

Tissue Engineering approaches to improved biocompatibility”

2001 Elected Fellow of the Institute of Physics

2002 Co-recipient of a research award for a center of excellence: “Towards a new hydrogen economy”

2002 Elected Fellow of the Institute of Nanotechnology

2003 Villum Kann Rasmussen’s award for outstanding research achievements in science and great efforts within the new area of nanotechnology (VELUX Foundation)

2003 University of Aarhus Anniversary Foundation Award for outstanding academic research within the area of surface and nano-science

2003 Richard A. Glenn Award for best paper at the Fuels Chemistry Division Spring Symposia, American Chemical Society

2004 Appointed EU project ambassador for the Aarhus Municipality EU Office in Brussels, Belgium

2004 Danmarks Naturvidenskabelige Akademis Industripris 2004 (Industrial prize of the Danish Academy of Natural Sciences 2004)

2004-2014 Honorary Professor, Aalborg University

2006 Grundfos award for outstanding nanoscience research

2007 Professor Honoris Causa from Henan University, China

2007 Professor Honoris Causa from Tianjin University, China.

2007 Received the title of Knight of the Order of Dannebrog from Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark

2008 Professor Honoris Causa from Huazhong Normal University, China

2008 Professor Honoris Causa from Jilin University, China

2008 Professor Honoris Causa from Zhejiang University of Technology

2008 Bird-Steward-Lightwood Lectureship award at the Dept. of Chemical and Biological Engineering at University of Wisconsin-Madison

2008 Recipient of one of the prestigious ERC advanced research grants from the European Research Council

2009 Aarhus Business Award 2009

2009 Honorary Guest Professor, Institute of High Energy Physics, Key Laboratory for biomedical effects of Nanomaterials and Nanosafety, Chinese Academy of Sciences

2009 Recipient of the prestigious Einstein Professorship, Chinese Academy of Sciences

2009 Elected Honorary Fellow of Chinese Chemical Society

2009 Elected Honorary Fellow of the American Vacuum Society

2009 Recipient of a Sino-Danish Center of Excellence “Center for Molecular Nanostructures on Surfaces CMNS” from the Danish National Research Foundation

2009 Honorary Professor of ICCAS, China

2009 Elected Fellow of Materials Research Society

2009 Elected Fellow of Royal Society of Chemistry

2009 Professor Honoris Causa from Shanghai University, China

2009 Professor Honoris Causa from Central South University, China

2010 Professor Honoris Causa from Tongji University, China

2010 Professor Honoris Causa from Chongqing University

2011 Elected Fellow of the American Physical Society

2011 Professor Honoris Causa, Harbin Institute of Technology

2011-2016 Chief International Academic Advisor of Harbin Institute of Technology

2011 Recipient of Rigmor og Carl Holst-Knudsen’s Videnskabspris (science award granted by Aarhus University) 2011

2011 Langmuir Lecture Award, ACS

2011 Overseas director and Professor Honoris Causa, Tongji-Aarhus Joint Center for Nanostructures and Functional Nanomaterials

2011 Professor Honoris Causa, Institute of Advanced Materials, Jiangsu University, China

2012 The Sino-Danish Center of Excellence “Center for Molecular Nanostructures on Surfaces CMNS” extended for 3 years by the Danish National Research Foundation

2012 Recipient of the Award for International Scientific Cooperation, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China

2012 Recipient of the Friendship Award awarded by the Chinese State Administration for Foreign Expert Affairs

2012 Recipient of the 2012 International Science and Technology Cooperation Award of the People's Republic of China awarded by the Chinese State Council

2013 Received the title of Knight 1st Class of the Order of Dannebrog from Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark

2013 Awarded Honorary Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society

2013 Elected Foreign Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)

2014 Molecular Science Forum Lecture Professorship, Center for Molecular Science, Chinese Chemical Society

Leadership:

1993-2002 Vice-director of the center of excellence: "Center for Atomic-scale Materials Physics" (CAMP) sponsored the Danish National Research Foundation

1994-1997 Head of the "Minicenter for Nanotribology" established under the Danish Materials Research Programme

1996-2000 Chairman of the board of the Institute for Storage Ring Facilities Aarhus (ISA), University of Aarhus

1999 Member of the advisory board at "Image Metrology Aps"

2000 Member of expert committee in EU on Nanotechnology in relation to the 6th Framework Programme

2001 Head of scientific advisory committee on nanotechnology for the Danish Research Ministry

2001 Member of advisory committee on nanotechnology for the Danish Ministry of Education

2001 Appointed the Danish representative of the COST-Nanoscience (COST European Co-operation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research)

2001 Appointed Danish representative of the PESC (Physical and Engineering Sciences) unit under ESF (European Science Foundation)

2002-2012 Director of the Interdisciplinary Nanoscience Center (iNANO) at the University of Aarhus (www.inano.dk)

2002-2012 Director of the iNANO graduate school (iNANOschool), University of Aarhus (www.inanoschool.dk)

2003 Head of the Danish National Nano-network and Instrument Centre

2004 Danish representative on the EU Programme Committee for the 7th Framework Programme

2005 Member of the Board of Directors of the Carlsberg Foundation

2005 Member of the Board of Directors of the Carlsberg Laboratory

2005 Member of the Supervisory Board of Carlsberg A/S

2005 Member of the Board of the Tuborg Foundation

2012 Chairman of the Board of The Carlsberg Bequest to the memory of Brewer J.C. Jacobsen

2005-2011 Director of the NANOFOOD consortium

2008-2015 Board member of the MedTech Innovative Center, Aarhus, Denmark

2009 Director of the Sino-Danish Center of Excellence "Center for Molecular Nanostructures on Surfaces (CMNS)"

2009 Appointed member of reference group for the FP7 theme Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and New Production Technologies by the Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation

2010 Appointed Head of the scientific panel on Materials and Nanotechnology in connection with the establishment of a Danish roadmap for research infrastructure by the Danish Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation

2010 Member of expert group for the Norwegian Research Council

2010 Chairman of the Board of Nanofence A/S

2011 Chairman of the international "advisory board" of the new center, Harbin Aarhus International Center of Surfaces and Interfaces

2011 Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Carlsberg Laboratory

2012 Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Carlsberg Foundation

2012 Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Carlsberg A/S

2012 Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Museum of National History at Frederiksborg Castle

2012 Member of the Danish Council for Research Policy

2012 Member of the Executive Council of the Mary Foundation - H.R.H. Princess Mary's Foundation (2012-)

2012 High Performance Boards Program at IMD, Lausanne

2012 - 2016 Member of the Board of LevOss ApS

2013 Member of the leadership development organization Center for Leadership (CfL)

2014-2015 Member of the Board of Unisense Environment A/S

2014 Member of the Advisory Board of Center for Corporate Governance, CBS

2014 Deputy Chairman of the Board of Innovation Fund Denmark

2014 Member of the Advisory Board of Young Pioneers

2014-2015 Member of the Advisory Board of Videnskab.dk

2016- Chairman of the Board of UNLEASH

2015 Member of the Board of Unisense A/S

2015 Chairman of Spotter A/S

2015 Chairman of the Tuborg Foundation

2016 Chairman of the Danish Government Advisory Board for Circular Economy

2016 Member of The Danish Government's Digital Growth Panel

2016 Leading from the Chair Program at INSEAD

Research administration:

The Danish Natural Science Research Council (1998-2004)

The Scientific Commission for Physics and Chemistry under the Danish Technical Research Council (1996-2000)

The Programme Committee for the Materials Programme under the Danish Research Ministry (1999)

The steering committee for the Center for Surface Reactivity under the Danish Materials Research Programme (1994-1997)

The board of the Faculty of Science, University of Aarhus, (2001-)

The Strategy Committee for the Faculty of Science, University of Aarhus (2000)

The Research Committee for Faculty of Science, University of Aarhus (2000-)

The Board of the Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Aarhus (1988-92, and 1999-2004)

The VIP Advisory Board, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Univ. of Aarhus (2004-)

PhD evaluation and steering committee at the Department of Physics and Astronomy

The Board of the Danish Physical Society (1990-1994)

The Board of Solid State Section of the Danish Physical Society (1994-1999)

The International Advisory Board and Programme Committee for European Conferences on Surface Science

International Advisory Board for the Conf. on Scanning Tunneling Microscopy, International Conf. on Scanning Probe Spectroscopy

Chair of the Programme Committee for NANO-7 & ECOSS-21

International Advisory Board of ECOSS-22

International Program Committee of the ASEVA Summer School 2004

Scientific Committee of the Fifth Nordic Conference on Surface Science (Finland 2004)

International Advisory Committee of ISSS-4 (2004 - 2005)

Topsøe Catalysis Forum (2004-)

IVS Advisory Board on Nanotechnology (2004-)

International Scientific Advisory Committee of the 16th International Microscopy Congress in Sapporo 2005

Scientific and Industrial Advisory board of NanoBio-Europe conference 2005-2007

Advisory Board of NanoBio-Europe Conference 2005,

Scientific Advisory Board, Centre for Molecular (Bio) medicine, Trieste, Italy (2005-)

Veeco Technical Advisory Board

National censor team for engineering education (2006-2014)

Danish National Network for the 7th EU Framework Programme

International Advisory Committee of ISSS-5& ISSS-6 & ISSS-7 (2008-2014)

International Organizing Committee of NTNE08

Scientific Advisory Committee, NANOMAT Programme

Member of international evaluation committee of MESA+
Advisory Board of ECOSS 26 (2009)
Visiting Committee, Commissariat à l'Énergie Atomique (2009)
Member of Nano Today Editorial Advisory Board
Scientific committee member of International-ASET Conference of
Nanotechnology: Fundamentals and Applications 2010
Elected member of the Materials Research Society Board of Directors
International Advisory Committee of ChinaNANO 2011 and 2013
AVS Surface Science Division Executive Committee (2011-2012) Participated
in the "Board Academy" – a research-based program for board managers and
executive managers
Election Committee of the Danish Academy of Technical Sciences
Member of the award committee for the Heinrich Rohrer Medal, Surface Science
Society of Japan (SSSJ)

Member of:

The Danish Physical Society
The European Physical Society
The American Physical Society
The American Chemical Society
The American Materials Research Society
The Institute of Nanotechnology
The Institute of Physics
Royal Society of Chemistry
Fellow of the European Academy of Sciences
Royal Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society
Foreign Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences
Fellow of the European Academy of Sciences
The EU Academy of Sciences

Editorial board of:

Chemical Physics Letters (1996-2000)
Surface Review and Letters (1998-)
Probe Microscopy (1999-)
Progress in Surface Science (1999-2008)
Journal of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (2001-)
Journal of Nanoscience (2002-)
Journal of Physics - Condensed Matter (2001-)
Surface Science (2003-2008)
Nanoletters (2003-)
Small (2004-)
Journal of Nanotechnology (2004-2008)
Journal of Scanning Probe Microscopy (2006-2008)
Physical Review Letters (2006-2008)
Nanoscale Research Letters (2006-)
Nano Today (2006-)
Journal of Nano Education (2007-2009)
Open Condensed Matter Physics Journal (2007-)
NANOMEDICINE: Nanotechnology, Biology and Medicine (2008-)
ACS-NANO (2008-)
Advanced Biomaterials
ChemPhysChem (2010-)
Nano Energy (2012-)

Referee for:

Science, Nature, Nature Materials, Nature Nanotechnology, Phys. Rev. Letters,
Phys. Rev. B, JACS, ACS-NANO, Surface Science, Jour. Chem. Phys., Langmuir,
Angewandte Chemie, Nanotechnology, NanoLetters, Europhysics Letters,
Chemical Physics Letters, Surface Review and Letters, Probe Microscopy; Progress
in Surface Science, European Research Council, European Commission (European
Research Excellence)

I have been referee for larger research proposals for the research councils in Japan, US, Sweden, Italy, Netherlands, Switzerland, Ireland, Germany, Austria and Norway.

Invited talks:

At international conferences: approx.180 since 1990

At research institutions and universities: approx. 100 since 1990

**Larger Research Grants
(> 100,000 Euros):**

Center for Molecular Nanostructures on Surfaces (CMNS), Danish National Research Foundation, 2,016,129 Euros

Center for Atomic-Scale Surface Science (CASS), Villum Kahn Rasmussen Foundation, 1,344,086 Euros

Antifouling fish - reducing bacterial contamination during food production, Danish Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 375, 400 Euros

Individualized Musculoskeletal regeneration and Reconstruction Network, Danish Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 288,579 Euros

NanoNonWovens, Danish National Advanced Technology Foundation, 1,151,600 Euros

Cement of the future – building materials of the future - FUTURECEM, Danish National Advanced Technology Foundation, 1,342,300 Euros

Protein-based functionalisation of surfaces, Danish National Advanced Technology Foundation, 2,006,700 Euros

Mobile measurements of oil quality - OnBoard NMR, Danish National Advanced Technology Foundation, 1,786,100 Euros

Novel materials for hydrogen storage, the Danish Council for Strategic Research, 335,570 Euros

Interdisciplinary projects in nanoscience, the Danish Council for Strategic Research, 2,013,400 Euros

Bioimaging using nanoparticles, the Danish Council for Strategic Research, 1,159,700 Euros

New metal-oxide and -sulphide catalysts, the Danish Council for Strategic Research, 1,072,900 Euros

Center for surface reactivity, the Danish Natural Science Research Council, 805,400 Euros

High-pressure STM chamber for catalysis, the Danish Natural Science Research Council, 456,400 Euros

Studies of catalytic properties of metal-oxide and –sulphide surfaces and nanostructures, Lundbeck Foundation, 1,81,000 Euros

Development of improved catalysts, Haldor Topsoe, 203,000 Euros

Studies of model catalysts with Atomic Force Microscopy, Haldor Topsoe, 483,200 Euros

Anti-biofouling nanostructured surfaces for the slaughter- and dairy sectors, the Danish Pig Levy Fond and the Danish Milk Levy found, 335,570 Euros

Centre for NeuroEngineering (CNE), the Research Council for Technology, 230,300 Euros

Cross-institutional, interdisciplinary projects in nanotechnology and nanoscience at University of Aarhus and Aalborg University, Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation, 3,350,000 Euros

Innovation consortium, MiNAP, Ministry of Science, Technology and Development, 302,000 Euros

Chitosan-based nanoparticles and membranes for biomedicine, Ministry of Science, Technology and Development, 483,220 Euros

The hydrogen society, the Research Council for Technology and Production, 1,054,000 Euros

Nanoscience and tissue engineering approaches to improved biocompatibility and biointegration and implants, Danish Medical Research Council, 918.000 Euros

New design strategies for catalysts, the Danish Research Council for Technology and Production, 441,600 Euros

Center for Atomic Scale Materials Physics (CAMP), Danish National Research Foundation, 5,000,000 Euros

The graduate school, (iNANOschool), Public and private funding, 4,005,000 Euros

EU Grants:

ERC, Advanced research grant, European Research Council, 1.400,000 Euros

Computing inside a single molecule using atomic scale technology, Pico-Inside, EU, FP6, Integrated Project, 271,700 Euros

Nanoscience targeted at life sciences (Frontiers), EU, FP6, Network of Excellence, 422,500 Euros

Molecular Networks at Phase Boundaries, EU, Marie Curie Training network, 417,800 Euros

Training and Mobility of Researchers (TMR) Programme, Manipulation of individual atoms and molecules with the STM (1997-)

Information Society Technology, Bottom-Up-Nanomachines (BUN)

Research Training Networks, Reactivity of clean and modified oxide surfaces (OXIDESURFACES)

Research Training Network, Atomic and molecular manipulation as a new tool for science and technology (AMMIST)

STREP under the 6th Framework, Nanocues

Supervision:

I have supervised 26 PhD students and am currently supervising 16 PhD students. I have supervised 18 Master of Science students.

Since 1994, I have been a member of the PhD Committee at the Department of Physics and Astronomy and as such been head of the evaluation committee at more than 20 PhD exams.

From 2003 to 2012, I was the director of the graduate school, iNANOschool, in which 150 PhD students are currently enrolled.

Publication statistics:

As per September 2017, my publication list contains 704 entries in

international, refereed journals, including:

Book chapters and reviews: 22
Nature: 4
Nature Materials: 4
Nature Nanotechnology: 3
Science: 11
Phys. Rev. Lett. (PRL): 59
Journal of Applied Physics (J. Appl. Phys.): 13
Applied Physical Letters: 5
JACS: 24
Angewandte Chemie: 13
ACS Nano: 38

My published articles have been cited 32,434 times and my H-index is 93.

Selected publications:

1. P.T. Sprunger, L. Petersen, E.W. Plummer, E. Lægsgaard and F. Besenbacher, Giant Friedel oscillations on the Be(0001) surface, *Science* 275 (1997) 1764
2. F. Besenbacher, I. Chorkendorff, B.S. Clausen, B. Hammer, A. Molenbroek, J.K. Nørskov and I. Stensgaard, Design of a surface alloy catalyst for steam reforming, *Science* 279 (1998) 1913
3. S. Horch, H.T. Lorensen, S. Helveg, E. Lægsgaard, I. Stensgaard, K.W. Jacobsen, J.K. Nørskov and F. Besenbacher, Enhancement of surface self-diffusion of platinum atoms by adsorbed hydrogen, *Nature* 398 (1999)
4. Kühnle et al., Chiral recognition in dimerization of adsorbed cysteine observed by scanning tunneling microscopy, *Nature* 415 (2002) 891
5. F. Rosei, M. Schunack, P. Jiang, A. Gourdon, E. Lægsgaard, I. Stensgaard, C. Joachim, and F. Besenbacher, Organic molecules acting as templates on metal surfaces, *Science* 296 (2002) 328
6. R. Otero, F. Hümmelink, F. Sato, S.B. Legoas, P. Thostrup, E. Lægsgaard, D.S. Galvão, I. Stensgaard, and F. Besenbacher, Lock-and-key effect in the surface diffusion of large organic molecules probed by STM, *Nature Materials*, *Nature Materials* 3 (2004) 779
7. R.T. Vang, K. Honkala, S. Dahl, E.K. Vestergaard, J. Schnadt, E. Lægsgaard, B.S. Clausen, J.K. Nørskov, and F. Besenbacher, Controlling the catalytic bond-breaking selectivity of Ni surfaces by step blocking, *Nature Materials* 4 (2005) 160
8. S. Weigelt, C. Busse, L. Petersen, E. Rauls, B. Hammer, K.V. Gothelf, F. Besenbacher og T. R. Linderoth, Chiral switching by spontaneous conformational change in adsorbed organic molecules, *Nature Materials* 5(2006) 112-117
9. D. Matthey, J.G. Wang, S. Wendt, J. Matthiesen, R. Schaub, E. Lægsgaard, B. Hammer and F. Besenbacher, Enhanced bonding of gold nanoparticles on oxidized TiO₂(110), *Science* 315 (2007) 1692-, Enhanced bonding of gold nanoparticles on oxidized TiO₂(110), *Science* 315 (2007) 1692
10. S. Wendt, P.T. Sprunger, E. Lira, G.K.H. Madsen, Z. Li, J.Ø. Hansen, J. Matthiesen, A. Blekinge-Rasmussen, E. Lægsgaard, B. Hammer and F. Besenbacher, The role of interstitial sites in the Ti3d defect state in the band gap of titania, *Science* 320 (2008) 1755

Patents:

J.H. Hyldtoft, B.S. Clausen, F. Besenbacher, R.T. Vang, J.K. Nørskov, C.G.L. Olsen, E.K. Vestergaard: Fuel cell and anode, patent number 04012278.0

F. Besenbacher, E. K. Vestergaard, R. T. Vang, J.K. Nørskov, B.S. Clausen, J. Hyldtoft, C. Olsen: Carbon resistant anode materials for solid oxide fuel cells, application number PA 2003 00869, June 2003

F. Besenbacher, M. Foss, M.R. Duch, F.S. Pedersen: BioStructure Surface Arrays, application number PA 2005 00610 and US 60/675096, April 2005

F. Besenbacher, M. Foss, L.K. Andersen, M.R. Duch, J. Justesen, F.S. Pedersen: Biocompatible material for surgical implants, application number PA 2005 00981, April 2005

K.A. Howard, J. Kjems, F. Besenbacher, X.D. Liu. (2006) Nanoparticles for nucleic acid delivery Application No. PCT/DK2007/050084, Publication No. WO 2008/003329

K.A. Howard, J. Kjems, F. Besenbacher (2007). Chitosan/siRNA nanoparticles for treatment of inflammatory diseases. Application No. PCT/DK2008/050184

M. Andreasen, K.A. Howard, J. Kjems, F. Besenbacher (2007). Osteopontin-chitosan nanoparticles. Application No. PCT/DK2008/050179

M. Andersen, K.A. Howard, J. Kjems, F. Besenbacher (2007). Freeze-dried chitosan nanoparticles. Application No. PCT/DK2008050171

T. Broch-Nielsen, J. Bondergaard, F. Besenbacher, P. Kingshott, S. Moelgaard (2007): Superhydrophobic coating of a polymer nonwoven, in particular a polypropylene nonwoven, WO2007048630, DE102005051550

T. Broch-Nielsen, J. Bondergaard, F. Besenbacher, P.Kingshott (2007): Material Comprising and consisting of fibres and nanoclay, WO2007048547, DE102005051844, EP1941083.

M.R. Duch, L. Markert, J. Lovmand, A.C. Füchtbauer, E.M. Füchtbauer, M. Foss, F. Besenbacher, F.S. Pedersen, PA 2008 00726

M. R. Duch, J. Lovmand, M. Foss, F. Besenbacher, F.S. Pedersen, PA 2008 00730.

S. Shipovskov, D. Sutherland, F. Besenbacher, B.S. Laursen (2008), Nanojelly, WO01/28328, WO97/20041, WO06/002630

F. Besenbacher, K. Howard, J. Kjems and X. Liu (2008), Nanoparticles for nucleic acid delivery, WO 2008/003329, EP2037899

K.A. Howard, I. Nawroth, J. Alsner, J. Overgaard, F. Besenbacher and J. Kjems (2008). Chitosan/siRNA nanoparticles as a treatment for radiation-induced fibrosis (RIF). DK PA 2009*****

S. Shipovskov, D. Sutherland, F. Besenbacher (2010): Gel Compositions, WO/2010/031408

B.S. Lauresen, J. B. Kristensen, F. Besenbacher, D. Sutherland, S. Shipovskov, K.M. Kragh (2010): Composition, WO/2010/089598 A1

F. Besenbacher, K.A. Howard, J. Kjems, X. Liu (2011): Chitosan/sIRNA

nanoparticles, DK/EP 2037899

Industrial Collaboration: Co-founder of InvitroQ ApS
Senior advisor and consultant to Haldor Topsøe A/S
Member of the Haldor Topsoe Catalysis Forum advisory group
Member of the scientific advisory board for SCF Technologies A/S
Close collaboration with Danfoss A/s, Danfoss Bionics A/S, Grundfos A/S.
NANONORD A/S, Cantion A/S, Danisco A/S, Arla A/S, Fibertex A/S, Image
Metrology A/S
Board member of the MTIC Foundation, MedTech Innovation Center

Research Competences: Current research activities include the development and use of scanning tunneling microscopy, a variety of other surface sensitive techniques to study clean and adsorbate-covered surfaces, and synthesis and characterization of nanostructures on surfaces.

Research Areas: Nanoscience, nanotechnology, nanocatalysis, structure and reactivity of clean, adsorbate-covered and alloy surfaces, scanning tunnelling microscopy, atomic force microscopy, nucleation and growth of nanoclusters, interaction of hydrogen with defects in metals, hydrogen storage, quantized conductance in nanowires, different penetration phenomena, adsorption of bio-molecules at surfaces, biocompatibility, biosensors