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TRACK RECORD

As director of a number of research and outreach institutions in Denmark Morten Meldgaard (MM) has 35 years of extensive experience with science administration, fundraising, international collaboration, grass root involvement, policy making, institution building, and general leadership. As a natural scientist MM has focused on arctic environmental history especially on resource dynamics, climate change, and human adaptation through time. MMs approach is interdisciplinary and archaeology, history, and ethno history are combined with population biology, macro ecology and ancient DNA-studies.

MM is presently engaged in developing science and educational collaboration between Denmark, Greenland, and the Arctic nations and peoples and supporting the development of a strong academic environment at Ilisimatusarfik . MM has a dual affiliation as professor at the Globe Institute (Univ. of Copenhagen) and Ilisimatusarfik (University of Greenland).

Since 2015 living in Nuuk, Greenland and in Copenhagen on a 50:50 basis.

ACADEMICS

2013 - Professor, arctic environmental history, University of Copenhagen
2014 - Adjunct professor, Ilisimatusarfik/ University of Greenland
2005 - Doctor of philosophy, Faculty of the Humanities, University of Copenhagen
2005-2010 Adjunct professor, environmental history, Syddansk Universitet
1990 PhD, biology, Faculty of Science, University of Copenhagen
1985 MA, biology, Faculty of Science, University of Copenhagen

EMPLOYMENT

2019- Professor, GLOBE Institute, University of Copenhagen
2014- Adj professor, Ilisimatusarfik, University of Greenland
2013-2019 Professor, Natural History Museum of Denmark, Center for GeoGenetics.
2007-2014 Director, Danish Natural History Museum
2005-2007 Director, Dansk Ekspeditionsfond, Galathea 3
2000-2005 Director, North Atlantic House
1995-2000 Director, Danish Polar Center
1991-1995 Director, Lejre Experimental Center
1990-1991 Post doc, University of Copenhagen
1990- Teacher, Allerød Gymnasium
1986-1990 PhD, University of Copenhagen
1985-1986 Researcher, Qasigiannguit Museum, Qasigiannguit Municipality.

EXPERIENCE

- **Project coordinator, the UPPIK-Project,** 2022- : Development, funding and construction of approximately 11.000 m2 university- and museumfacilities at Campus Ilimmarfik, .
- **The Qimmeq-Project,** 2015- . Interdisciplinary project on the Greenland sled dog. Culture history, genetic history, health, outreach (school book, popular book, exhibit, film, foto etc). ca 15 mio DKr, external funding.
- **Nomination of *The Aasivissuit***-*Nipisat, Inuit Hunting Ground between Ice and Sea* for inclusion on the World Heritage List, 2015- . **Project fundraiser** (2 + 10 + 12 mioDkr) and **project coordinator**,.
- **New Natural History Museum,** 2007-2014. As director succeeded in fundraising 950 million Dkr to build a new Natural History Museum in Denmark. Increased turnover from ca. 100 to ca. 200 mio. dkr./ year. Increased external income from 20 to 100 mio. Kr/year. Increased the average H-index from 5 to 15, increased number of peer reviewed publications from 140 to 250 /year.
- **Galathea 3,** 2005-7. Succeeded in coordinating and funding the Galathea 3 expedition – a circumnavigation of the world on a specially outfitted navy vessel housing ca. 70 research projects, media, school children, and navy personnel at a total cost of ca. 200 mio. Dkr.
- **North Atlantic House**, 2000-5. Shaped the idea, coordinated fundraising and participation of four countries in the North Atlantic House which opened in 2003.
- **Zackenberg Field Station,** 1995-2000. Coordinated the set up and helped secure finances for the operation of the Zackenberg Field Station and its associated monitoring programs.
- **Royal Viking Hall**, 1991-95. Shaped the idea and generated the project to build the largest reconstruction of a Viking house in the world, The Royal Hall. It has now been funded and was inaugurated in 2021.
- **Qeqertassuk site,** 1986-1988. Coordinated the natural sciences research of the permafrozen Qeqertassuk site, Disko Bay. Published a book on the site which was defended for the degree of Philosophy at the University of Copenhagen (2004).
- **Aasivissuit ,** 1978. Excavated the caribou hunting site Aasivissuit **i**n West Greenland.
- **Field work**. More than 20 field seasons on archaeological excavations and biological projects in all parts of Greenland, Canada, Alaska, Peru, Malaysia and Denmark.
- **Lecturer/univ. teacher** at universities in USA, Spain, Denmark and Greenland.
- **Supervisor** of BSc, MSc and PhD students as well as Post Docs
- **Member** of the **Grenlandic Research Council** 2016-24, the **Norwegian Research Council** 2016-2025
- **Chairman** of the **advisory board to Pinngortitaleriffik**, Institute of Natural Resources 2021-2024

PRESENTATIONS And PUBLICATIONS

Participated in numerous scientific and administrative meetings on arctic issues and research topics spanning from natural sciences over archaeology, anthropology and educational politics.

MMs research is mainly published as monographs which could be kindled while having heavy administrative loads and more recently as co-authored papers in high profile journals such as Science and Nature.