



Profile of Ms. Ene Ergma

President of the Parliament of Estonia (Riigikogu)



Ene Ergma has graduated cum laude in astronomy from Moscow State University, and has defended the degree of Dr.Sci. in Physics and Mathematics at the Institute of Space Research in Moscow. She has worked at the University of Tartu as a Professor of the Chair of Theoretical Physics and Astrophysics, and also as the Head of Physics Department and the Head of the Institute of Theoretical Physics.

In 2003–2006 she was the President of the Riigikogu (the Parliament of Estonia), in 2006–2007 the Vice-President of the Riigikogu, and since 2007 she has again been the President of the Riigikogu.

Ene Ergma has been awarded several academic honours and orders of merit, incl. Order of the White

Star, 4th Class (in 2001) and Order of the National Coat of Arms, 2nd Class (in 2008). Ene Ergma is a Member of the Estonian Academy of Sciences, a member of the Council of Tartu Observatory, the Council of the National Institute of Chemical Physics and Biophysics and the Council of the Institute of Physics of the University of Tartu, and a member of the Estonian Physical Society. She is also a member of several international astronomy associations.

In 1999–2004, Ene Ergma was the Vice President of the Estonian Academy of Sciences. She was also the first woman among the honourable members of the Academy of Sciences.