

**Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard, ZI/ZIF Vice President
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Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard is a member of the Zonta Club of Copenhagen I in Denmark. A member of Zonta International since 1989, she has served as club president, area director, lieutenant governor, governor, and international director and is now serving as Vice President of Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation.

Ms. Oestergaard has a M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Materials and Corrosion. She is Principal Engineer, Senior Materials at Haldor Topsøe A/S, a Danish company that works for the optimization of energy resources through catalytic processes in chemical plants. In this role, she leads an international Materials Science expert group and is responsible for the delivery of leading edge solutions and the formation and maintenance of national and international relationships with customers, universities and research centers.



In addition to her involvement with Zonta, Ms. Oestergaard is a member of the International Board of the Materials Technology Institute, a not-for-profit technology development organization of private industry companies; a member of the worldwide corrosion association NACE International, which strives to protect people, assets and the environment from the effects of corrosion, a sponsor member of the Women's Council in Denmark, a non-governmental advocacy organization working for women within all areas of society; and a member of the mentor network in Denmark, a program that pairs up refugee and immigrant women with firmly established women in the Danish workforce. She is also an active member of the Mentor corps of The Technical University of Denmark.

Originally from Spain, Ms. Oestergaard moved to Denmark in 1984 after having achieved her M.Sc. degree. She has been married to Anders since 1985 and has adopted two children from Lithuania: Enrika, age 15, and Viktor, age 11.

Ms. Oestergaard's personal interests include travel, book reading, sports and guitar playing. She speaks Spanish (mother tongue), Danish, English, French and some German. She also understands Swedish and Norwegian.