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Lauritz B. Holm-Nielsen was appointed Rector of Aarhus University in 2005, and he is Vice-Chairman of the Danish Rectors' Conference and Board member of the European University Association (EUA). For 18 years he worked outside Europe and returned to Denmark from a 13-year-long position as Lead Higher Education Specialist at the World Bank, Washington, DC. For the World Bank he designed and evaluated sector investments around the globe and in particular in Asia and Latin America. While located in Washington, he remained active in university and research policy work in Denmark, i.a. as Vice-Chairman of the blue-ribbon commission on Science, Technology & Innovation (2000-01).

His long-term commitment to research and talent development is reflected in national positions of trust, e.g. as Rector of the Danish Research Academy, Board member of the Danish National Research Foundation, Commissioner in the Prime Minister's Growth Forum, Vice-Chairman of the Danish Government's Research Commission, Chairman of the Danish Environmental Research Programme, Chairman of the Danish Natural Science Research Council and member of the Danish Academy of Natural Sciences as well as the Danish Academy of Technical Sciences.

Internationally, Lauritz B. Holm-Nielsen has also served as a member of OECD review teams on regional innovation systems in the Netherlands; Chairman of the Nordic Universities Association (NUS); President of the Nordic Academy for Advanced Study, Norway, Danish representative to the European Science Research Council (ESF) and founding member of Euroscience.

Another strong commitment of Lauritz B. Holm-Nielsen is the growth of developing countries through high quality university systems. In this capacity he has served as Commissioner of the Danish Africa Commission and Chairman of the Danish Council for Development Research.

Holm-Nielsen graduated as a botanist from Aarhus University, where he was also Dean of the Faculty of Science (1976-79) – a position he left to take up a professorship in Ecuador. He has written about 130 research publications, the majority on Botany and on issues in higher education, science and technology, innovation and globalisation.

As an expert of Botany, Lauritz B. Holm-Nielsen held many international honorary offices such as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute, Rome, Italy and Chairman of the International Center for Tropical Agriculture, Cali, Colombia.



### **Academic career**

2005-	Rector, Aarhus University
1993-2005	Lead Higher Education Specialist, The World Bank, Washington DC.
1986-1993	Rector, the Danish Research Academy
1979-1981	Professor, P. Universidad Catolica, Quito, Ecuador
1975-1986	Associate Professor, Aarhus University
1972-1975	Assistant Professor of Botany, Aarhus University

### **Leadership positions**

2010	Delegate, Nordic Prime Ministers' Globalisation Forum
2009-2011	Commissioner, the Danish Prime Minister's Growth Forum
2008-2009	Commissioner, the Danish Africa Commission
2008-	Board Member, the European University Association (EUA)
2008-2010	Chairman, Nordic Universities Association
2006-	Vice-Chairman, Rectors' Conference, Universities Denmark
2000-2006	Member, Board of Danish National Research Foundation
2000-2001	Vice-Chairman, the Danish Research Commission
1997-2003	Chairman, Centro Internacional para Agricultura Tropical, Cali
1992-1994	Chairman, International Plant Genetic Resources Institute, Rome
1991-2004	Chairman, Danish Strategic Environment Research Programme
1991-1993	President, Nordic Academy for Advanced Study
1990-1993	Chairman, Danish Council for Development Research (RUF)
1985-1987	Chairman, Danish Science Research Council (SNF)
1983-1985	Director, Botanical Institute, Aarhus University
1976-1979	Dean, Faculty of Science, Aarhus University

### **Education**

1971	Mag.scient. in Botany and Phytogeography, Aarhus University
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### **World Bank Activities**

Manager of World Bank Higher Education and Science and Technology Projects 1993-2005. Total portfolio approx. USD 3.5 billion invested in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, and Romania. Peer reviewer for projects in Cameroun, China, Egypt, Hungary, India, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Mongolia, Mozambique, Philippines, Poland, Tunisia, Uganda and Vietnam.

### **Publications**

131 research publications - 37 on issues in higher education, science and technology, innovation and globalization and 94 on issues in Botany. In addition: a substantial number of congress presentations, abstracts, and notes to the Danish National Encyclopedia.

### Selected Papers and Books

- Holm-Nielsen, L.B. 2010: *Leadership and Governance in Higher Education*, Raabe, Berlin
- Warming, K.C. and Holm-Nielsen, L.B. 2009: *Designing Institutional Internationalisation Policies and Strategies*, Internationalisation of European Higher Education, supplement no. 2, Raabe, Berlin
- Holm-Nielsen L.B., 2008: *Reforming Denmark's Universities for the Global Market: A Report on Strategic Steps to Meet Global Competition for Talent*, Strategies to Win the Best: German Approaches in International Perspective, Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung/Foundation, Berlin
- Thorn, K. and Holm-Nielsen, L.B., 2008: *International Mobility of Researchers and Scientists - Policy Options for Turning a Drain to a Gain*, UNU-WIDER, Helsinki
- Holm-Nielsen, L.B. et al., 2005: *Internationalization of Higher Education in Latin America, the Way Ahead*, Directions in Development WB/OECD, 650 pp. Washington/Paris
- Holm-Nielsen, L.B., 2003: *Tertiary Education in Colombia - Paving the Way for Reform*, W/ESW (RED), 1-205, Washington
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- Salmi, J., Hopper, R., Holm-Nielsen, L.B. eds. 2002: *Constructing Knowledge Societies: New Challenges for Higher Education*, Directions in Development/WB, 1-213, Washington
- Holm-Nielsen, L.B., 2002: *Higher Education in Brazil - Challenges and Options*, WB/ESW (RED), 1-183, Washington
- El-Khawas, E., DePietro-Jurand, R. and Holm-Nielsen, L.B., 1998: *Quality Assurance in Higher Education: Recent Progress, Challenges Ahead - World Bank/Unesco*, 1-22, Paris
- Eisemon, T.O. and Holm-Nielsen, L.B., 1995: *Reforming Higher Education*, Higher Education 29, 22 pp, (Kluwer), Amsterdam
- Haynes, R.R. and Holm-Nielsen, L.B., 2001: *Potamogetonaceae*, Flora Neotropica, Monogr: 85, 1-52
- Haynes, R.R. and Holm-Nielsen, L.B., 1994: *Alismataceae*, Flora Neotropica, Monogr: 64, 1-112
- Haynes, R.R. and Holm-Nielsen, L.B., 1992: *Limnocharitaceae*, Flora Neotropica, Monogr: 56, 1-34
- Holm-Nielsen, L.B. et al. 1989: *Tropical Forests, Dynamics and Diversity*, 394 pp, Academic Press
- Holm-Nielsen, L.B. et al. 1988: *Passifloraceae - in Harling and Andersson*, Flora and Ecuador 31, 130 pp.

### Honours

Received the World Bank's Outstanding Performance Award 2000 and the World Bank Spot Award in 2001 and 2002. "Limprisen", 1984; member of the International Advisory Board for Universidad Autonoma de Nueva Leon, Monterrey 2, Mexico, 2005; and for Universidad de Cantabria, Santander, Spain 2010; honorary member of Instituto Ecuatoriano de Ciencias Naturales; Miembro Correspondiente de la Casa de la Cultura Ecuatoriana; member of International Advisory Board of the Colca Foundation, Arequipa, Peru; the Danish Academy of Natural Sciences (DNA); the Danish Academy of Technical Sciences (ATV); member of the Society of Science and Letters, Aarhus, Denmark.