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## **Thomas LÖNNGREN**

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Mr Thomas Lönngren is Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) since 1 January 2001.

He qualified as a pharmacist from the University of Uppsala in 1976 and holds an MSc in social and regulatory pharmacy. From 1976-78 he was a lecturer at Uppsala University, Sweden.

He served with the Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare from 1978-90 with responsibilities including herbal medicines, cosmetics, medical devices, narcotics and contraceptives. During 1982-94 he acted as senior pharmaceutical consultant for the Swedish International Development Agency's health cooperation programme in Vietnam.

In 1990 he was appointed Director of Operations of the Swedish Medical Products Agency, later becoming Deputy Director-General of the Agency.

He was elected an Honorary Member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain in 2003 and made an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in 2004. He was granted an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Uppsala in January 2008 and received the Drug Information Association's Distinguished Career Award in March 2008.