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Richard D. Lewis, the founder and chairman of *Richard Lewis Communications* is a world renowned linguist and Cross Cultural Theorist. Before dedicating himself entirely to cross cultural teaching, writing and development of *The Lewis Model*, he founded the Berlitz schools in East Asia, Portugal, Norway and Finland and spent several years in Japan, as personal tutor to Empress Michiko and five other members of the Japanese Imperial family.

Mr. Lewis has written several books on cross-cultural issues, where one of them, When Cultures Collide, won the prestigious US Executive Club Book award in 1997 and sold over 1 million copies.

In 1997, he was awarded a knighthood in Finland, in view of his 40 years' of helping Finland to develop its international links, including its preparation for EU presidency. In 2009, he was promoted to the rank of Knight Commander, Order of the Lion of Finland.

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