lain W. Mattaj, FRS, FMedSci

Director General of EMBL

Date and Place of Birth

Education and Academic Appointments

2005 – present	Director General, European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL)
1999 – 2005	Scientific Director, European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL)
1990 – 2005	Programme Coordinator, Gene Expression Programme (EMBL)
1985 – 1990	Group Leader at EMBL
1982 – 1985	Postdoctoral Research at the Biocenter, University of Basel with Dr. Eddy De Robertis
1979 – 1982	Postdoctoral research at the Friedrich-Miescher-Institute, Basel, with Dr. Jean-Pierre Jost
1978 – 1979	Postdoctoral research at the University of Leeds, Dept. of Genetics, England
1974 – 1978	Postgraduate studies at the University of Leeds, Dept. of Genetics, England with Dr. John Wootton
1970 – 1974	Undergraduate studies at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland
Honours	
1989	Elected member of EMBO
1990	Awarded the FEBS Anniversary Prize
1998 – 2001	President-Elect and President of the RNA Society
1999	Elected member of Academia Europaea
1999	Elected "Fellow of the Royal Society, FRS"
2000	Elected "Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, FRSE"
2001	Awarded the Caledonian Research Foundation/RSE prize lectureship
2001	Awarded the Louis-Jeantet Prize for Medicine
2001	Awarded Honorary Membership of the Japanese Biochemical Society on presentation of the "President's Symposium Plenary Lecture"
2001	Elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences

2002 – 2016	Trustee of the Darwin Trust, a charitable trust dedicated to supporting young scientists from developing countries
2003 – 2009	Curator of the Lautenschläger Research Prize
2005	Elected member of the "Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher Leopoldina"
2005	Delivered the "Severo Ochoa Commemorative Lecture" marking the centenary of Ochoa's birth in Madrid
2006	Honorary Professor, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität, Heidelberg, Germany
2010	Recipient of the Science and Society Award of the Italian Chemical Society
2010	Honorary Doctorate, University of Edinburgh, UK
2012	Recipient of the Feldberg Foundation Prize, Germany/UK
2012	Honorary Doctorate, University of Dundee, UK
2013	Honorary Doctorate, Umea University, Sweden
2016	Elected "Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences, FMedSci"
2017	Elected "Foreign Associate of National Academy of Sciences"
2017	Visiting Professor, University Milano-Bicocca, Italy
2017 - present	Chair of the Board of Trustees, Darwin Trust

Scientific Advisory Boards/Panels

2000 – 2009	Max Planck Institute for Developmental Biology, Tübingen (Chair from 2006)
2000 – 2008	Wellcome Trust/MRC/University of Dundee, Institutes of Biochemistry and Cell Biology (Chair)
2000 – 2001	Managing Board of E-Biosci, the European electronic publishing initiative
2000 – 2003	French Government "Genopole" Programme review committee
2000 - present	Member of the Director General Assembly Board, EIROforum
2001 – 2010	Wellcome Trust Centre for Cell Biology, University of Edinburgh
2001 – 2012	Centre for Genomic Regulation (CRG), Barcelona, Spain (Chair from 2011)
2001 – 2008	Institute for Molecular Medicine, Lisbon, Portugal
2001 – 2004	EMBO Young Investigator Programme Selection Committee
2002 – 2005	Biogem Ariano Irpinio, Naples, Italy
2003 – 2005	Cancer Research UK senior scientific promotions panel

2005 – 2017	Member of the Scientific Advisory Board, Gene Center, Ludwig Maximilians Universität, München (Chair 2005 – 2007)
2005 – 2012	Member of the Scientific Council, Cancer Research UK London Research Institute
2006 – 2008	CIMERA Scientific Advisory Board, Fundación Caubet-CIMERA, Illes Balears, Spain
2006 – 2010	Member of the Life Sciences Search Committee for the Körber Prize
2006 – 2014	Member of the Science Committee for the Louis-Jeantet Prize for Medicine
2006 – 2015	President of the Scientific Advisory Board of IGBMC, Illkirch, France
2006 - present	Member of the Scientific Committee of the "Deutsches Krebsforschungs zentrum Heidelberg" DKFZ
2006 – 2012	Member of the European Commission's Framework Programme 7 Advisory Group for Health Research
2007 – 2010	President of the European Life Sciences Forum (ELSF)
2007 - present	Member, and from 2010 Chair, Scientific Advisory Board of the Institut Curie, France
2007 – 2011	Member of the Scientific Planning Committee, UK-Centre for Medical Research and Innovation (Francis Crick Institute)
2008 – 2014	Chair of the Advisory Board for the Wellcome Trust Centre for Gene Regulation and Expression, Dundee
2008 – 2016	Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board of the DKFZ – ZMBH Alliance
2008 – 2015	Member of the Board of the "Stiftung Deutsches Krebsforschungs- zentrum Heidelberg" or DKFZ Foundation
2009 – 2010, 2017 – 2018	Chair of the European Intergovernmental Scientific Research Organisation forum (EIROforum)
2010 – present	EMBO Scientific Publications Advisory Board
2010 – 2011	FET (Future and Emerging Technologies) Flagships Science Coordination Group, Brussels (resigned in 2011)
2012 – 2013	Vice-Chair of the Francis Crick Institute Science Assessment Board
2012 – 2014	Member of the Royal Society Nominations Committee
2014 – 2015	Member of the International Scientific Advisory Board of the Centre for Gene Regulation, Dundee
2015	Member of a Multidisciplinary Assessment Committee for the 2015 Innovation Fund Competition of the Canada Foundation for Innovation
2015	Appointment Committee; Director of the German Cancer Research Centre, German Translational Cancer Research Network and German National Cancer Treatment Centre
2015	Member of the Selection Committee of the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science Prize 2015

2015	Rapporteur of the Max Planck Research Field Committee
2015 - present	Member of the Human Brain Project High-level Governance Working Group
2015 - present	Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of iBG-izmir
2016 - present	Member of the Board of Trustees of IST Austria (Institute of Science and Technology)
2016	Chair of the Academy Professors Panel of the Academy of Finland
2016	Member of the Evaluation Panel of VIB (Flemish Interuniversitary Institute for Biotechnology)
2016	Chair of the Expert Committee for the Major Science Initiatives of the Canada Foundation for Innovation
2016	Member of the Subcommittee for the overall Institute Review of the Medical Research Council (MRC) Laboratory of Molecular Biology (LMB)
2016	Member of the Advisory Panel to review HHMI (Howard Hughes Medical Institute) investigators
2017	Member of a Multidisciplinary Assessment Committee for the Canada Foundation for Innovation
2017 - present	Chair of the Board of Trustees, Darwin Trust
2017 – present	Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna
2017 - present	Member of the Scientific Advisory Board, Wellcome Trust Centre for Cell Biology, Edinburgh
2017 - present	Member of the IST Austria Executive Committee
2017 - present	Member of the Darwin Trust Finance Committee
2018	Chair of the Flagship Applications Panel of Academy of Finland
2018	Member of the Advisory Panel to review HHMI (Howard Hughes Medical Institute) investigators

Editorial Positions

1988 – 1992	Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of "Seminars in Cell Biology"
1991 – 2004	Executive Editor of EMBO Journal
1993 – 1994	Founding member of the RNA Society and one of five members of the steering committee responsible for formalising proposals for the founding of the Society journal "RNA"
1994 – present	Editorial Board of "RNA"
1996 – 2015	Associate Editor of "Cell"
1999 – present	Editorial Board of "Current Biology"

2000 – present Editorial Board of "EMBO reports"

2005 – present Editorial Board of "EMBO Journal"