

ERKKI J. J. LAINE
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Erkki J. J. Laine, of Espoo, Finland, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 86th International Convention, held in Denver, Colorado, USA, June 30-July 4, 2003.

Past Director Laine is the managing director and owner of a company.

A member of the Espoo Kivenlahti Lions Club since 1973, Past Director Laine has held many offices within the association, including club president, Leo advisor, district governor, multiple district public relations chairperson, multiple district Leo chairperson and council chairperson. In addition, he was a Coordinating Lion for Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, as well as a group leader of the District Governor-elect school. He also served as Leo seminar moderator at the 2000 Lions International Convention.

In recognition of his service to the association he has received numerous awards, including the 100% Club President's Award, the 100% District Governor's Award, three International President's Certificates of Appreciation, four International President's Leadership Awards, six International President's Awards, the Top Ten International Understanding and Cooperation Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon association members. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Past Director Laine and his wife, Kaarina, also a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children.

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