

# Danmarks Geologipris – Denmark's Geology Prize

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Denmark's Geology Prize was instituted in 1993 by the Geological Survey of Denmark together with the Geological Society of Denmark. The prize was set up in order to honour high quality work and publications on the geology of Denmark. Denmark's Geology Prize was presented for the first time at the 100 years anniversary symposium of the Geological Society of Denmark. It was awarded to professor Asger Berthelsen in honour of his contributions to Danish Quaternary geology and for his work on the lithosphere of Denmark and adjoining areas.

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Danmarks Geologipris – *Denmark's Geology Prize* was instituted in 1993 through collaboration between the Geological Survey of Denmark and the Geological Society of Denmark. The initiative was taken by the Geological Survey who also sponsors the prize. The prize amounts to 25.000 Danish kroner.

Denmark's Geology Prize was established in order to honour and promote high quality work and publications which have strengthened the application of geology, either in practical situations or within other academic disciplines. The prize is given to a person or a group of persons who have made a remarkable contribution to the



Figure 1. Presentation of Denmark's Geology Prize to Professor Asger Berthelsen, University of Copenhagen, (left) by Ole Winther Christensen, Director of the Geological Survey of Denmark.

understanding and mediation of Denmark's geology. It is open to the members of the society to recommend a person or a group of persons for the prize. On this basis the executive committee of the Geological Society nominates a prize-winner to be approved by the director of the Geological Survey. It is intended that Denmark's Geology Prize is awarded once a year at a meeting of the Geological Society.

### Denmark's Geology Prize 1993: Asger Berthelsen

Denmark's Geology Prize was presented for the first time at the 100 years anniversary meeting of the Geological Society of Denmark in november 1993. The prize was awarded to Professor Asger Berthelsen, Geological Institute, University of Copenhagen. Asger Berthelsen received the prize in honour of his outstanding contributions to research into the glacial geology of Danish Quaternary deposits and for his more recent work on the development of the crust and the lithosphere of Denmark and neighbouring areas. In both cases, it was Asger Berthelsen's background as a structural geologist and his tectonic engagement in the Himalayas and the Precambrian of Greenland and Scandinavia that led to the two new fields.

Asger Berthelsen's development of the kinetostrati-

graphic principle as a working method to unravel the depositional history of glacial deposits in Denmark took place during the 1970's and the early 80's. More recently, Asger Berthelsen occupied a leading role in the European Geotraverse Project. His participation covered both the planning as well as the interpretation and publication of the deep seismic records, initially in the Danish legs and later in the Scandinavian leg through the Baltic. This work is still being continued.

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