

Citation for Professor Jarl Björn Rosenholm

Graduation: Monday, 30th March 2009, 3:00pm



Officiator: Dr Ian Gould

Award recipient: Professor Jarl Björn Rosenholm
BSc, MSc, PhD, DSc

Award being conferred: Honorary Doctor of the University of South Australia (DUniv)

Citation delivered by: Laureate Professor John Ralston AO
FAA, FTSE

Chancellor, the University of South Australia awards the Honorary Doctorate Degree to a person of eminence who has made a distinguished contribution to the public service or a field of academic endeavour. It is my pleasure to present to you Professor Jarl ('Yarl') Björn ('Be-yern') Rosenholm for the honorary degree of 'Doctor of the University', in recognition of his contribution to the University of South Australia and his distinguished career as a scientist, researcher and entrepreneur.

Professor Jarl Rosenholm is a graduate and a scientist of distinction from Åbo (Orbo) Akademi University in Finland. He currently works within the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences as a Professor of Chemistry, and has been with the University since 1985.

Professor Rosenholm is also an Assistant Professor in Physical Chemistry at the University of Turku in Finland.

Additionally, Professor Rosenholm is the head of the Graduate School of Materials Research and the Centre of Excellence for Functional Materials at the National Academy of Finland. He holds a PhD from Åbo Akademi University and the highest degree in Food Science from the University of Lund in Sweden.

Professor Rosenholm first spent time at the University of South Australia as a visiting professor in the School of Chemical Technology in 1992, and in 1999 was appointed as an honorary Adjunct Research Professor at the Ian Wark Research Institute, a position which he still holds.

He has continued to be a strong advocate for the Wark Institute ("the Wark") over many years, and has worked very hard to establish strategic partnerships between the University of South Australia and Åbo Akademi University in Finland.

His initiatives include a student exchange program between the Wark and the Graduate School of Materials Research at Åbo Akademi University, as well as numerous joint publications with UniSA's former School of Chemical Technology and the Wark. Professor Rosenholm has facilitated over 20 reciprocal research visits between UniSA and Åbo Akademi University, and has acted as an external examiner for six PhD theses from the Wark and as an external assessor of two professorship applications, also from the Wark.

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Professor Rosenholm has also held numerous posts as a visiting scientist at the University of Lund and the University of Göteborg ('Yerterberry') in Sweden, and at the University of Lethbridge and the Université de Sherbrooke in Canada.

He has worked as consultant for many organisations, including the Council for Natural Sciences at the Academy of Finland, and has held leading positions at the International Association of Colloid and Interface Scientists; the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry; and the European Colloid and Interface Society.

Professor Rosenholm's publication list is exceptional and includes over 200 scientific publications, nine edited volumes, two patent applications, and over 100 popular essays and reports. He has also supervised 33 doctoral theses within his Department, and supported a further 42 doctoral theses at the Graduate School of Materials Research at the National Academy of Finland.

Professor Rosenholm has been awarded numerous awards of distinction throughout his career, including being elected as Member of the Swedish Science Academy of Technology in Finland in 1998, declared a Knight of the Ordo Sancti Constantini in 1999, and made a Commander in the Order of the White Rose of Finland in 2006.

He has also been assessing grant applications for the Australian Research Council for the past two decades and has worked with Laureate Professor John Ralston on various committees for the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry.

Professor Rosenholm is an outstanding scientist, researcher and leader. His distinguished career and contribution to education, science and research, most notably with UniSA's Ian Wark Research Institute, are deserving of the highest public acknowledgment by this University.

Chancellor, on behalf of the University of South Australia, I am pleased to present Professor Jarl Björn Rosenholm to you for the honorary degree of 'Doctor of the University', in recognition of his significant contributions to scientific research and the University of South Australia.