

Biography - Richard Bergström - Director General of the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations

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Richard Bergstrom is a pharmacist by training. He received his MScPharm degree from the University of Uppsala, Sweden in 1988. Until 1992 he worked at the Medical Products Agency as Assistant Head of Registration. He moved to Switzerland where he worked for nine years in regulatory affairs at Roche and Novartis. He has also served as Director of EU Regulatory Strategy at Roche Basel and as Director-General of LIF, the Swedish Pharmaceutical Industry Association.

Since 2006, he has been an advisor to the World Health Organisation on Good Governance in Medicine, and since April 2011 he has been the Director General of the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA).

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