

Speaker Biography



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Dr Ole F. Olesen is the Executive Director of the European Vaccine Initiative (EVI). Based in Germany, EVI is an independent, non-profit research organization with focus on developing new and improved vaccines for global health and developing new tools and technologies for general vaccinology research.

EVI works through collaborative research with an extensive network of academic, SMEs and pharma industry partners in more than 30 countries across the world. Ole has studied at the universities of Aarhus, Denmark and Cambridge, UK, as well as at Copenhagen Business School, and he holds a PhD degree in Molecular Biology and an HD degree in international economics.

Before joining EVI, Ole has worked in the European Commission and in the European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP). Ole has previously worked for 10 years in the pharmaceutical industry as group leader and Global Project Director for pre-clinical and clinical development of vaccines and injectables.

He has considerable work experience in conducting and managing large international projects on pharmaceutical product development in both Europe, Africa and Asia. Ole is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh also holds a position as affiliated professor in global health at Copenhagen University.