Prof. Dr. Rui Vicente Oppermann


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Rui Oppermann graduated in Dentistry from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS) in 1974 and earned his Ph.D. in Dentistry from the University of Oslo, Norway, in 1980. He has been a full professor at the UFRGS School of Dentistry since 1983 and currently serves as Director of International Relations at CAPES, Brazil's national agency for the support of higher education. He previously served as Dean of the School of Dentistry (2004–2007), Vice President (Vice-Rector) of UFRGS (2008–2016), and President of UFRGS (2016–2020). Although he was re-elected for a second term, he was not appointed by then-President Jair Bolsonaro.

Oppermann is a Research Fellow of Brazil's National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), a member of the Board of Directors and Coordinator of the International Relations Committee of ANDIFES (Brazil's National Association of Federal Higher Education Institutions), a member of the Academic Committee of ENLACES (the Latin American and Caribbean Higher Education Area), and Coordinator of the UFRGS initiative for the 2018 Regional Conference on Higher Education (CRES 2018).

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