**BIOGRAPHICAL DATA FORM OF CANDIDATES TO COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE**

**Jens Modvig (Denmark)**

**Date and place of birth:** 26 December 1953, Copenhagen, Denmark

**Working languages:** English, Spanish, Danish (mother tongue)

**Current position/function**

Chief Medical Officer, DIGNITY – Danish Institute against Torture, and Clinical Associate Professor, University of Copenhagen

**Main professional activities**

2009– Clinical Associate Professor in Social Medicine and Rehabilitation, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Copenhagen

2008– Chief Medical Officer, Inter. Dept. DIGNITY – Danish Institute against Torture

2007–2008 Director (D2), United Nations Office in Belgrade (UNOB), Serbia

2004–2007 Deputy Head of Mission, OSCE, Mission in Kosovo, Pristina, Kosovo and D/DSRSG for Pillar III in UNMIK

2000–2004 Secretary General, International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims

1995–1999 Assistant and Associate Professor, University of Copenhagen

1994–1999 Medical consultant (part-time), International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims

**Educational background**

1991 PhD in Public Health Epidemiology (University of Copenhagen)

1988 Medical Doctor (University of Copenhagen)

1976 Social Worker University Diploma (University of Roskilde)

1974 Basic Diploma in Social Sciences (University of Roskilde)

**Other main activities in the field of human rights relevant to the mandate of the Committee against Torture**

2010– Member of the Independent Forensic Expert Group organised by the IRCT

2009– Member of the Advisory Board of Torture – Journal on Rehabilitation of Torture Victims and Prevention of Torture

2009– Participant in the build-up and implementation of the Danish National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) under OPCAT as coordinator of the health professional NPM component. Carried out around 35 NPM monitoring visits to prisons and pre-trial detentions in Denmark and abroad

1994– Carried out around 165 short-term missions to 45 countries to support projects for rehabilitation of torture victims, for prevention of torture or to do advocacy or fundraising for the fight against torture

1991–2001 Medical consultant for the Social Welfare Centre in Norrebro, City of Copenhagen, evaluating many cases of tortured refugees

**List of most recent publications in this field**

Modvig J. Violence, torture and sexual abuse in prisons. In: Health in Prisons. WHO Europe region, 2013 (in press)

Wang SJ, Rushiti F, Sejdiu X, Pacolli S, Gashi B, Salihu F, Modvig J. Survivors of war in northern Kosovo (III): The role of anger and hatred in pain and PTSD and their interactive effects on career outcome, quality of sleep and suicide ideation. Confl Health. 2012 Jul 30;6(1):4

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