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King's Gold David Johnny Kvebæk

County Hans J. Rosjorde presented today His Majesty the King's Medal of Merit in gold to the family therapist David Johnny Kvebæk. Below you can read the County Department representative's speech. Oslo, 24 November 2010

David Johnny Kvebæk ladies and gentlemen,

The *Fylkesmannen* is, as you all probably know, the King's representative in the county. This means that as the County performs on behalf of our Royal Family. This relationship forms the framework for that which I currently perform, a mission I see as an honor and a pleasure to be allowed to perform. His Majesty the King awards orders and medals to people who have made a special meritorious effort in the community. King's Medal of Merit in gold is founded by King Haakon 7 1908.

By the statutes regarding this medal, in special cases it can be assigned for "efforts for the arts culture and science as well as social and humanitarian work of social and national significance that has been going on for a long time." When it is said here that it is only in special cases that such a tribute can be given, we understand that it takes a considerable effort beyond that normally expected of a responsible citizen.

On the basis of this, I hereby announce that His Majesty King Harald V has found **David Johnny Kvebæk** worthy to receive the King's Medal of Merit in gold. This is not only an important event for the main character, but also a day for those who took the initiative that led to today's medal presentation.

Before I hand over up the medal, I will briefly touch on some of that effort that is the reason why you are deserving of this honor. The basis for the assignment is to find within your specific and complex, not least, your careers. First and foremost, your efforts as a family therapist at Modum Bad's Nerve Sanatorium should be pointed out. Furthermore, I note your significant efforts to make complicated concepts in your field available to the public. Your efforts in this area have resulted in a number of books and methods that have become a tool for many in family therapy. These efforts have also been very useful in management development, where your theories about interactions between people has been central. Your third career has been through your artistic abilities.

Let me now return to the first of your priorities. Your first training as an electrician is not easy to see through your significant CV and publication list. However, your second training as a theologian was visible throughout the years 1959 – 1982, during which you served a number of churches. It is with this platform that you entered in your role as a developer of family therapy, a role that has meant very much to very many. Not only in our own country, but in many others. Especially to be mentioned is your "sculpture tool" which has received considerable application in the United States.

As well as the scientific, the therapeutic application has received wide attention and has been used as a method in a large number of doctoral works. Your authorship and

publication list is wide and has considerable breadth. It is for your long and academically strong work effort and your breadth of commitment that you are honored with the King's Medal of Merit in Gold.

At this occasion, I have only been able to point out some of the results of your activities. Others will be able to contribute to a more detailed description. I am convinced that families and all whom you've met through your work rejoice with you over the distinction that you are being assigned. I will award you with the medal and express my heartfelt congratulations. You will later receive an invitation to an audience with His Majesty the King, where you can have the opportunity to personally thank the King for this distinction.

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