

## **Biography:**

**Ed Diener** is the Joseph R. Smiley Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Psychology at the University of Illinois, as well as a Senior Scientist for the Gallup Organization. He has won the highest awards in psychology: the distinguished scientist awards from the American Psychological Association, the Association for Psychological Science, and the International Society of Quality of Life Studies. Diener has been the president of three scientific societies: the International Society of Quality of Life Studies, the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, and the International Positive Psychology Association. Diener was the editor of the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, and the founding editor of two journals: Perspectives on Psychological Science, and Journal of Happiness Studies. Diener has about 320 scientific publications, and over 72,000 scholarly articles have cited his research. He has received honorary doctorates from several universities, and numerous other awards.

Professor Diener's research focuses on the measurement of well-being; temperament and personality influences on well-being; theories of well-being; income and well-being; and cultural influences on well-being. Recently he has been studying the effects of subjective well-being on health and effective functioning. Professor Diener has most recently made a case for national accounts of well-being as input to policy decisions, to complement economic and other indicators. Diener published a popular book on happiness with his son, Robert Biswas-Diener (Happiness: Unlocking the Mysteries of Psychological Wealth) as well as a book on policy uses of accounts of well-being with Richard Lucas, Ulrich Schimmack, and John F. Helliwell (WellBeing for Public Policy). A three volume collection of his most influential works in the area of subjective well-being was published recently (The Collected Works of Ed Diener), as well as a book on international differences in well-being, which he edited in conjunction with Daniel Kahneman and John F. Helliwell (International Differences in Well-Being).