

Jan Olsson graduated in dentistry from the University of Malmö in 1970, and completed his post-graduated studies at the University of Gothenburg where he defended his thesis *Studies on initial streptococcal adherence* in 1978 and in 1982 held a position as *docent*, having in the meantime spent a period as a visiting scientist at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda. From 1985 to 1987 he directed clinical research at Astra Hässle. From 1987 to 1993 he was a research council fellow at the University of Gothenburg investigating adhesion before becoming, first, lecturer in cariology and, later, professor in dental technology. He spent 2001-2 as professor of cariology at the University of Copenhagen before returning to Gothenburg as Prefect of Dentistry, a post he held until 2008.