

Dr Thomas Lönngren, strategic advisor to NDA Group

Dr Thomas Lönngren is an independent strategic advisor to NDA Group, a position he has held since January 2011 through his company Pharma Executive Consulting.

Dr Lönngren has over 30 years' experience in the regulatory field. Most recently, he was Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency (EMA), where he served his maximum 10 year term (2001 to Dec 2010). The EMA is responsible for the scientific evaluation of applications for the marketing authorisation of medicines in the European Union. The agency's roles and responsibilities expanded during Dr Lönngren's 10 year's leadership and is today regarded as one of the leading drug regulators in the World.

Prior to the EMA, Dr Lönngren was Director of Operations, then Deputy Director-General of the Swedish Medical Products Agency for 10 years. He worked for the Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare (1976–1990), and was a senior pharmaceutical consultant for the Swedish International Development Agency's health cooperation program in Vietnam (1982–1994).

Additionally, Dr Lönngren lectured at the Pharmaceutical Faculty of Uppsala University in Sweden (1976–1978).

Dr Lönngren is a qualified pharmacist from the University of Uppsala, Sweden, and holds an MSc in social and regulatory pharmacy. He was an Honorary Member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain in 2003, and was made an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in 2004. In 2008, he was granted an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Uppsala, Sweden, as well as from the University of Bath in 2011. In 2008, Dr Lönngren was awarded Drug Information Association's Distinguished Career Award.