

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Denis J. Prager is president of STRATEGIC CONSULTING SERVICES, a private consulting practice established in 1994 to help a wide range of organizations think, plan, and act more strategically.

From 1983 to 1994, Dr. Prager was with the JOHN D. AND CATHERINE T. MACARTHUR FOUNDATION, first as Deputy Director, then Director of the Foundation's Health Program. There, he was responsible for the development, implementation, and oversight of programs of collaborative research in mental health and human development, and in tropical diseases.

Immediately prior to joining the MacArthur Foundation, Dr. Prager served as a visiting fellow at the NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, establishing a new, ongoing forum focused on understanding and advancing the intersecting interests of government, university, and industry in the support and conduct of academic research and training.

From 1978 to 1983, Dr. Prager was senior staff member, then Associate Director, of the WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY, responsible for the formulation and implementation of national science and technology policies in the areas of health, agricultural, and environmental sciences.

Dr. Prager began his career in 1960 as a research scientist at the NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH), working on the development of biomedical instrumentation. From 1965-1968, he was a U.S. Public Health Service Fellow at STANFORD UNIVERSITY where he conducted research on the dynamics of the immune system. In 1969 he returned to NIH, where he was named chief of the Contraceptive Development Branch in the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, directing a program of contract research in reproductive biology and fertility control. From there he moved to the BATTELLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, where he was the Director of the Battelle Population Research Center, then associate director of the Battelle Seminars and Studies Program and corporate research fellow. He returned to NIH in 1976, as Senior Scientist in the Office of the Director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

Dr. Prager received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Cincinnati and his Ph.D. in physiology from Stanford University.