



Biography – Dr Jens G Mattsson

Director General

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Dr Jens G Mattsson is since August 2019, the Director General of the Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI). He also holds the position as the Swedish Defence Research Director and he is the Swedish representative to NATO Science & Technology Board as well as the Research and Technology Board at the European Defence Agency (EDA). He is currently chair of the NATO S&T strategy review team and in 2024, the government appointed him to the newly formed Swedish defence innovation board. Since 2017 serves as an external member of the Faculty Board of Science and Technology at Uppsala University.

Dr Mattsson was the Director General of the Swedish National Veterinary Institute (SVA) between 2012 and 2019. He was a member of the The Advisory Council of the Board of Agriculture between 2014 and 2016. He was a member of the steering committee of Uppsala Health Summit between 2013 and 2019. He has also served as a member in the advisory board to the chair of the Swedish Confederation of Professional Associations (SACO) between 2014-2019.

Between 2010 and 2012 he was Head of office and CEO of LifeGene at Karolinska Institutet. He was Head of department at SVA between 2004 and 2010. Between 2004 and 2007 he was also Deputy Head of the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Veterinary Public Health at Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU). He has been member of the management board of three different European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)-actions. Earlier in his career, he has had different management and research positions in academia, institutes and pharma.

Dr Mattsson has a BSc in Chemistry and an MSc in Biotechnology from Uppsala University. He has a PhD in Microbiology from SLU where he also was appointed associate professor. He is an elected fellow of The Royal Swedish Academy of War Science, The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry as well as the Linnean Society of London. He did his military service in the Coastal Rangers as Sergeant.

He is married, has one son and among many things he enjoys spending time hunting, exercising and travel with his family.

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