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Dr Levsen holds a senior scientist position at the Institute of Marine Research (IMR) in Bergen, Norway, where he is in charge of the research and advisory activities related to seafood-borne parasites, integrated in the institute's section of contaminants and biohazards. His team is currently running several research and surveillance projects which address the occurrence and distribution of various marine parasites and their possible impact on safety and quality of fish and fishery products. The team's data sampling rests largely on a cruise-based and annually conducted surveillance program of parasites in commercially important pelagic fish stocks such as herring (*Clupea harengus*) and Atlantic mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*) from the Norwegian EEZ. His current research interests are mainly related to the evolution of life cycles of marine ascaridoid parasites, especially focusing on phenotypic and genotypic plasticity at the intermediate/paratenic host level of *Anisakis* and *Hysterothylacium* species.