences” (in Norwegian). Pedersen, S.F. & Ebbesvik, M. NORSØK.

2017 **Report** “Quinoa cultivation in Norway. Potential for innovation and tests of varieties” (in Norwegian). Pedersen S.F. & Wibe, A. NORSØK.

2017 **Article** “Community supported agriculture in urban settings: A way for better understanding and implementation of sustainability - a Norwegian experience” in *Acta Horticulturae* book for the 6<sup>th</sup> Conference on Landscape & Urban Horticulture. ISHS.

2013 **Report** «Litteraturstudium med henblikk på plantematch til aquaponics ved oppdrett av laks og ørret». Bioforsk.

2012 **Seaweed** for organic producers and consumers. Poster for NETALGAE; Bioforsk (co-writer)

2011 **Thematic sheets** on organic production of tomatoes and cucumbers. Bioforsk.

2009 **Poster** ”Social and therapeutic Horticulture” presented at International Rangers Federation VI Congress in Bolivia.

2008 **Article** i *Jord og Viden* ”Garden projects with social responsibility in England and Denmark”. (in Danish).

2002 **Folder** ”Cultivating factors for willow used for basketmaking” (in Danish) <http://www.pileforeningen.dk>

### **Languages proficiency**

Danish (mother tongue), Norwegian (book tongue, best orthographically), English (competent), Spanish (competent), German (fair/poor, can read).

### **Civil Status**

Widow and mother to adult son.