

## **Professor, Chancellor Eero Vuorio**

Chancellor Vuorio studied in Finland at the University of Turku where he obtained his M.D. and a PhD in Medical Chemistry. He later became a research associate at the University of Chicago, Guest Professor at the Laboratorium für Biochemie I, ETH in Zürich, acting professor of Medical Chemistry in 1984, 1986-87, and senior research fellow (1987-90) at the Academy of Finland. He was also a visiting scientist at the University of Texas (M.D.Anderson Cancer Center - Dept. of Molecular Genetics) in 1988-90, and Professor of Molecular Biology (Univ. of Turku) in 1989. In 2003-2009 he worked as Chancellor of the University of Turku in Finland. In 2010 he became the Director of Biocenter Finland

Professor Vuorio's several administrative duties at University of Turku include membership in the administrative council of the Department of Biomedicine, the Medical Faculty Council, the Turku Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (TuBS) and the Executive Council of the University of Turku. He has served as the vice-dean of the Medical Faculty, as Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board of BioCity and as vice-rector of the University.

Professor Vuorio has served six years as the chair of the Research Council for Health (Academy of Finland) and another six years as the chair of the National Advisory Board for Research Ethics. Professor Vuorio has served four years as Chair of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) Council. He also has expert duties at the European Commission and the European Science Foundation (ESF). In 2008-2010 he also worked as a part-time Executive Manager of BBMRI, the Biobanking and Biomolecular Resources Research Infrastructure.

He became an honorary member of the Finnish Connective Tissue Society in 1998, and is an invited member of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters, was honored by the Order of the White Rose of Finland (Knight, I class; later Commander) and by Honorary Professorship at the Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno, Belorussia in 2008.

In addition to his current position as the Director of Biocenter Finland, professor Vuorio also serves as the chair of the Identification Committee of ERC Scientific Council, as the chair of EMBL Council and as a member of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO.