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He is a Member (and former VP) of the Royal Irish Academy, a Member (and currently VP) of the Academia Europaea, and a Fellow of the Royal Society. He has been a member of the Board of Science Foundation Ireland. Among his interactions with physics in Europe, he has been a member of the Scientific Council of the JRC, a founder member and first Secretary/Treasurer of the European Association of Deans of Science, Chairman of the EU TMR Physics Networks Panel, President of the European Physical Society. He was awarded the Cecil Powell Memorial Medal of the EPS, the Cunningham Medal of the Royal Irish Academy and Holweck Medal of the French Physical Society and the Institute of Physics. He is author of several books and over 350 research papers, including solid state physics, laser optics, amorphous solids and foams, and history of science. He has been a director of a successful spin-off technology company, in whose founding he participated. He has wide experience of evaluation, including the EU, UK, Australia, France, Portugal and Brazil.