

Prof. em. Dr.
Björn Klinge



Björn Klinge received his DDS from Lund University (SWE), in 1977 and earned his Doctorate in Odontology in 1984, also from Lund University. In 1988 he became a recognized specialist in Periodontology by the Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare.

At Lund University, Björn was Associate Dean for dental education. In 1979-1980 he was a Visiting Junior Staff member at Loma Linda University (CA, USA).

He was Head of the Department of Experimental Surgical Research at the Faculty of Odontology in Malmö (SWE), from 1980-1994. He developed recognized models for research on tissue-integrated implants and periodontal regeneration during that period.

In 1994 Björn was appointed Professor and Chair of Periodontology at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm by the Swedish Government. Soon after his arrival, he was appointed Dean and was responsible for the extensive development of the Dental Faculty, including education, research, and clinical activities. In 2012 he was recruited to Malmö University as the Dean for the Faculty of Odontology and also a Professor in Periodontology.

He is currently Professor emeritus in the Department of Dental Medicine, Division of Oral Disease at Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm (SWE), and Professor em., Faculty of Odontology, Malmö University (SWE). Björn is a Special Guest Professor at Instituto Universitario, Egas Moniz, Lisbon (POR). He has been a Scientific Advisor in Periodontology to the National Board of Health and Welfare in Sweden since 2002. 2019-2022 he was a member of the priority committee for the new Swedish National Guidelines in Dentistry.

In 2022, after 22 years of service, he left the role as Scientific Editor for the Journal of the Swedish Dental Association. He was Director of the National Clinical Research School in Odontology, funded by the Swedish National Research Council, educating 42 dentists for their PhD/Odont Dr degree. He has been an Expert Assessor in reviewing research at the universities in Bergen, Copenhagen, Dublin, Helsinki, Hong Kong, Oslo, and Zurich.

Professor Klinge is an Honorary Fellow at the Singapore Dental Hospital, an Honorary Professor at Ji-Lin University in P. R. China, an Honorary Doctor in Odontology at the Faculty of Medicine in Turku/Åbo (FIN), and an Honorary member of the Swedish Dental Association. He is a former Board Member and Past President of the Scandinavian Society of Periodontology, and former President of the European Association for Osseointegration (EAO).

He is a Past President and Honorary Member of the Swedish Periodontal Association. In 2020 he was awarded the Karolinska Institute Silver Medal for outstanding services in promoting human health through research, education, and communication with the society. And in 2021 he was awarded the Gold Medal of Merit by the Swedish Dental Society. Since July 1, 2024, he is President of the AVOLA DECLARATION ASSOCIATION (Lucerne, CHE). An organization committed to health and humanity through prevention.

His more recent research interest and related publications mainly focus on the oral-systemic link, periimplantitis, and periodontal tissue regeneration. (Around 180 refereed scientific international publications available through PubMed, h-index 44, Web of Science). Björn has lectured extensively nationally and internationally by invitation to around 40 countries worldwide.

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