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Biography

Professor Lars Mehlum MD PhD is the founding director of the National Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention at the Institute of Clinical Medicine, University of Oslo, Norway. Mehlum is a psychiatrist and psychotherapist. He has had many leader positions on national and international levels. He is the current president of the International Academy of Suicide Research, vice president of the ISSPD, a past president of the ESSPD and the International Association of Suicide Prevention and has acted as an advisor for national suicide preventive strategies to the European Union and in numerous countries. He has established several training programmes, among them a Master's degree in suicide prevention at the University of Oslo and national therapist training programmes both in Dialectical Behaviour Therapy and Complicated Grief Treatment. The founding editor of the journal 'Suicidologi' published since 1996 he is also a member of the editorial board of the three leading international suicidological journals *Suicide & Life-Threatening Behaviour*, *Archives of Suicide Research and Crisis*. With his research group he focuses on the clinical course of suicidal behaviour with respect to etiological and prognostic factors such as stressors and negative life events, personality traits and disorders, major psychiatric illness and the effectiveness of interventions, among them Dialectical Behaviour Therapy. He has published widely on these subjects and received several national and international awards. On a part time basis he maintains a private practice in psychiatry in the city of Oslo.

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