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Date and place of birth: 23.3.1947, Gentofte, Denmark

Working languages: Danish, English, Spanish, (French)

Current position/function:

From 1993- 2000, and from 2002, I have worked as a consultant in medicine and gastroenterology in three departments of medicine in Danish hospitals. In this capacity, I have participated in the management and administration of hospital departments. My current work is at a provincial hospital in Frederikssund, near Copenhagen, covering a population of approximately 135.000 people with a non-selected uptake.

Main professional activities:

Apart from my duties in my hospital, I am affiliated to a NGO in Honduras as a consultant for the Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims in Copenhagen (RCT). My main area is systematization of observations of (ill-) health and monitoring of treatment of torture victims incl. prisoners. Moreover, I have been ad hoc consultant of RCT in an assessment study of the impact of Human Rights training in prisons in Ecuador (2005) and I participate regularly in this organizations dialogue on documentation and prevention of torture e.g the international meeting on the implementation of the OPCAT, May 2005.

In co-operation with colleges from Spain, I have published a systematic quality assessment of medical documents issued by police doctors. At the moment, the same research group is in the process of finalizing a follow-up study. The aim is to document possible changes over time in the quality of medical documents issued by police doctors on examinations of detained persons who claim to have been ill-treated.

Educational background:

Medical doctor from the University of Copenhagen, January 1974.

Authorised as general practitioner and as specialist in medicine and in gastroenterology.

I have published 52 articles in scientific medical journals, approximately half of which concerned torture and ill-treatment.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

From 1979, I have been member of the Danish medical group of *Amnesty International* (AI). I have examined a number of asylum applicants in Denmark with the aim of appraising statements of torture. As a consultant of AI and *Physicians for Human Rights/ Denmark*, and on a few occasions as a consultant for the *UN* and the *Council of Europe*, I have participated in fact-finding missions and research projects on torture and ill-treatment in Greece, Spain, Turkey, Thailand, Venezuela, Indian and Pakistan Kashmir, Peru, Burma (via Thailand), and Zimbabwe. For two

years I was employed full time in the International Department of the *Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims* (RCT) as coordinator of health issues, and for five years I have been an external consultant of this organisation. In this capacity, I have co-operated with a number of NGOs caring for torture survivors in the South and carried out an evaluation of Human Rights training of prison staff in Ecuador..

List of most recent publications in the field:

Petersen & Rasmussen OV: Medical appraisal of allegations of torture. *Forensic Science Int* 1992; 53:97-116.

Petersen & al.: Human Rights violations in Burma. A follow-up examination. *Dan Med Bul* 2001; 359-63

Petersen HD & al.: Assessment of the quality of medical documents issued in central police stations in Madrid, Spain. *Journal of Forensic Science* 2002; 293-8.

Epple S & Petersen: Rule of Law, law and the health profession in Zimbabwe. *Dan Med Bul* 2002; 49: 247-52.