

# Author Biographies





**Øyvind S. Bruland** (born 1952) is Professor of Clinical Oncology at the University of Oslo and Senior Oncologist in the Department of Oncology, Rikshospitalet-Radiumhospitalet Health Trust, where he has been engaged as a researcher and physician since 1983. He chaired the Norwegian Oncology Forum from 2002 to 2004, and was Visiting Professor at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, in 2004. He has edited and co-authored several books, and has had more than 100 articles published in well-known professional journals.



**Anne-Lise Børresen-Dale** (born 1946) is a biochemist, with molecular genetics as her area of expertise. She has earned an international reputation for her pioneering research on patients with breast cancer and ovarian cancer. In particular, she has identified the genetic mechanisms involved in hereditary breast cancer as well as the effects of chemotherapy and radiotherapy. She has received a number of national and international awards, holds the position of Head of the Department of Genetics at the Institute for Cancer Research at the Rikshospitalet-Radiumhospitalet Health Trust and is Professor of Molecular Tumor Biology at the University of Oslo.



**Lena Fauske** (born 1963) is self-employed and works with decentralized studies for universities and colleges in the areas of culture, outdoor recreation and rural development. She is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in cultural history at the University of Oslo, where she is writing about cancer from a cultural perspective.



**Sophie Dorothea Fosså** (born 1941) is a Professor and Senior Oncologist at the Rikshospitalet-Radiumhospitalet Health Trust. She is the head of the National Resource Center for Long-Term Studies after cancer, and has been the primary author or co-author of approx. 500 articles published in international professional journals.



**Frøydís Langmark** (born 1941) became a specialist in pathology in 1973. She was engaged as a pathologist at the Norwegian Radium Hospital and Rikshospitalet until 1981, and as a director of the Cancer Registry of Norway since 1983. Her research activities are mainly in the area of cancer epidemiology. She maintains a high media profile, frequently participating in debate programs in which the causes of cancer are discussed.



**Bente Riise** (born 1962) is the editor of the magazine *Syn og Segn*. She holds a degree in journalism from the Norwegian College of Journalism and has been a news and culture journalist for radio and television at the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation, as well as for *A-magasinet* (weekly magazine) and *Dagbladet* (newspaper). She has been assistant editor of the *Dagens Næringsliv* weekly supplement *Magasinet*, and was the editor of the magazine *Psykisk helse* for ten years.



**Anne Lise Ryel** (born 1958) has been the Secretary General of the Norwegian Cancer Society since the autumn of 2002. She has a law degree and has previously been active as a corporate lawyer, Gender Equality Ombud, and State Secretary at the Norwegian Ministry of Justice. She has also served on a large number of boards, councils and commissions in Norway and abroad, especially in the areas of health, education, research, human rights/gender equality and politics.



**Finn Skårderud** (born 1956) is a psychiatrist and author. He has his own private practice in Oslo and works as a psychiatrist with elite athletes for the Norwegian Olympic Committee. He is a Professor at Lillehammer University College, writes a regular column for the magazine *Psykisk Helse* and the Danish newspaper *Politiken*, and he has written 12 books of his own and has contributed chapters to over 60 other books.



**Thorvald Steen** (born 1954) is an author. His most recent novel is *Vekten av snøkrystaller* (2006), and he is most well-known for his historical novels, which have been translated into 19 languages. He has written 25 books within most literary genres. He was the editor of the anthology *Asylet* (2005) which marked the 150th anniversary of the Gaustad Psychiatric Hospital (formerly Gaustad Asylum). He holds a graduate degree in the history of ideas.



**Gøril Wiker** (born 1955) is a journalist and author and was educated at the University of Oslo and the Norwegian College of Journalism. She has worked as a news and culture journalist for the newspapers *Aftenposten* and *Dagbladet* and for the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation. She is currently in charge of community relations and information activities for the Norwegian Psychological Association. She has written several books.



**Einar Øverenget** (born 1964) has a doctorate in philosophy and is a philosopher at the Academy of Humanities. He is an author, lecturer and debater. He has written several books.



**Knut Olav Åmås** (born 1968) has a Masters Degree in philosophy and a Ph.D. in media studies. He was engaged as a commissioning editor at Scandinavian University Press from 1996 to 2001, and as editor of *Samtiden* from 2001 to 2006 and editor with *Aftenposten* (daily newspaper) since 2006. He has written, edited and translated a dozen books.

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