



**KARINA PETERŠONE**  
CURRICULUM VITAE

Birth date, place	1954, Riga, Latvia
Nationality	Latvian
Family	Married, three children
Education	1978, English Department, Foreign Languages Faculty, Latvia University 1989, Post Graduate studies, English Literature, Latvia University
Working record	2017, Director, Support Foundation, National Library of Latvia 2015, Secretary General, Saeima (Parliament) 2011, Director, Latvian Institute 2006, Member of the 9 <sup>th</sup> Saeima (Parliament), Deputy Speaker of the Saeima Deputy Chairperson of the European Affairs Committee Elected Secretary of the Budget and Finance Committee  President of the Inter-Parliamentary IPU Group of Latvia, Member of the Steering Committee of the Twelve Plus Group, IPU Chairperson of the Saeima group for cooperation with women Parliamentarians  2006, Special Assignments Minister for Society Integration Affairs  2003, Director, Board member of the National Library of Latvia Foundation  2000 Minister of Culture  1999 Minister of Culture  1998, Minister of Culture  1998, Elected to the 7 <sup>th</sup> Saeima (Parliament)  1997, Elected member of Riga City Council, Chairperson Of the Committee of Culture, Arts and Religious Matters; Advisor to Minister of Environmental Protection and Regional Development,  1995, Assistant to MP, Chair of European Affairs Committee, 6 <sup>th</sup> Saeima  1996, Assistant to Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Deputy Prime Minister

1993, Personal assistant to Chairman, 5<sup>th</sup> Saeima (Parliament), Republic of Latvia,

1991, Personal assistant to Chairman (Head of State), Supreme Council (Parliament), Republic of Latvia

1982, Senior Lecturer, Foreign Languages Faculty, Latvia University

1978, Lecturer, Chair of Foreign Languages, Riga Polytechnical Institute

#### Miscellaneous

Chancellor of the Chapter of Orders of Latvia

Member of Advisory Council, Anna Lindh Foundation, Union for Mediterranean

Honorary Member of the Academy of Sciences of Latvia (2014)

Chairperson of the Trustees Council, National Library of Latvia Foundation (2010-)

Member of the Strategy Group, European Union of National Institutes of Culture (EUNIC)

Board Member of Party "LPP/LC" (Latvian First Party/Latvia's Way (1997-2010)

Party candidate for Presidential elections in 2007

Author of literary translations of British and American Drama and Novel, publications on Contemporary British and American Literature

Member of European Movement Latvia

Member of O.Vacietis Foundation

Member of A.Caks Foundation

Member of the Jury of the Great Music Prize (1998-2002)

Chairperson, National Committee for UNESCO (1998-2002)

Free Lance Simultaneous Interpretation (1988-1991)

Hon!fil! Student Corporation Zinta

Awarded:

Three Stars Order of Latvia

Order of the Danish Banner,

Maltese Order of the Great Cross

Order of the Lion of Finland

Swedish Royal Order of the Northern Star

Cicero Prize (Latvia)

#### Language skills

Latvian, English, Russian  
French(not fluent)