

MARJA MAKAROW – BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Professor Marja Makarow was appointed Chief Executive of the European Science Foundation, Strasbourg, from 1 January 2008 for a period of five years. Prior to this position she was Vice-Rector for Research of the University of Helsinki, and is Professor of Applied Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, also at the University of Helsinki. Marja Makarow is an advisor to the Finnish Government as a member of the National Council for Science and Technology Policy. She has contributed to science policy through the Academy of Finland, serving on a number of its committees, most recently for impact analysis and foresight of public research funding. She has been a member of a number of committees dealing with research, researchers' careers, infrastructure, innovation and technology transfer at the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Trade and Commerce in Finland, and at the European level. Her responsibilities at the international level include the Presidency of the European Molecular Biology Conference (EMBC/EMBO) from 2004 to 2007. Marja Makarow has worked with the League of European Research Universities (LERU, 20 universities selected on the basis of quality of research) on science policy and university issues, and with the European University Association (EUA) to develop best practices in doctoral training. She has been a member, and Chair in 2007, of the Life Science Panel of the EURYI programme managed by the European Science Foundation, and evaluator of the Starting Grants scheme of the European Research Council. In 2005 she was evaluator of the European Cooperation in the Field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST) programme. She chairs the International Award Selection Committee of the world's largest technology prize, the Millennium Technology Prize for ground-breaking innovation and sustainable development. Marja Makarow is the recipient of a number of awards, honours and decorations, and has published widely in reputed scientific journals.

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