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Jacobs Foundation's Board of Trustees appoints two new members

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The Jacobs Foundation's Board of Trustees appoints Laura Tyson and Ulman Lindenberger as new members as of January 1, 2012. US economist Laura Tyson is Professor at the Haas School of Business of the University of California, Berkeley, and former Chair of the US President's Council of Economic Advisers during the Clinton Administration. The German psychologist Ulman Lindenberger is Director of the Center for Lifespan Psychology at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development in Berlin.

Dr. Christian Jacobs, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, says: »I want to thank our leaving board members very much for their valuable support over the past years, Jürgen Baumert for bringing in great educational research expertise and Eduardo Missoni for his contribution as former Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and recognized competence in international cooperation. Jacobs Foundation strives to combine a science-driven approach and practical intervention in an international context with discourse in politics and societies. With her profound international expertise in transmitting research into policy Ms. Tyson will increase the relevance of child and youth development for economic policy and decision making, and Mr. Lindenberger will help promote public discourse on results of educational research. Both will help the Foundation to design and support programs for young people to become productive members of society in the future.«

US-born Laura Tyson earned her Ph.D. in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1974. Tyson was Director of the National Economic Council from 1995 to 1996; and from 2002 to 2006, she was the first female Dean of London Business School. Inter alia, Laura Tyson has been a member of the Council on Foreign Relations since 1987, a Board Director of Morgan Stanley since 1997 and she has joined CB Richard Ellis Board of Directors in March, 2010. Laura Tyson is looking very much forward to being a future member of the Jacobs Foundation's Board of Trustees: »I am honored to join the Board of Trustees of the Jacobs Foundation which supports outstanding, evidence-based research to improve the lives of children around the world. Human talent and creativity are the foundations of economic prosperity. A prosperous economic future depends on educating and nurturing today's children.«

Ulman Lindenberger earned his summa cum laude Ph.D. in psychology from the Free University of Berlin. His research interests are lifespan psychology (theories and methods) and behavioral and neuronal plasticity in childhood and old age. Lindenberger is the Berlin Speaker of the International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course (LIFE) at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development, and a faculty member of the Mind & Brain Graduate School at the Humboldt University Berlin. »The Jacobs Foundation and the Max Planck Institute for Human Development share the goal to identify and nurture conditions that foster development in childhood, adolescence, and beyond. I feel honored and happy to join those who have contributed to this common goal as members of the Foundation's Board of Trustees.«

The new Board of Trustees of the Jacobs Foundation as of January 2012

- Dr. Joh. Christian Jacobs (Chairman of the Board of Trustees)
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- Ms. Lavinia Jacobs
Freelance Art Consultant; Zurich, Switzerland
- Professor Dr. Ulman Lindenberger
Director of the Center for Lifespan Psychology at the Max Planck
Institute for Human Development; Berlin, Germany

- Dr. Auma Obama
Global Technical Advisor for Care International; Nairobi, Kenya
- Professor Marta Tienda, Ph.D.
Professor at Princeton University; Princeton (NJ), USA
- Professor Laura Tyson, Ph.D.
Professor at Haas School of Business of the University of
California; Berkeley (CA), USA

Information for the media

Photos of the new board members and the Board of Trustees are available under: www.jacobsfoundation.org

About the Jacobs Foundation

The Zurich-based private Jacobs Foundation was established in 1988 by entrepreneur Klaus J. Jacobs. Ever since, the foundation has focused its efforts on the development of children and youth. The Jacobs Foundation supports research projects, intervention programs and scientific institutions with 35 million Swiss francs per year. As far as its methods and approaches are concerned, the foundation is particularly committed to scientific excellence and evidence-based findings. With its investment of EUR 200 million in the Jacobs University Bremen in Germany (2006), it set new standards in the area of private funding.

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