

GUDRUN YNGVADOTTIR
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Gudrun Yngvadottir, from Gardabaer, Iceland, was elected to serve as first vice president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 100th International Convention, held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, June 30 through July 4, 2017.

Vice President Yngvadottir is a Biomedical Scientist and has worked in research, education and management. Since 1990 she has worked at the University of Iceland as Vice Director at the Institute of Continuing Education.

A member of the Gardabaejar Eik Lions Club since 1992, Vice President Yngvadottir has held many offices within the association, including district governor council chairperson. She has dedicated her service to children and youth, membership and leadership development, health and wellness, including vision and diabetes, environmental projects and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

Vice President Yngvadottir served as International Director 2010-2012 on the Leadership Committee, as Chairperson the second year; 2011-2013 on the Women's Task Force; 2012-2013 she was a Board Appointee on the District and Club Service Committee; and 2013-2014 on LCIF Governance Ad Hoc Committee.

In recognition of her service, she has received numerous awards including the Kjarans Medal, the highest award of Icelandic Lions; the Lions Crystal, the highest award of Norwegian Lions; several Membership and Extension Awards; eleven International President's Awards; and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest Lions Clubs International award. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Vice President Yngvadottir is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Icelandic Association of Biomedical Scientists and has been their representative in Scandinavian and European cooperation.

Vice President Yngvadottir and her husband, Dr. Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson, a past international director and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son, one daughter and six grandchildren.