

## **Thorjorn Larssen**

Thorjorn Larssen is an environmental chemist with broad research interests, a wide project portfolio and more than 80 papers in the international literature covering environmental chemistry, biogeochemistry, environmental monitoring and environmental health. I work with applied environmental research including interactions between the natural environment and pressures from human activities, behavior pollutants in the natural environment and chemical interactions between different environmental media. My early published work was related to biogeochemistry of main elements, especially related to acid rain and its impacts on soils. More recent research also includes mercury in the environment. My newest fields of interest are organic micro pollutants (POPs and emerging contaminants) and their effects on the eco-system and human health and links between climate change and impacts of contaminants. Throughout my career I have collaborated with Chinese scientists, on research as well as capacity building in the fields of water, air and soil pollution.

I have wide experience in leading large research and capacity building projects in both Norwegian and international context, with particular strong background from cooperation with and in China. I have strong background in management of large, international projects and a good network with leading scientists in several countries, including China. I acted as International Science Coordinator of the CCICED Special Policy Study of Mercury Management in China in 2011. In 2012 I received the “International Cooperation Award for Young Scientists” from the Chinese Academy of Sciences.