

# From kidney physiologist to emperor of science: Poul Brandt Rehberg, 1895-1989

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My presentation will consider the physiologist Poul Brandt Rehberg in his role as a promoter of science and scientific research, as well as providing an insight into his less well known, but equally distinguished contributions to kidney physiology. In post-World War II Denmark the physiologist Rehberg could usually be found somewhere near the center of public attention. Whether the topic was science policy, science and the public, nuclear weapons, the dangers or safety of radiation, civil defense, peace-policy or the Cold War, Rehberg had something to say and he was often staged as the ultimate authority on biological science in Denmark or indeed even as a “dictator” of biological research. Among fellow scientists only Niels Bohr attracted more public attention. Rehberg and his allies in the scientific community, for instance, played a significant political role in the establishment of the Danish research councils in 1968.



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