

Péter Csermely

president of the Hungarian National Talent Support Council and president-elect of the European Council of High Ability

Peter Csermely (54) is a professor of the Semmelweis University (Budapest, Hungary) studying networks and talent support (www.linkgroup.hu). In 1995 he established a research network for more than 10,000 gifted high school students. In 2000 he started the Network of Youth Excellence (www.nyex.info) fostering talent support collaboration of 13, mostly European, countries. As an ordinary biochemist, in 2002, he started to recognize the strength of the network approach and started his network research. He founded the Hungarian National Talent Support Council in 2006. This organization has established a talent support network for almost 200,000 people (www.geniuszportal.hu), which has now grown to a network of almost 900 TalentPoints all over Hungary. He also had the idea of starting a European network of talent support (www.talentday.eu). He established this network in connection with the Hungarian EU Presidential Conference on Talent Support in April, 2011. As a result of this conference, the other dream of professor Csermely became true with the declaration in which the participants of the conference proposed to establish the European Talent Centre-Budapest. This organization was established in February, 2012, by the Hungarian National Talent Support Council (www.talentcentrebudapest.eu). Honouring all the efforts he realized in the field of talent support, professor Csermely has been elected as the president of the European Council of High Ability (www.echa.info).

He wrote and edited 15 books (including 5 talent-related books) and published 220 research papers with a total citation of over 6,200. He was the member of the Wise Persons' Council of the Hungarian President, an Ashoka Fellow, was a Fogarty, Howard Hughes and Rockefeller Scholar, and received the 2004 Descartes Award of the European Union on Science Communication.