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Hallgrímur Jónasson, born April 1952 in Reykjavík, Iceland. Education, University of Iceland, 1978, B.Sc. hon. in Geology, University of Durham, England, 1981, M.Sc. Engineering.

He is currently General Director for Rannís, The Icelandic Centre for Research. Rannís supports research, technological development and innovation in Iceland and reports to the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture. Rannís cooperates with the Icelandic Science and Technology Policy Council (STPC) with the purpose of providing professional assistance in the preparation and implementation of the science and technology policy in Iceland. Rannís serves the Icelandic science community across all areas of science and the humanities.

Before joining Rannís, he was a General Director at Icetec, The Technological Institute of Iceland. He started at Icetec in 1980 as an engineer and became a Director for New Industry division from 1985, mainly engaged in the build-up of materials technology and biotechnology. From 1992 to 2007, as General Director (President) at Icetec, his main areas were materials technology, food technology, chemical processes, biotechnology, education and training and Innovation Centre (Impra). Icetec merged with IBRI in 2007 to become Innovation Center Iceland.

Mr. Jónasson has served on various Icelandic committees, for example on materials technology, a Technology Park, EUREKA in Iceland. He was a member of the Research Council in Iceland from 1994 to 1997; Board member of the Nordic Industrial Fund (now NICE) from 1992 to 1996, Chairman of the Board in 1994; Member of the Science and Technology Policy Council (STPC) in Iceland and Chairman of the Technology Board of STPC from 2002 to 2008. The STPC is headed by the Prime Minister of Iceland. He is also a Member of the Board of Top Level Research Initiative, a joint Nordic research and innovation initiative, since 2009.