

Curriculum Vitae



Ove Nilsson

Ove Nilsson received his Ph.D. From the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in 1995. His thesis work studied the effects of the rol genes from *Agrobacterium rhizogenes* on plant growth and development. From 1995-1997 he worked as a post-doctoral research fellow in the group of Detlef Weigel at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, USA. During this time he initiated his work on the the regulation of flowering time and flower meristem identity in *Arabidopsis* as well as in trees. He then returned to the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences where he took part in the formation of the Umeå Plant Science Centre (UPSC) and since 2002 he is a full professor at the Department of Forest Genetics and Plant Physiology within this centre. Since 2005 Ove Nilsson has been the Chairman of the UPSC Board and has been the director of first a Centre of Excellence in Plant Developmental Biology, and later a Centre for Forest Biotechnology research at UPSC. In 1999 Ove Nilsson participated in the formation of the spin-off company "SweTree Technologies" which is now one of the world-leading companies in the commercialisation of forest biotechnology. Ove Nilsson served as the first CSO of this company and is now serving on the company's Board of Directors. In 2007 Ove Nilsson received the international Marcus Wallenberg Prize for his work on the regulation of tree flowering which was considered as breakthrough research in areas relevant for the forest industry.

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