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Dr. Morten Rye is the Director of Genetics in Benchmark Genetics and chairs Benchmark's cross-divisional Innovation Board. Benchmark Genetics is a global leader developing genetically improved stock for aquaculture industries. The company runs its state-of-the-art selection programs for salmonids in Norway, Iceland, and Chile, and marine shrimp (*P. vannamei*) and Nile tilapia in Colombia and USA, respectively. Benchmark Genetics also provides advanced genetic services to many external clients worldwide. Dr. Rye earned his Ph.D. in Animal Breeding from the Agricultural University of Norway in 1992 on salmon genetics, and he has (co)authored ~ 70 scientific publications on genetics and selection in aquaculture. He also has numerous scientific book chapters to his name. Dr. Rye started his career in Akvaforsk (Institute of Aquaculture Research) in 1986 and continued as head of Akvaforsk Genetics Center (AFGC) from 2000 until 2015 when Benchmark Holding acquired AFGC.