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Marja Makarow

Marja Makarow is Director of Biocenter Finland since July 2016. She is former Vice-President of the Finnish Research Council - Academy of Finland (2012-2016), Chief Executive of the European Science Foundation ESF in Strasbourg France (2008-2011), and Vice-Rector (2003-2007) and Professor of Applied Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of the University of Helsinki. She is member of the Governing Board of the European Institute for Innovation and Technology EIT since 2012, the Advisory Board of the European Innovation Council EIC since 2019, the Strategic Board of the University of Geneva since 2009 and the Board of the University of the Arts Finland since 2018. She chairs Technology Academy Finland that awards the global Millennium Technology Prize for ground-breaking innovations. She chaired the Finnish Research Infrastructure Committee in 2013-2016.

Marja Makarow was Vice-Chair of the Founding Board of the Aalto University in 2008-2012. She chaired the Founding Board of Tampere University in 2017-2018 and that of the Institute for Molecular Medicine FIMM in 2008-2011. She has carried out evaluations of Principal Investigator grants (e.g. ERC panel chair), Centers of Excellence, research, innovation and infrastructure programmes, and universities' research quality. She has assessed the performance of research funding organisations and national research and innovation systems.

Her research domain is molecular cell biology. She supervised 19 PhD candidates to degree and supported many more as director and founding board chair of the Viikki graduate School in Molecular Biosciences in 1999-2007. Marja Makarow is member of *Academia Europaea*, Finnish Academy of Science and Letters and Finnish Academy of Technology. She has been decorated in Finland (Commander of the Order of the White Lion) and France (Chevalier de l'Ordre de Legion d'Honneur) for her achievements in science, science policy and international research collaboration. She is Doctor of Technology *Honoris Causa* of Tampere University and Aalto University.