

Rickard Öste, professional experience

Entrepreneurial activities:

Rickard Öste is one of the original inventors of the oat milk (OATLY, see also www.oatly.com) and founder as well as major owner of the company Ceba AB (1994) and its daughter companies OATLY AB (see also www.oatly.com) and the research company Aventure AB. He has over 25 years experience of senior research and development in both academic and commercial contexts. His work focus both basic and applied food chemistry and nutrition. He has over 100 publications, including original contributions, reviews and popular science as well as patents that are currently being industrially exploited. In addition to Ceba AB, Rickard Öste and colleagues also started the company Agrovision AB (1993) which early utilized state of the art algorithms (simulated neural networks) to image analyze grain quality (later granules for the pharma industry). Further, he was “instrumental” in the start up of the company Rickards instruments AB (1992), which develops new methods to analyze bread volume. Agrovision AB (later Pharma Vision Systems AB) and Rickard instruments AB have been sold out, and the original technologies are today being further commercially exploited. Recently he and colleagues with oat interests and relevant scientific knowledge started CropTailor AB (2006), a company devoted to the development of new, unique oat varieties using molecular biology (outside GMO).

Rickard Öste is now leading the development of new products and patents within the food sector and within medical diagnostics from the research company Aventure AB. In addition, he is part time professor (20%) at the department of applied nutrition at Lund University in southern Sweden.

Formal positions:

Academic: research assistant, research engineer, at the department of Applied nutrition and food chemistry, Lund university, 1973-1986. PhD 1984, Assistant professor 1986-1996 and Professor (adjunct 20%) 1996 – now in applied food chemistry, Lund university.

Private sector: Managing director (CEO), Agrovision AB, 1993-1995, CEO Ceba AB 1996-2000, CEO Lundagron AB 2001-2006, CEO Aventure AB 2007 - now

Awards: The research prize of Scanian Farmers 1990, The prize of the Ideon society 1994, SLTF:s “Livsmedelspriset” 1996, the most prestigious prize in the food sector in Sweden. Further, he received The Swedish Industry Research Price in food and biotechnology 2003.