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Dr Dalibor Mikulas is Head of International Relations Office at Palacky University Olomouc. Previously he worked at two other universities as a Vice-Rector for International Cooperation and Mobility, Vice-Dean for International Cooperation and Public Relations, Erasmus Institutional Coordinator, et al. He defended his thesis at Comenius University, Bratislava, and was a recipient of several scholarships and grants at e.g. the University of Notre Dame, USA; University of Ottawa, Canada; The J. William Fulbright Commission, Czech Rep., etc. His research has focused on the issues connected with Central Europe and North America. A member of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU), Dr. Mikulas participated and organized several SVU World Congresses. In 2008, he received the SVU Presidential Citation 2008 Award for the Advancement of Czech and Slovak Studies, Worldwide, Fostering Cooperation between the Czech and Slovak Rep., Czechs and Slovaks Worldwide.

**Dr Ondrej POKORNY**

Representing Czech Republic

Executive Advisor for Asia

Palacky University Olomouc

Dr Ondrej Pokorny is Executive Advisor for Asia at Palacky University, Olomouc. He joined Palacky University in 2016. Priorly Dr Pokorny dealt mainly cooperation with Czech´s private investors to Southeast Asia and dealt with spice trade. He has more than 10 years of experience with multicultural area of Southeast Asia and bringing people together from diverse backgrounds which is an invaluable asset to internationalization. He holds a Master's degree and a PhD in Social and Cultural Anthropology from the Charles University, Prague. His focus is on ethnobotany and Jesuits history in Southeast Asia.

**Professor Jan ŠKRHA**

Representing Czech Republic

Vice-Rector for International Affaires and Mobility

Charles University

Professor Jan Škrha is Vice-Rector for International Affairs and Mobility at Charles University, Czech Republic (MD, DSc). After finishing his medical studies, he has been working in the Department of Internal Medicine 3 where he graduated with a PhD in 1983. Since 1984, his scientific work has focused on diabetes. He became a Professor of Internal Medicine in 2001. Professor Škrha is a member of the following scientific organisations: Czech Diabetes Society (Secretary since 1990, President 2000-2002 and since 2018, Vice-Chairman 2014-2018), European Association for the Study of Diabetes (auditor 1998-2002, Secretary of the Postgraduate Education Subcommittee 1995-2000, Honorary Treasurer 2003-2006), International Federation of Danube Symposia on Diabetes mellitus (Secretary, 1996-1999), American Diabetes Association, Czech Medical Association (Vice-President until now), and European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) as Vice-President (2012-2015). He has published 260 communications, 150 of which as the first author. 85 were published in international journals, mainly in diabetology.

**Professor Claus HOLM**

Representing Denmark

Head of School

Aarhus University

Professor Claus Holm is Head of School at The Danish School of Education (DPU) at Aarhus University. DPU constitutes Denmark's largest and strongest university environment for basic and applied research within the field of education and educational theory (pedagogics). With its 155 scholars and 90 PhD students, it constitutes one of the largest education research environments in Europe. Professor Holm is PhD and Associate Professor with focus on teachers' professional judgment and ethics.

**Ms Tuula ANTOLA**

Representing Finland

Director of Economic and Business Development

City of Espoo

Ms Tuula Antola is an engineer inspired by people, and an innovation activist with a passion for entrepreneurship and creative destruction as source of renewal. She works as the Economic and Business Development Director for the City of Espoo with a focus on developing the enablers for growth of the Espoo Innovation Garden ecosystem. Ms Antola has a M.Sc.(tech) degree from Aalto University School of Engineering in Environmental Management, Paper Technology. After her studies she has co-founded three startups, and worked in both local SME's and global companies - in headhunting, market research and environmental management. She has also authored a book on Leadership for Innovativeness (published in Finnish in 2006) as well as several articles related to creativity, innovativeness and sustainability. She is an experienced keynote speaker in seminars and conferences as well as a facilitator and moderator of workshops and events, both in Finland and international.

**Ms Joanne PAGÈZE**

Representing France

Vice-president for Internationalisation

University of Bordeaux

Vice-President for Internationalization, Ms Joanne Pagèze is a university lecturer at the Department of Languages and Cultures at the University of Bordeaux, strongly interested in international teaching/learning and English Medium Instruction. She has been project leader of Défi International, a university-wide teacher development program for EMI and international classroom since 2014. Vice-chair of the EAIE expert community on Language and Culture, Ms Pagèze is also assistant-editor for the European Journal of Language Policy and board member of the French national association for language centers (RANACLES) affiliated to CERCLES. She participates in the European Strategic Partnership EQUIIP, working to develop quality professional development for internationalisation at home and international programs.

**Mr Michael HÖRIG**

Representing Germany

Head of Division- Strategic Planning

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Mr Michael Hörig is the Head of Division Strategic Planning and supervises the work of five sections at the DAAD headquarters in Bonn, Germany: Higher Education Policy, Monitoring & Evaluation, Sustainable Development, German Studies and Studies & Research. In addition, he is responsible for the project unit that deals with the implementation of the DAAD Digitalisation Strategy. He also previously led the Section 'Development Cooperation: Partnership Programmes, Alumni Projects and Higher Education Management / P32', a section responsible for university partnership programmes with developing countries and capacity development projects in the field of higher education management. Having worked at the European level before, Mr Hörig enjoys participating actively in EU funded projects. He is active as an expert on Qualifications Frameworks within the project European Union Support to Higher Education in the ASEAN Region (SHARE).

**Mr Sebastian SPERLICH**

Representing Germany

Head of Section

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Mr Sebastian Sperlich is Head of the Section for Sustainable Development at the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). His responsibilities include knowledge creation and strategy development at the interface between higher education and sustainable development. The focus lies on the Agenda 2030 and its consequences for the DAAD engagement. Before joining DAAD, Mr Sperlich worked as Team Leader for ICON-INSTITUTE Consulting Group and was responsible for the business development and the implementation of development cooperation projects. He holds a Master's degree in Social Science from the University Koblenz-Landau. His regional focus is Africa and Asia.

**Dr Peter RADA**

Representing Hungary

Vice-Dean for Academic and International Affairs

National University of Public Service

Dr Peter Rada has been the Vice-Dean for Academic and International Affairs at the National University of Public Service, Hungary since 2017. He served as the Congressional Liaison Officer at the Hungarian Embassy in Washington, D.C. between 2015 and 2017. Prior to this assignment, he worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade as well as in academia at several Hungarian and foreign universities. He was also the head of the Corvinus Society, a Budapest based think-tank dealing with international politics and security policy. He published several articles, book chapters on security policy and Trans-Atlantic cooperation, and co-authored a textbook on security studies. Dr Rada participated at the U.S. State Department's International Visitor Leadership program in 2010 and was a Fulbright visiting scholar at SAIS, the Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C. and Columbia University, New York in 2008-2009.

**Professor Ashish BHARADWAJ**

Representing India

Dean and Executive Director

O.P. Jindal Global University

Professor Ashish Bharadwaj is Professor & Dean of Jindal School of Banking and Finance, and Executive Director of the Office for Rankings, Benchmarking & Institutional Transformation at O. P. Jindal Global University, India. He is also Founding Director of Jindal Initiative on Research on Intellectual Property & Competition (JIRICO). Professor Bharadwaj holds B.A. Economics from University of Delhi, M.Sc. Economics from Anna University and LL.M. in law & economics from Erasmus University Rotterdam, University of Hamburg & Manchester University. He completed his PhD at the Max Planck Institute and the University of Munich (LMU). Prof Bharadwaj writes on technology innovation and patents, law & economics and national innovation as well as IPR policies. He has more than 50 publications to his credit, including 3 books and several journal articles. He has collaborated with 6 top-ranked universities, 2 of the biggest technology companies, 4 leading multilateral organizations and 9 government agencies.

**Professor Djagal MARSENO**

Representing Indonesia

Vice Rector

Universitas Gadjah Mada

Professor Djagal Wiseso Marseno graduated from Universitas Gadjah Mada Indonesia with a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Products Technology (1984), and from Graduate School of Biosphere Science, Hiroshima University - Japan with a Master's degree (1990) and a PhD(1993). He has a lot of experience in the field of Biopolymer Science and Technology, especially on modified and synthesis of carbohydrate polymer as well as in the Quality Management System of Higher Education. He was in charge as head of the department, vice dean and dean of Faculty of Agricultural Technology - Gadjah Mada University (2008-2012). Professor Djagal has experience as a Deputy of Strategic Studies at the National Resilience Institute of the Republic of Indonesia (2014-2017). Since August 2017 he is in charge as a Vice Rector for Education, Learning and Students Affairs at Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta - Indonesia.

**Professor Panut MULYONO**

Representing Indonesia

Rector

Universitas Gadjah Mada

Professor Panut Mulyono was appointed as a Rector of Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) in 2017. He served as Dean of Faculty of Engineering UGM in 2012-2016 and in 2016 was re-elected as a Dean. He is a Professor of energy science in the field of chemical engineering system optimization at Gadjah Mada University. He graduated from Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan in 1990 and obtained his doctorate at the same university in 1993. He serves as a Lecturer at the Department of Chemistry Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, UGM. He also serves as the Expert Board of UGM Energy Studies Center. In the field of research, he produced various research published in scientific publications in national seminars, international seminars, national journals, and international journals. In addition to actively contributing to education and research, he also went directly to the community to participate in community service activities.

**Professor Ni Nyoman Tri PUSPANINGSIH**

Representing Indonesia

Executive Director for Airlangga Global Engagement

Universitas Airlangga

Professor Ni Nyoman Tri Puspaningsih obtained her Bachelor's degree in Chemistry and continued with a Master's and a Doctorate degrees focusing in Biochemistry, until she achieved her Professor title of Biochemistry in 2010. Recently, she was appointed as an Adjunct Professor at the Asia University, Taiwan. Since 1987, she has worked in several positions in Universitas Airlangga: as a Biochemistry lecturer at Department of Chemistry (1987-present), as the Head of Proteomic Laboratory at Institute for Tropical Disease (2011-present), as the Director of Academic Affairs (2007-2017), and the most recently as the Executive Director of Airlangga Global Engagement (2017-present). She was experienced in research programs held by JSPS (short course fellows, Japan) and University of Groningen (post doctoral fellows KNAW, Netherlands). Her research interests include the structure and function analysis of Lignocellulolytic Enzymes. She has collaborated with overseas universities, research institutes, and industries on her research.

**Dr Dina SEPTIANI**

Representing Indonesia

University Expert Staff for Global Engagement

Universitas Airlangga

Dr Dina Septiani is a PhD Graduate in Rhetorics, Communication, and Information Design from Clemson University, USA. She obtained her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the Netherlands, studying corporate communication. She is currently holding a permanent teaching position in the Communication Department, Universitas Airlangga Indonesia. Her research focuses on Identification and Consubstantiality in participatory culture, and her teaching competencies include Social Media Communication and Political Marketing Communication. Aside from teaching, her managerial duties also involve assisting the Director of the doctoral program in the Faculty of Social and Political Science. She also holds a position as expert staff for Rector in Universitas Airlangga, and advises the rector in the area of Global Engagement.

**Dr Fathul WAHID**

Representing Indonesia

Rector

Universitas Islam Indonesia

Dr Fathul Wahid is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Informatics, Universitas Islam Indonesia. He received his Bachelor's degree in Informatics from Bandung Institute of Technology, Indonesia, and his Master's and PhD degrees in Information Systems from University of Agder, Norway. Prior to being elected as the Rector of Universitas Islam Indonesia in 2018, he has served the university through various positions, such as the Dean of Faculty of Industrial Technology (2006-2010), the Chief of Academic Officer (2014-2016), and the Chief of Information Officer (2016-2018). He is also an active researcher. His research interest focuses on the ICT4D, eGovernment, and enterprise systems. He has published in several journals such as CAIS, EJISDC, and TGPPP. His works have also been presented at various conferences such as HICSS, ECIS, EMCIS, IFIP WG 9.4, ePart, and eGov. Currently, he is working on research projects related to eParticipation and land information systems in rural Indonesia.

**Professor Orla FEELY**

Representing Ireland

Vice President for Research, Impact and Innovation

University College Dublin

Professor Orla Feely is Vice President for Research, Innovation and Impact and a Professor of Electronic Engineering at University College Dublin. She holds a BE degree from University College Dublin and MS and PhD degrees from the University of California, Berkeley, where her PhD thesis won the DJ Sakrison Memorial Prize for outstanding and innovative research. While at UC Berkeley, she also won the Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award. Professor Feely is a Member of the Royal Irish Academy and a Fellow of the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers), Engineers Ireland and the Irish Academy of Engineering. She has served as Chair of the Irish Research Council, the EU Advisory Group on Marie Sklodowska Curie Actions, and the IEEE Technical Committee on Nonlinear Circuits and Systems.

**Professor David FITZPATRICK**

Representing Ireland

President

Technological University Dublin

Professor David FitzPatrick received his Engineering Bachelor's degree from the Trinity College Dublin in 1985 and his D.Phil degree from the University of Oxford in 1990. Working in University College Dublin from 1998 to 2018, he was directly involved in the delivery and development of the mechanical engineering design and bioengineering curricula at undergraduate and post-graduate levels. Promoted to Full Professor in 2012, Professor FitzPatrick has been Head of the School of Electrical, Electronic and Mechanical Engineering from 2005 to 2011, Vice-Principal (Internationalisation & Development) in the College of Engineering & Architecture from 2011 to 2012 and was appointed Provost (Chief Academic Officer) of Beijing-Dublin International College in 2012 and Dean of Engineering & Principal, UCD College of Engineering & Architecture in 2014. In 2019, he was appointed as the inaugural President for the newly established Technological University Dublin.

**Dr Maria KIRRANE**

Representing Ireland

Sustainability Officer

University College Cork

Dr Maria Kirrane is the Sustainability Officer for University College Cork (UCC). She holds a PhD in Ecology and undertook her postdoctoral research on the role of higher education in facilitating the transition to a more sustainable society. In her current role, Dr Kirrane has coordinated the University's first Living Laboratory Research Fund and was responsible for completing the University's first submission to the AASHE STARS programme. The latter saw UCC become the first University outside of North America to be awarded a Gold Star rating.

**Dr Gerard MULLALLY**

Representing Ireland

Lecturer

University College Cork

Dr Gerard Mullally is a lecturer in Sociology and research associate with the Environmental Research Institute, MaREI, the Cleaner Production Promotion Unit and the Institute for Social Sciences in the 21st century, all at UCC. In 2019, he was responsible for the academic coordination of an international summer school on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Global Goals Local Action: Making Sustainability Work, organised by UCC, UMASS (Lowell), UNAL (Colombia) and the Ludgate Hub in Skibbereen. Dr Mullally has been an invited delegate to international working groups and expert groups on sustainability and climate change e.g. Trans-Atlantic Research and Development Interchange on Sustainability (TARDIS) - A Scientific Workshop (Graz 2017); JPI Climate Expert Workshop on Social Sciences and Humanities in Climate Services Research, Venice (2017). He was a member of Earth System Governance, Taskforce on Conceptual Foundations: Environmental Policy Integration, hosted by the Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development.

**Professor John O'HALLORAN**

Representing Ireland

Deputy President & Registrar

University College Cork

Professor John O'Halloran is Deputy President & Registrar at University College Cork, Ireland, where he holds the highest academic office. He is an academic leader with an ambitious vision for the future of Higher Education. He is also Chair of Zoology and has published over 200 research papers and a number of books on ecology, ornithology, ecotoxicology and biodiversity. Professor O'Halloran has led the transformation of Higher Education provision at UCC, particularly in the area of sustainability. Under his leadership, UCC's Green Campus Programme became the first third level institution worldwide to receive the Green Campus award in 2010. Since then it has achieved significant impacts including the development of a Sustainability Strategy, and has won a large number of international environmental awards. The journey in sustainability and the development of the green agenda at UCC has influenced national government policy and is now being rolled out across higher education institutions.

**Professor Antonio FIORI**

Representing Italy

Vice-Rector's Delegate for International Relations with Asia and Oceania

University of Bologna

Professor Antonio Fiori is Associate Professor of International Relations of East Asia at the Department of Political and Social Sciences at the Forlì campus of the University of Bologna, and Adjunct Professor at Korea University, Seoul. He obtained his PhD from the University of Pavia in 2006. He was also a visiting scholar at the United International College (Zhuhai, PRC), East-West Center (Honolulu, USA), and Kyujanggak Center for Korean Studies (Seoul National University, Korea). In November 2015 he was appointed the Vice-Rector's delegate for the relations with Asia and Oceania.

**Dr Caroline Fern BENTON**

Representing Japan

Vice President and Executive Director for Global Affairs

University of Tsukuba

Dr Caroline Fern Benton was appointed as Vice President of Global Affairs of the University of Tsukuba in 2013, after serving as chair of the university's MBA Program in International Business. She is also Director General of the university's Global Commons, an expert member of the Japanese Association of National Universities' International Exchange Committee, and a member of the International Olympic Committee's Education Commission. Her research interests lie in knowledge management and global leadership; her research projects include a 12-country study on the learning mechanism of global leadership competencies, a comparative study on global-mindedness in youth, and most recently a Japanese government-funded study on well-being and happiness in corporations. Dr Benton earned her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California, Davis, her MBA degree from the University of Tsukuba, and her PhD in Management Engineering from the Tokyo Institute of Technology.

**Dr SUGIMURA Miki**

Representing Japan

Vice President for Global Academic Affairs

Sophia University

Dr Miki Sugimura is a professor of Comparative and International Education, and Vice President for Global Academic Affairs at Sophia University. She holds a Master's degree of Education and a PhD from the University of Tokyo. She is the President of Japan Comparative Education Society, a member of Japanese National Committee for UNESCO, a member of the grant committee of Japan Foundation for United Nations University, and a member of the advisory council of Japan Student Service Organization. Dr Sugimura's research is focused on regionalism and regionalization through transnational higher education, and multicultural education in the era of migration. Her publications include Equity in Excellence (2019, co-author), The Role of UNESCO in Cross-border Higher Education for International Student Mobility (2018), Cross-border Migration and the Nation-State (2017, editor), Human Security and Peace Building (2017, co-author) and Education for Sustainable Development and Citizenship Education in the Multi-cultural Societies (2014, co-editor).

**Dr Loretta O'DONNELL**

Representing Kazakhstan

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

Nazarbayev University

Dr Loretta O'Donnell received her MBA from the University of South Australia and her PhD in Management from the Macquarie Graduate School of Management. She was appointed as the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at Nazarbayev University (NU) in August 2013. As the Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs, Dr O'Donnell coordinates with the Deans in developing international quality academic systems for educational programs. She liaises with NU strategic partners in implementing the mission of the University and sharing the experience with local and regional universities. She has over twenty years of experience in teaching Executive MBA, postgraduate and undergraduate business students in the Australian School of Business, University of New South Wales. Dr O'Donnell has also won awards for her research on human capital analysis in financial markets. Previously, she consulted in organizational change for a large global firm in Sydney and Chicago.

**Professor KIM Sunhyuk**

Representing Korea

Professor of Political Science and Former Vice President for International Affairs

Korea University

Professor Kim Sunhyuk is Professor of Political Science and Former Vice President for International Affairs at Korea University. He received his Bachelor's degree in Economics from Seoul National University, and his Master's degree and PhD in Political Science from Stanford University. In ARC7, Professor Kim is a debate session speaker in "Connecting SDGs to research rankings will undermine academic quality."

**Professor MO Jongryn**

Representing Korea

Director

Hills Governance Center at Yonsei University

Dr Mo Jongryn is currently a professor of international political economy at the Graduate School of International Studies, Yonsei University, where he teaches courses on international political economy, Korean development, and cultural economics. He wrote, with Barry Weingast, "Korean Political and Economic Development: Crisis, Security and Institutional Rebalancing" (2013) and with John Ikenberry, "The Rise of Korean Leadership: Emerging Powers and Liberal International Order" (2013), and edited "Middle Powers and G20 Governance" (2013). He is also the author of two recent books on the future of Korean cities, "Small Towns, Big Companies" (2014) and the "Rise of the Lifestyle City" (2016). At Yonsei, he has held several senior administrative positions including as the first dean of Underwood International College (2005-2008) and a vice president for international affairs (2012-2016). Prior to joining Yonsei in 1996, Dr Mo was an assistant professor at the University of Texas at Austin.

**Dr Phonesavanh THEPPHASOULITHONE**

Representing Lao PDR

Vice Rector

Champasack University

Dr Phonesavanh Thepphasoulithone obtained his PhD in Education: Curriculum and Instruction from Simon Fraser University, Canada in 2009. She has worked with the Ministry of Education and Sports since 1989 as a teacher of English at the National University of Laos). Graduate Certificate in TESOL from Deakin University of Australia in 1994, Graduate Diploma in TESOL, University of Technology Sydney in 1998, and Master of Educational Management from Flinders University of South Australia in 2002. She was a Head of English Language Section in 2003-2004. From 2005-2006 she was admitted to be the Head of the Faculty of Education, Champasack University. In 2009 she was assigned to be a Head of the Planning and International Cooperation Office until 2010 and then became a Dean of the Faculty of Education, Champasack University. Since 2011, she is the Vice President of Champasack University for International Cooperation, Research and Academic Affairs.

**Professor Inna STECENKO**

Representing Latvia

Vice Rector for Research, Head of doctoral programme Regional Economy & Economic Policy

Baltic International academy

Professor Inna Stecenko, PhD in Economics, is the Pro-Rector for Science of the Baltic International Academy in Riga, Latvia. She also manages the doctoral programme "Regional Economy and Economic Policy" since 2009. She is an Expert in the field of "Economics" of the Latvian Council of Science since 2013. She was awarded a grant from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Taiwan in 2018, and was as a Fellowships Researcher at the National Taiwan University. Professor Stecenko is a member of the editorial board of a varios of international scientific journal in the USA, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, etc. She is actively engaged in teaching, as she taught in Warsaw as a professor (from 2010 to 2018), and as a visiting professor in Oriental Study University (Tashkent, Uzbekistan) in 2016 and 2018. Professor Stecenko is an international expert and participates in work of the accreditation commission (programme of MBA in Russia, Ukraine). Her scientific interest is in the field of economics of the Central and Southeast Asia countries.

**Dr Arturs ZEPS**

Representing Latvia

Vice-Rector for Strategic Development

Riga Technical University

Dr Arturs Zeps is currently the Vice-Rector for Strategic Development at Riga Technical University. He manages the process of university's strategy development and implementation as well as coordinates the cooperation with governmental institutions, ministries and social partners with the aim to foster development of the University. He oversees university's infrastructure development, attraction of EU funds and quality management processes within Riga Technical University. Dr Zeps holds a Master's degree in International Economic Relations Management and Organization from Riga Technical University and a MBA degree from Riga Business School as well as a Doctoral degree in Organization Management. His field of research is related to strategy development and implementation process as well as factors influencing implementation of strategic settings within organizations.

**Prof Dr Regina VALUTYTE**

Representing Lithuania

Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs

Mykolas Romeris University

Dr Regina Valutyte is the Vice-rector for academic affairs at Mykolas Romeris University, professor at the Institute of International and EU law at Mykolas Romeris School of law, the head at the Security Research Laboratory and coordinator of Nordplus law network. R. Valutyte has been involved as a human rights expert in a number of EU funded national and international research projects, has been leading and co-managing various educational human rights initiatives, and served as a visiting professor teaching human rights numerous times at the universities in France, Spain, Portugal, Argentina, Germany, Poland, and Bulgaria.

**Professor Tan Sri Dzulkifli ABDUL RAZAK**

Representing Malaysia

Rector

International Islamic University Malaysia

Professor Dzulkifli Abdul Razak is the Rector of the International Islamic University. He is the immediate past president of the International Association of Universities (IAU), a UNESCO-affiliated organisation, based in Paris. He was the Convenor of the Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development based in Universiti Sains Malaysia beginning 2005. Professor Abdul Razak was awarded the prestigious 2017 Gilbert Medal in recognition of "his long term commitment to a sustainable approach to international higher education." He is a Fellow of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia and, the World Academy of Art and Science.

**Professor Imran Ho ABDULLAH**

Representing Malaysia

Deputy Vice Chancellor (Industry and Community Partnerships)

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

Professor Imran Ho Abdullah is Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Industry and Community Partnership) at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. He brings to the position broad and extensive experience in senior academic roles. He chairs the Asean University Sub thematic network on University Social Responsibility and Sustainability which promotes university empowerment of the community. Professor Imran has a First Class Honours (in English) from the University of Otago, New Zealand, a Diploma in Education with Distinction from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, a Master of Philosophy (in Linguistics) from the University of Cambridge, as well as a PhD in Cognitive Semantics from the University of Otago, New Zealand. He has also attended the Executive Programme on Crisis Leadership in Higher Education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE) and Harvard Kennedy School (HKS). He has been a Fellow of the Cambridge Commonwealth Society since 1990.

**Dr Alex RIZZO**

Representing Malta

Deputy Principal for Research & Innovation

Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology

Dr Alex Rizzo presently acts as Deputy Principal for Research & Innovation and was previously Head of the University College at the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology. His main areas of expertise are in vocational education & training (VET), alternative technologies, grounded theory research, and integrated water resources management. Prior to this, he set up and managed the MCAST Institute of Applied Sciences. His previous engagements includes being the Deputy Chairman at the Malta Water Services Corporation, having taken on various engineering and management roles within the water utilities sector for over 15 years. Dr Rizzo presently heads a number of research and skilling projects relating to the efficient use of water, as well as in grounded theory research on organisational behaviour. He is a Fellow and Chartered Member of the Institution of Engineering & Technology, the Chartered Management Institute and the Chartered Institution for Water and Environmental Management.

**Professor Carmen SAMMUT**

Representing Malta

Pro Rector for Students and Staff Affairs and Outreach

University of Malta

Professor Carmen Sammut is Pro Rector for Students and Staff Affairs and Outreach at the University of Malta, where she lectures in International Relations and Critical Journalism. She is also currently chairing the Technical Committee responsible for the Consultation Document on the reform that is aimed to bring about a gender-balanced Parliament. Professor Sammut holds a PhD in Media and Communications from Goldsmiths College, University of London. She obtained her Master's degree (cum laude), a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE), and a BA Degree from the University of Malta. She is a long-experienced broadcaster and regularly appears as an analyst discussing current events.

**Professor Ochirbat BAATAR**

Representing Mongolia

President

Mongolian University of Science and Technology

Professor Ochirbat Baatar was awarded his PhD degree in Computer Science from the System Science Research Center of the Mongolian University of Science and Technology (MUST) in 2002. He has also undertaken System Dynamics Graduate Courses at the Department of Information Science at University of Bergen, Norway, in 2001. Professor Baatar is an expert in Mathematics with a specialisation in Analysis and System Dynamics Modeling. With his 20 years of diverse working experience, he has occupied various positions, from instructor to President of the university. He has been an instructor at National University of Mongolia, researcher at System Science Research Center of the MUST, Director of School of Computer Science and Management, Vice-President for Research and Development of the MUST and President of the MUST. Professor Baatar has published 12 books and 45 scientific papers in applied mathematics and system dynamics modeling.

**Dr Ochirkhuyag BAYANJARGAL**

Representing Mongolia

Vice-President

National University of Mongolia

Dr Ochirkhuyag Bayanjargal received his Bachelor's and Master's Science degrees in Chemical Technology from the National University of Mongolia (NUM) in 1997 and 1999 respectively, and his PhD degree in Chemical Engineering from the Nagoya University, Japan, in 2008. Since 2009, he has been working in the Department of Chemical Technology, Faculty of Chemistry, NUM, where he was an Associate Professor before becoming Dean of School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering in 2010, and a Professor in 2014. Since 2017, he has been the Vice-President for Academic and Student Affairs at NUM. Dr Bayanjargal is a Chairman of Dissertation Defense Committee for Chemistry. He is a member of Higher Education Commission, Mongolian National Council for Education Accreditation. His current research interests include metal and ceramic nanocomposites, separation technology and grinding process in material sciences.

**Dr TSOLMON Jadamba**

Representing Mongolia

President

Mongolian National University of Medical Sciences

Professor Tsolmon Jadamba started as a lecturer in the National Medical University in Mongolia from 1992-1995. Then she became Head of the International Relations office for the International Institute of Nomadic Civilisation in Mongolia until 2007 when she became the Mongolian Vice-Minister of Ministry of Health in 2012. Professor Tsolmon was the Advisor to the Minister of Education, Culture, Science, and Sport of Mongolia before becoming President of the Mongolian National University of Medical Sciences, the position that she is currently occupying since 2018. Professor Tsolmon holds a Bachelor's degree from the Medical University of Mongolia and a Master's degree in Dental Science from the same university. She also obtained a PhD from the Health Science University of Mongolia.

**Dr Kay Thwe HLAING**

Representing Myanmar

Pro-Rector

Yangon University of Education

Dr Kay Thwe Hlaing is a Pro-Rector of Yangon Unviersity of Education. She obtained her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Geography from the University of Yangon. Her PhD was awarded from the University of Tokyo, Japan in 2008. She was a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Japanese Society for Promotion of Sciences from 2012 to 2014. Her expertise lies in Environmental Studies especially in Geomorphology and Hydrology. Dr Hlaing has more than 22 years of working experience, ranging from being a tutor at University of Yangon, Assistant Lecturer at Dawei University, Lecturer at University of Yangon, Associate Professor at Bago University and Professor at University of Yangon. She also works as a part time member of AG at National Water Resources Committee. Dr Hlaing has also published 44 papers, most of which are in international journals, and written two text books. Her research focuses on Myanmar's rivers and its water, sediments and channel morphology.

**Professor Aung KYAW**

Representing Myanmar

Pro-Rector

University of Yangon

Dr Aung Kyaw received his M. Sc. (Geography) and D.Sc. (Geography) form Tokyo Metropolitan University in 1999 and 2002, respectively. His specialized fields of study are Economic Geography and Rural Development. He served as a visiting scientist for the Department of Geography in Cologne University (Germany) in 2006. He Joined the Brunei-US English Language Enrichment Programme 2013 at the University of Brunei Darussalam (Brunei) and East West Centre (Hawaii) in 2013. Dr Kyaw became a Professor in Geography Department of Dagon University in 2011. In 2012, he was promoted as a Pro-Rector in University of Yangon. He is a Chairperson of Research and Development Committee in Geographical Association of Myanmar since 2015. He is a Governing Board Member of SEAMEO INNOTECH since 2015. In 2017, he was appointed as a member of National Accreditation and Quality Assurance Committee. He published 31 articles in international and national academic journals.

**Dr Aye Aye MYINT**

Representing Myanmar

Rector

Yangon University of Education

Dr Aye Aye Myint is the Rector of Yangon University of Education. Her PhD (Edu.) was awarded by the University of Tokyo, Japan in 2001. She has published 24 works including 8 international research publications and many editorial works on topics related to Educational Psychology, Early Childhood Education, Testing and Assessment, and Teacher Education. She has also been working for international cooperation and collaborations with UNICEF, UNESCO, OSF, VSO, British Council, 4 Japanese Universities, 10 AsTEN member universities, Hong Kong University, EU, DAAD, United Board and so on. Dr Myint has been awarded the Title "Best Manager" by European Business Assembly from Oxford, UK in 2016, and The Bizz Awards: World Business Leader Award & World Leader Business Person Award by World Confederation of Business, Houston, Texas in 2018.

**Dr Saw PYONE NAING**

Representing Myanmar

Rector

Sagaing University of Education, Ministry Of Education

Dr Saw Pyone Naing holds a PhD in Systems Science from Tokyo University, Japan (2000). He is the rector of Sagaing University of Education and works for the department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education.

**Dr Sint SOE**

Representing Myanmar

Rector

Mandalay Technological University

Professor Sint Soe has been serving as the ninth Rector of the Mandalay Technological University since 2017. Professor Sint has held a number of leadership positions at Technological universities and has rich experience in higher education management at the senior level. He was also Professor and Head of Technological University (Mandalay) from 2006 to 2011. He played an active role in promoting management on various research works implementing by scientists and researchers at Technological University. Now, he is also a member of Engineering Education Accreditation Committee, where he focuses on promoting External Quality Assurance (EQA). In 2018, he was elected as a Vice-President of Rector's Committee in Myanmar, holding the Executive President position at Mandalay Technological University, Myanmar.

**Dr Karl DITTRICH**

Representing the Netherlands

President

EQAR

Dr Karl Dittrich is currently President of EQAR, and formerly president of Maastricht University (1994-2002), chair of the Dutch Flemish Accreditation Organisation (NVAO) (2002-2012), president of the Association of Dutch Universities VSNU (2012-2017). He is member of the University Council of the University of York (UK).

**Dr Catalina GOANTA**

Representing the Netherlands

Assistant Professor

Maastricht University

Dr Catalina Goanta is assistant professor at Maastricht University, and researcher on social media influencers and monetized content at the Maastricht Working on Europe project. She recently returned to the Netherlands after a year abroad as Niels Stensen visiting scholar (2018) at the University of St. Gallen and Harvard University. She is also a Stanford Transatlantic Technology Law fellow was a visiting scholar at Stanford Law School in 2017. In 2014, Catalina was awarded the Maastricht University Wijnand Wijnen education prize, and her projects on innovating legal education have shortlisted at the Re-Imagine Education Awards (University of Pennsylvania) in 2015 and 2016.

**Professor Catherine MORAN**

Representing New Zealand

Professor and Assistant Vice-Chancellor, Academic

University of Canterbury

Professor Catherine Moran is the Assistant Vice-Chancellor Academic of Amokapua Akoranga Taupua at the University of Canterbury and has held this position since January 2018. Professor Moran is responsible for university-wide policy and strategy related to academic programmes and teaching and learning. She is responsible for driving both academic strategy and the overall academic performance of the University and in particular, maintaining and advancing the University's academic profile. She has also provided oversight and coordination of the Graduate Profile programme and other key academic strategic projects. More recently, she has been involved in curricular developments across UC that address sustainable development goals nationally and internationally.

**Dr Tor HALVORSEN**

Representing Norway

Vice Rector for Global Affairs

University of Bergen

Dr Halvorsen works at SDG Bergen and under the leadership of the Bergen Rectors office the coordination of the SDG work of the University sector of Norway. Dr Halvorsen also teaches courses relevant to SDG issues (presently on politics of energy), and organizes with his colleagues the university wide seminar series on Knowledge and Democracy focusing the SDGs.

**Dr Mujeeb-U-Ddin MEMON**

Representing Pakistan

Vice-Chancellor

Sindh Agriculture University Tandojam

Dr Mujeeb-U-Ddin Memon holds a PhD in Mechanical Engineering from Sussex University. Presently, he is the Vice-Chancellor of Sindh Agriculture, one of the oldest agriculture Universities of Pakistan. With his efforts, the University has built-up a strong Agriculture Extension set-up in collaboration with progressive growers and farmers. Dr Memon has has 28 years of teaching, research and administrative experience. Prior to his present assignment, he has served as Director Continuing Education and Founder Principal of Mehran University College of Engineering and Technology (MUCET), Khairpur Mir's at Mehran University of Engineering and Technology Jamshoro. Dr Memon has also supervised various PhD and Masters projects and is the author of 54 publications. Based on his academic and research performances, the Higher Education Commission (HEC) honored him with Best University Teacher Award for the year 2008.

**Professor Danilo CONCEPCION**

Representing the Philippines

President

University of the Philippines

Professor Danilo L. Concepcion is one of the Philippines' leading experts in Corporation Law. He obtained his LL.B. from the University of the Philippines (UP) College of Law in 1983, and LL.M. from the University of London in 1986. He represented the youth sector in Congress (1978-1986), was Associate Commissioner of the Securities and Exchange Commission (1996-2000), and President of the De La Salle-Araneta University (2000-2002). In 2011, he was named UP's Vice President for Legal Affairs and the 14th Dean of the UP College of Law, and in 2017, became the 21st President of the UP System. Currently, he also sits as a Governor of the Philippine Red Cross, and serves at the Philippine Judicial Academy, the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Governing Board, and the Supreme Court Committee on Legal Education and Bar Matters.

**Professor Melinda DELA PEÑA BANDALARIA**

Representing the Philippines

Chancellor and President

University of the Philippines Open University, Asian Association of Open Universities

Professor Melinda dela Peña Bandalaria is the Chancellor of the University of the Philippines Open University and currently the President of the Asian Association of Open Universities (AAOU). She teaches online graduate courses and is actively involved in doing research on open and distance elearning and in implementing ICT4D projects. She spearheaded the development and implementation of MOOCs in the Philippines. Her current involvement include: implementing a Universal Access to Learning framework in the open distance elearning mode of instructional delivery and quality assurance in open distance e-learning.

**Dr Winston PADOJINOG**

Representing the Philippines

President

University of Asia and the Pacific

Dr Winston Padojinog, an associate professor of industrial economics and strategic management, is currently the President of the University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P). Before being appointed as President, he occupied various positions in the university - from graduate staff member to School Secretary and Vice-Dean of the School of Economics and the Dean of the School of Management. He lectures and undertakes research in the fields of industry dynamics, strategic management, finance and business sustainability courses in the graduate programs of UA&P. His extensive experience and researches in the field as an industry economist and business strategist makes Dr Padojinog a sought after expert and consultant by industry associations, policy makers and companies for their industry policy, corporate strategy, business sustainability and governance requirements.

**Fr Jose Ramon T VILLARIN SJ**

Representing the Philippines

President

Ateneo de Manila University

Fr Jose Ramon T Villarin SJ is the President of Ateneo de Manila University in the Philippines. He received his doctorate in Atmospheric Sciences from Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, and his Master's degree in Physics from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is currently the chairperson of the Manila Observatory, a scientific research institute, and a member of the National Panel of Technical Experts of the Philippine government's Climate Change Commission. His past work on climate change includes being the lead reviewer of greenhouse gas emission inventories of Parties to the UNFCCC and a member of the Consultative Group of Experts for developing countries. He also was a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) which received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. In 2000, he was declared National Outstanding Young Scientist and in 2002, his book "Disturbing Climate" was given an Outstanding Book Award by the National Academy of Science and Technology.

**Dr Roberto C YAP**

Representing the Philippines

President

Xavier University - Ateneo de Cagayan

Dr Roberto C Yap is the President of Xavier University - Ateneo de Cagayan, a Catholic and Jesuit University of 15,000 students in Cagayan de Oro City, Mindanao, Philippines. Dr Yap received his PhD from University College London, specializing in Environmental Economics. He likewise holds a Master's degree in Public Policy from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government; a Master's degree of Arts in Theology from Ateneo de Manila University; a Master's degree of Arts in Economics from New School for Social Research (NY) and a Bachelor's degree of Arts in Economics (Honors) from Ateneo de Manila University. Dr Yap is a Catholic priest, member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

**Ambassador Professor Adam JELONEK**

Representing Poland

Rector's Representative for Foreign Affairs

Jagiellonian University

Ambassador Professor Adam W. Jelonek PhD, MBA is the Chair of the Asian Studies at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland. His rich academic experience includes associate professorship at the Institute of Political Studies at the Polish Academy of Sciences and Institute od Sociology of the University of Warsaw. He became the Head of the Institute of Middle and Far East in 2007, and under his leadership, the Department became an Institute. Professor Jelonek acted as the director of this Institute till 2010 and once again since 2016. In 2010 he became Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Poland to Malaysia, Brunei and the Philippines. He held this position until 2014. Later he has served as the senior advisor to the Minister of Defence and member of the advisory board of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. His academic interests focus on social development, the theory of democracy and political anthropology of East and South-East Asia. His the author of dozens of scientific articles.

**Professor Ewa TROJNAR**

Representing Poland

Professor

Jagiellonian University in Krakow

Professor Ewa Trojnar is a professor at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, one of the oldest universities in Europe. She is a researcher and a teacher of International Relations in the Asia-Pacific Region. She is engaged in the research and educational projects with the intention of establishing better relations between Asia and Europe. In her work Professor Trojnar focuses on the developmental and intercultural problems that concern these relations and also applies her expertise in facilitating educational and research exchanges coordinated by the Jagiellonian University Committee for Internationalization.

**Professor Maria de Lurdes FERNANDES**

Representing Portugal

Vice-Rector for Education, Academic Affairs and International Cooperation

University of Porto

Professor Maria de Lurdes Fernandes is Vice-Rector for Education, Academic Affairs and International Cooperation of the Univerisy of Porto (U.Porto). Previously she was Vice-Rector for Education, Academic and Student Organization (2006-14) and Chair of the Coordinating Council of the Educational Model (2011-14). She was also the Portuguese representative in the Bologna Follow-Up Group and the U.Porto's students Ombudsman. From 2007-2012, as coordinator of the Summer Programme, she implemented an innovative approach to the traditional summer training which allowed the reiforcement of existing links and the establishment of new ones between Porto and stakeholders of the North region of Portugal. She was also a member of the External Evaluation and Institutional Assessment Committee by invitation of the Portuguese Evaluation and Accreditation Agency for Higher Education. She is the representative of the Council of Rectors of the Portuguese Universities in the National Commission for the Recognition of Foreign Degrees.

**Professor Ioan Vasile ABRUDAN**

Representing Romania

Rector

Transilvania University of Brasov

Professor Ioan Vasile Abrudan was born and raised in Bihor, Romania, where he completed his pre-university studies. He received a Forest Engineering degree from Transilvania University of Brasov, Romania and a PhD from Brunel University, United Kingdom, in 1998. He has more than 27 years of experience in forestry higher education, research and consultancy. He has also published 15 books, more than 110 articles and coordinated several regional and national strategic projects. He has delivered invited lectures and keynote speeches in Belgium, China, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Germany, Moldova, Serbia, Spain, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom, etc. Professor Abrudan has served in several managerial positions: Rector of the Transilvania University of Brasov (since 2012), Dean of the Faculty of Silviculture and Forest Engineering (2004-2012), Chair of the Conference of the Deans of European Forestry Faculties and Schools (2009-2011), as well as President of the Council for Strategic Institutional Development of the Technical University of Moldova (since 2015).

**Professor Sorin Mihai CIMPEANU**

Representing Romania

President, Rector

Romanian National Council of Rectors, University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine

Professor Dr Sorin Mihai Cimpeanu is currently the President of National Council of Rectors, President of Francophone University Agency (AUF), Rector of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine University of Bucharest, Deputy in Romanian Parliament, member of the Commission for Education, Science, Youth and Sport. He graduated from the Sf. Sava National College in Bucharest in 1986 and from the Land Reclamation and Environmental Engineering Faculty of the Bucharest University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine (USAMV) in 1991. He received a PhD from the same University in 2000. Professor Dr Cimpeanu started a university teaching career in 1992, going through all the stages - as assistant, teaching assistant, lecturer, senior lecturer, professor and PhD supervisor. He has been a professor and has been heading the PhD courses since 2006. In 2014, he was appointed Minister of Education and Scientific Research.

**Mr Mihnea COSTOIU**

Representing Romania

Rector

University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest (UPB)

Mr Mihnea Costoiu is Rector of the University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest UPB) since 2012. He held several political positions between 2001 to 2014 including Secretary General of the Romanian National Ministry of Education, State Secretary of the Romanian National Ministry of Education and Minister Delegate for Higher-Education and Research. He is currently General Secretary of the Romanian National Council of Rectors and Senator in the Romanian Parliament. He is also director in the CESAER's board and member of the AUF Administrative and Associative Councils.

**Professor Coralia Adina COTORACI**

Representing Romania

Rector

Vasile Goldis Western University of Arad

Professor Coralia Adina Cotoraci is the Rector of the Western University "Vasile Goldis" in Arad since 2012. She is university professor at the Faculty of Medicine of UVVG and teaches Hematology and Bioethics and medical deontology. In 2013 she founded the Center for Bioethics and Social Studies within the UVVG. She is a Doctor of medical sciences and in 2014, she received the title of Doctor Honoris Causa of the National University of Uzhgorod, Ukraine.

**Prof Adrian CURAJ**

Representing Romania

General Director, Former Minister of Education, Research and Innovation

Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI)

Professor Adrian Curaj is former Minister of National Education and Scientific Research. He is the head of the UNESCO Chair on Science and Innovation Policies at the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration. Professor Curaj had been working as a consultant for the World Bank, UNESCO, UNIDO, ETF and EC for studies in Tertiary Education, Science and Innovation, and Foresight. He has been actively involved in many research projects (including FP7, H2020, SEE & INTERREG). He is member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Fulbright Commission in Romania and fellow of the World Academy of Art & Science (WAAS). Professor Curaj is the one of the artisans and a strong promoter of the "Laser Valley - Land of Lights" project, which is about an integrated smart territorial development of the host region, and enabling knowledge, entrepreneurial and commercial spillovers for the pan-European Research infrastructure ELI Nuclear Physics (ELI-NP) in Măgurele city (Romania).

**Professor George DARIE**

Representing Romania

Vice-Rector

University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest

Professor George Darie graduated in 1986 the University POLITEHNICA from Bucharest, Power Plants Department. Since more than 30 years Professor Darie is specialized in thermal power plants and their environmental impact mitigation with specific experience in design, rehabilitation options, research and teaching activities. The experience gained during the activity is materialized in 11 handbooks, more than 70 scientific papers published; 32 scientific papers presented at different symposiums, conferences, congresses; more than 40 research contracts. At present he is the Vice-Rector of University "Politehnica" of Bucharest. He is member of the Academy of Romanian Scientists and of the board of National Romanian Committee of the World Energy Council.

**Ms Dora DAVID**

Representing Romania

National Representative

Erasmus Student Network Romania

Ms Dora David is currently the National Representative of Erasmus Student Network (ESN) Romania, position that allowed her to work in a multicultural environment in the past year. She has been a volunteer in the organisation already mentioned for the past 4 years, being active on different levels and in different areas, but always being particularly interested in the field of Education. Besides that, she is holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration at the Bucharest University of Economic Studies and will soon obtain her Master's Degree in Entrepreneurship and Business Administration at the same University. During her studies, she also has been a beneficiary of the Erasmus+ programme, studying abroad for one year, at KU Leuven in Brussels, Belgium.

**Mr Stefan Marius DEACONU**

Representing Romania

Former President

National Alliance of Student Organisations in Romania (ANOSR)

Mr Stefan Marius Deaconu is the former president of the National Alliance of Student Organizations in Romania (2017-2018), having previously been vice-president for educational affairs between 2015-2017. Mr Deaconu has a rich experience in representing students, being a member of various structures such as the National Council for Higher Education Financing, the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education or the National Council of Ethics and University Management. During this period he participated in several events organized by the European Students Union. He was a scholar of the the Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and Memory of the Romanian Exile (IICCMER) (2015-2016) and was a trainee at the Open Society Archives in Budapest, Hungary (2016-2017). Mr Deaconu is a PhD candidate in History at the University of Bucharest.

**Ms Ligia DECA**

Representing Romania

State Adviser

Department of Education and Research, Romania

Ms Ligia Deca holds a PhD in Political Science, awarded by the University of Luxemburg in 2016. She graduated as head of her class at the Navigation and Naval Transport Department of the Maritime University of Constanța, where she also obtained a Master's degree in Maritime and Port Management. Ms Deca coordinated the Coalition for Clean Universities in 2008, within the framework of an Academic Society of Romania (SAR) project that aimed to assess the integrity of Romanian higher education institutions. She was the president of the European Students Union between 2008 and 2010. Between 2010 and 2012 she was head of the Bologna Secretariat and between 2012 and 2015, she was an expert with the Executive Agency for Financing Higher Education and Research (UEFISCDI), as well as a lecturer on formation and educational inclusion at the West University of Timișoara (from 2014 to 2015). She has previously coordinated the „Future of Higher Education" Bologna Process researchers' conferences. She is a member of the jury for the European Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Social Sciences and Humanities granted by the Central European University (CEU). In 2014 she was selected as a member of the Science in Education Expert Group – SEEG, convened by the European Commission.

**Mr Valentin FLOREA**

Representing Romania

Secretary-General

UN Youth Association of Romania

Mr Valentin Florea has been part of UN Youth Association of Romania since 2011 - a youth-led NGO founded in 2009, which has as main objectives the support and promotion of the United Nations' values and activities among the Romanian youth, the Romanian society and the international community. He is the current Secretary-General of the organization, having previously served, between 2014 and 2017, as its President. He has organized, between 2014 and 2018, the signature conference of the Association - Bucharest International Student Model United Nations (BISMUN) - the most important UN simulation from Romania. As representative of the Association, Valentin has been an active part of Romania's official delegations at the high-level segment of different sessions of the United Nations General Assembly in September 2016, 2017 and 2018. He has been studying Political Science and International Relations at SNSPA since 2013.

**Prof Ovidiu FOLCUT**

Representing Romania

Rector

Romanian-American University

Professor Ovidiu Folcut is the Rector of the Romanian-American University in Bucharest.

**Prof Nicolae ISTUDOR**

Representing Romania

Rector

The Bucharest University of Economic Studies

Professor Nicolae Istudor is the Rector of the Bucharest University of Economic Studies since 2016, with previous extensive experience as vice-rector managing the business and society connections, European funds and student life. He also has significant public management experience as Secretary of State for rural development and agricultural policies with the Romanian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development. His teaching and research interests are in the field of regional and rural development and agrifood enterprises.

**Mr Alexandru Lucian MANOLE**

Representing Romania

Rector

"ARTIFEX" University of Bucharest

Mr Alexandru Lucian Manole graduatef from the Bucharest University of Economic Studies and was teaching IT-related disciplines at the "ARTIFEX" University of Bucharest (1999-2000). He holds a PhD in Accounting (2007). He was the Vice-Rector of the "ARTIFEX" University between 2012 and 2016, and is currently Rector of the University since 2016.

**Ms Luciana MIHAI**

Representing Romania

Director of International Relations Department

University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest

Ms Luciana Mihai began her career back in 2006 within the University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest, holding the position of the rector's advisor. Between 2009-2014 she acted as an advisor of the Romanian Minister of Education and Research. As of 2008 she has attended and got involved in a large number of projects implemented by UPB, as the same have been funded out of European Funds - POSDRU. At present she holds the position of a PhD Student within the Faculty of Psychology and Education Science, in the Education Science field. As of 2016 she is holding the position of an International Relations Manager within UPB.

**Professor Adrian PAPARI**

Representing Romania

Rector

Andrei Saguna University

Professor Adrian Papari is the Rector of Andrei Saguna University of Constanta since 2012. He graduated and trained in medical field, interested in suicidology and toxicology, also trained in international relations (Romanian Diplomatic Institute, Ministry of foreign affairs), scholar of The Romanian Academy in the field of anthropology. He is committed to the constant improvement of quality in education, participant at numerous debates and conferences in this specific topic.

**Professor Marilen-Gabriel PIRTEA**

Representing Romania

Rector

West University of Timișoara

Professor Marilen Gabriel Pirtea has been the Rector of the West University of Timisoara since February 2012, leading a team of very pro-active persons and making the university an important actor in the local, regional, national and even international educational environment. He is very actively involved in the public life of Timisoara, promoting the idea that one of the major roles of the universities is to support the social development and to educate responsible citizens. Since December 2016, he is a member of the Parliament - vice-president of the Deputy Chamber, secretary of the Budget, Finance and Banks Commission; member in the Commission for the Romanian Communities Abroad and member in the Romanian Parliament Delegation at the Central-European Initiative - Parliamentary Dimension.

**Professor Valentin POPA**

Representing Romania

Rector

Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava

Professor Valentin Popa is an engineer, a university professor and the former Minister of National Education, a position that he held between in 2018. He obtained an engineering degree in electronics and telecommunications from the Polytechnic Institute of Iasi, currently Gheorghe Asachi Technical University, in 1989. Professor Popa started his academic career at the higher education institute of Suceava, currently Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava. In 1998, he obtained his PhD from the Polytechnic Institute of Iasi and went through all academic levels at the University of Suceava. In 2005, he became a professor and in 2009, a PhD coordinator. In 2012, Professor POPA was elected Rector of Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava, a position he holds to this day.

**Professor Sorin RUGINA**

Representing Romania

Rector

Ovidius University Of Constanta

Professor Sorin Rugina is the Rector of Ovidius University Of Constanta.

**Ms Xenia KOROTKOVA**

Representing the Russian Federation

Head Unit

The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA)

Ms Xenia Korotkova is an alumni of the State University of Management. She holds a Master's degree in Social and Human sciences from the University Paris-Sorbonne. From 2014 to 2018 she worked for the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation as a coordinator of collaboration with Asia-Pacific International organizations including ASEM, ASEAN, APEC, EAS, BRICS etc. She is a member of the working group for elaboration of the Strategy for BRICS Economic Partnership and of the working group for elaboration of the APEC Education Strategy 2030. In 2016 Ms Korotkova acted as a Lead Shepherd of the APEC HRDWG. Since 2019 Ms Korotkova works for RANEPA as a Head of International Admission Office.

**Ms Larisa TARADINA**

Representing the Russian Federation

Director for International Education and Cooperation Development

The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA)

Ms Larisa Taradina is an alumni of Moscow School for the Social and Economic Sciences, Higher School of Economics and Fullbright. She holds a Master's degree in Social Management from Manchester University. She is copy editor of the Russian language version of journal "International Higher Education" edited by the Center for international higher education of Boston College. From 2005 to 2014 Ms Taradina was deputy head of International cooperation department of High School of Economics. From 2014 to 2017 Ms Taradina was Head of branch for international programs for university leadership in Federal priority project 5-100. Since 2017 she works for RANEPA as Director for international education and cooperation development. Among her main focuses are interuniversity collaboration (French-Russian University, Spanish-Russian University Alliance); internationalization of university campus including the support for foreign students; and training for trainers and administrative related to international collaboration.

**Prof Anne PAKIR**

Representing Singapore

Associate Vice President (University and Global Relations)

National University of Singapore (NUS)

Professor Anne Pakir received her Bachelor's, Master's and PhD degrees, respectively, from NUS, UC Berkeley and University of Hawaii, Manoa and is with the Department of English Language and Literature at NUS. She was Director of International Relations at NUS (2008-2017) and is currently Associate Vice President, University and Global Relations. She was Vice President of the Asia Pacific Association for International Education (APAIE, 2016-2018). A Fulbrighter at Berkeley and Cornell, she served as President of the Fulbright Association (Singapore) from 2008-2011 and was a TOEFL Board Member (2005-2009). She was conferred The Ordre des Palmes académiques from the French Government and received the Public Administration Medal from the Government of Singapore (2014). She is an Honorary Life Member of AILA, the International Association for Applied Linguistics. Her primary research interest is in English-knowing bilingualism and World Englishes. She is currently working on a Routledge book project, "English in Singapore: Global Competence and Local Realities".

**Mr Justin TAY**

Representing Singapore

Regional Director & General Manager (Asia)

Times Higher Education

Mr Justin Tay, Times Higher Education (THE)'s Regional Director & General Manager (Asia), oversees THE's strategic partnerships and initiatives in Asia, and leads the team from the Asia Headquarters. Mr Tay continues to establish partnerships with governments, media and news agencies, and corporations, while working closely with universities and helping them build visibility and awareness around their research and brands. Prior to his current role Mr Tay came from an audit, accounting, and credit rating background. He holds a Chartered Accountant (CA Singapore) and an Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) membership from the UK. He is based at the THE Singapore office.

**Mr Gabriel WEIBL**

Representing Slovakia

Lector and researcher

Comenius University in Bratislava

Mr Gabriel Weibl's research interests are in the area of international student mobility and internationalization of higher education (idea of cosmopolitanism, intercultural competence, knowledge transfer and employability), political communication through social media, and queer geography. He studied at the NCRE (University of Canterbury, New Zealand), was a visiting scholar at Charles University, University of Oxford, the University of Primorska, the University of Valencia and London Metropolitan University. Gabiel also works at the Institute for Forecasting - Slovak Academic of Sciences. He teaches EU and Social Media; History of Political Thought, Comparative Politics Western Europe and Political English (Public speech and debate). He is currently doing research on ENLIVEN - Lifelong learning (Horizon2020). His upcoming publication will be "Risk, Uncertainty and the Role of Serendipity in International Student Mobility in Globe in Motion 2."

**Professor Dr Zdravko KAČIČ**

Representing Slovenia

Rector

University of Maribor

Professor Dr Zdravko Kačič is a full professor at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (FERI) of the University of Maribor since 2003. From 2011 to 2015, he was vice-rector of the University of Maribor for financial matters. His scientific bibliography comprises of more than 650 bibliographic units, among which are 95 articles published in scientific journals, 190 articles in conference proceedings, 10 chapters in monographs and 44 final reports on research results. He was a visiting researcher at the Technical University of Berlin and a visiting professor at the Technical University of Munich, Germany, as well as at the Umea University, Sweden. He was also invited to lecture at various European universities. Upon his appointment, Professor Dr Kačič emphasised that "with its performance, the University has to justify the confidence of the broader society in fulfilling its mission".

**Dr Àngels FITÓ BERTRAN**

Representing Spain

Vice President for Competitiveness and Employability

Universitat Oberta de Catalunya

Dr Àngels Fitó Bertran is the Vice President for Competitiveness and Employability at the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya in Spain since 2010. Previously she taught in many other Spanish universities as an Associated Professor while she worked as consultant in the financial and accounting area. She holds a PhD in in Economic and Business Sciences (2005) and a MsC in Accounting and Finance (1998) from the Universitat de Barcelona. Her research interests are management and e-learning, management accounting, financial accounting and accounting education. The results of her research have been published in relevant indexed journals or books. She attends regularly to accounting and education national and international conferences.

**Ms Nadja GMELCH**

Representing Spain

Head of projects, Globalisation and Cooperation

Universitat Oberta de Catalunya

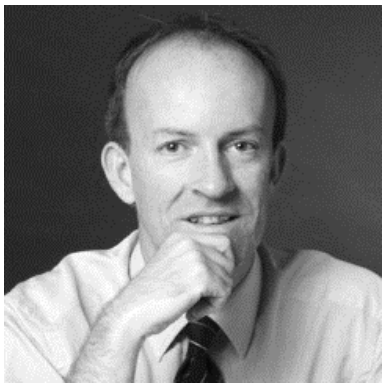
Nadja Gmelch is currently working at the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC) in the Department of Globalisation and Cooperation as Head of Projects. Among her tasks is the promotion of Open Science and Open Knowledge at the UOC as well as the contribution to an institutional wide strategy for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. She has over ten years working experience in different fields of higher education and research management. Nadja studied Language, Business and Cultural Studies at the University of Passau in Germany and is Master in European Development Cooperation Policies from the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

**Dr Josep M. VILALTA**

Representing Spain

Executive Secretary

Catalan Assossiation of Public Universities (ACUP)



Dr Josep M. Vilalta is the Executive Secretary of the Catalan Association of Public Universities (ACUP) and Director of the Global University Network for Innovation (GUNI), formed by UNESCO and the ACUP. He is a specialist in management and public policy, education policy and university management and R&D. He has been a visiting professor in public policy and management at various universities in London (Great Britain) and Twente (Netherlands). He has been Deputy Director for Research at the Generalitat of Catalonia, Head of the Evaluation, University Studies and Cooperation of the Catalan Government, promoter and coordinator of the UNESCO Chair of Higher Education Management. Dr Vilalta has published more than sixty papers for publications, book chapters and books on public administration, public policy, education, universities and scientific policy.

**Ms Gemma XARLES**

Representing Spain

Director of Globalisation and Cooperation

Universitat Oberta de Catalunya

Ms Gemma Xarles i Jubany is Director of Globalisation and Cooperation at the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC), where she has the mission to implement the university's globalisation strategy as well as to foster development cooperation. She has twenty years of experience in the area of development cooperation, working for NGOs as well as coordinating diverse programmes at the United Nations. She studied Economics and Political Sciences, focussing her academic and research career on human development, peace and development cooperation.

**Professor Göran FINNVEDEN**

Representing Sweden

Vice-president for Sustainable Development

KTH Royal Institute of Technology

Professor Göran Finnveden is Professor of Environmental Strategic Analysis and Vice-president for sustainable development at KTH Royal Institute of Technology. As Vice-president he is responsible for the integration of sustainable development in education, research and collaboration across the whole university. He is also a member of KTH's management council. His main research interest is the use and development of life cycle assessment and other sustainability assessment tools. His contributions include both methodology development and case studies. He also works with environmental policy and futures studies for sustainable development. Application areas include buildings, energy, ICT, transportation, urban development and waste management. He is a member of the editorial boards of seven scientific journals and the board of the International Sustainable Campus Network.

**Professor Martin HELLSTRÖM**

Representing Sweden

Vice-Chancellor

University West

Professor Martin Hellström is a Professor of Literature. He obtained his doctorate in 1990. His dissertation's title was Veritas amoris. Die 'Tristan' - Konzeption Gottfried von Strassburg. He was a Foreign Lecturer at Umeå University (1991-1993), Lecturer in German at Mid-Sweden University (1993-1994) and subsequently Lecturer (1995), Associate Professor (2003), and then Professor (2011) in German literature at the University of Gothenburg, and Professor of Literature at the University of Borås (2012). He was head of the subject of German at Mid-Sweden University (1993-1994), Head of the Department of German and Dutch (1997-2001, 2006-2007), Vice Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Gothenburg (2007-2011), Pro Vice-Chancellor at the University of Borås (2011-2016) and since 2017 Vice-Chancellor of the University of West.

**Professor Stephan HUBER**

Representing Switzerland

Head of the Institute for the Management and Economics of Education

University of Teacher Education Zug

Prof Stephan Huber is Head of Research and Development, Member of the University Leadership, and Head of the Institute for the Management and Economics of Education of the University of Teacher Education Zug Switzerland. He also is a member of the School of Education (ESE) at the University of Erfurt, Senior Research Fellow Hong Kong Institute of Education, Adjunct Professor Institute for Education Research Griffith University Brisbane. He held guest professorships in Europe and Asia, is member of the academic advisory boards of different national and international associations and institutions, is editor-in-chief of EAEA and member of the editorial board of several journals. He is also head of the national interdisciplinary research consortium of the Young Adult Survey of Switzerland of the Swiss Federal Surveys of Adolescents. For more than 10 years, he has hosted and chaired the World Education Leadership Symposium (WELS.EduLead.net).

**Assoc. Professor Nopraenue Sajjarax DHIRATHITI**

Representing Thailand

Acting Vice-President for International Relations and Corporate Communication

Mahidol University

Assoc. Professor Nopraenue Sajjarax Dhirathiti is currently serving as Acting Vice-President for International Relations and Corporate Social Communication at the Office of the President as well as Associate Professor in Public Policy and Public Administration at the Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Mahidol University. She obtained a PhD degree in Politics and International Studies at the University of Warwick (U.K.) and a Master's degree in Politics of the World Economy from LSE, University of London (U.K.). Her current research interest is on co-production in public policy focusing on lifelong learning for elderly people as well as other areas of education policy. The work experience she has is much related to the harmonization and internationalisation of higher education. She was the Senior Specialist at SEAMEO Regional Centre For Higher Education, Senior Programme Officer AUN Secretariat (1998-2000) and also a consultant and a resource person to the Asian Development Bank and the UNESCO.

**Professor Bundhit EUA-ARPORN**

Representing Thailand

President

Chulalongkorn University

Professor Bundhit Eua-Arpon obtained his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Electrical Engineering from Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, and a PhD degree in Electrical Energy System from Imperial College of Science Technology and Medicine, UK, in 1992. Before being appointed as the president of Chulalongkorn University (CU) in May 2016, he was the Dean of Faculty of Engineering, CU during 2014-2016. In 2015, he worked closely with the engineering alumni to establish an innovation club at the Faculty of Engineering, CU which has been a key element in driving innovation of the university since then. In 2016, he set up the CU Innovation Hub which opened up the opportunities for students and academic staff from different disciplines to work together.

**Asst. Prof. Flg. Off Chatchai KUNAVISARUT**

Representing Thailand

Acting Vice-President for Student Affairs and Alumni

Mahidol University

Asst. Prof. Flg. Off Chatchai Kunavisarut received his DDS (with honors) from the Prince of Songkla University, Thailand, in 1994. He received his Master's degree of Science in Prosthodontics from the University of North Carolina at Chapell Hill in 2000. During his training, he was awarded the 2nd place of John J Sharry Prosthodontics Research Award from the American College of Prosthodontics and Turner Award from University of North Carolina. In 2002 he received the ITI scholarship and completed his implant training at the Center for Implant Dentistry, University of Florida. He is an ITI fellow and ITI Study club co-ordinator for ITI South East Asia section since 2011. He is currently working as the Acting Vice-President for Student Affairs and Alumni at Mahidol University, and Clinical Director for the Joint Master program in Implant Dentistry and Dental Surgery between Mahidol University and International Medical College, Munster, Germany.

**Professor Pornchai MONGKHONVANIT**

Representing Thailand

President

Siam University

Professor Pornchai Mongkhonvanit is the current president of Siam University, First Vice President and Chair of Higher Education for Sustainable Development cluster of the International Association of Universities (IAU). He is also the President Emeritus of International Association of University Presidents (IAUP) and Former President of the Association of Private Higher Education Institutions of Thailand (APHEIT) under the patronage of Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. Professor Mongkhonvanit is also the Former President of the Thailand Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa. He has also received Honorary Professorship from Autonomous University of Guadalajara, Mexico and Guizhou University, China; he has been honored the PhD Honoris Causa from Angeles University Foundation, Philippines, University of Cordilleras, Philippines's Women University and Asia e-University in Malaysia. He also has received the distinguished alumni award from Saint Gabriel College and Kasetsart University.

**Ms Suchada PHRUTHONKUL**

Representing Thailand

Head, Strategic International Collaboration Unit

Mahidol University

Ms Suchada Phruthonkul received her Bachelor of Arts from Silpakorn University in 1985 and Master's Degree in Communication and Management from University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce in 1992. In 1993, she received an Australian scholarship to undertake an English course at Macquarie University, and in 1995 she joined an internship exchange program in the field of International Affairs at Manchester University. Ms Phruthonkul is presently Head of the Strategic International Collaboration Unit at the International Relation Division, Office of the President, Mahidol University. Her experience in international affairs in higher education has been extensive, as evidenced by her 30 years of work in this field. Her responsibilities have mainly involved foreign affairs such as protocols, networking and academic development, promotion of internationalisation in inbound and outbound mobility, hosting international conferences, etc.

**Asst. Prof. Dr. Thakerng WONGSIRICHOT**

Representing Thailand

Vice-President

Prince of Songkla University

Asst. Prof. Dr. Thakerng Wongsirichot is the Vice-President for International Affairs at Prince of Songkla University (PSU), Thailand. He aims to internationalise PSU to meet the premium international standards in various aspects including academic and research excellence. PSU targets to increase both outbound and inbound students from all around the world. Intelligent mechanisms with IT supports are managed and fully integrated into the International Affairs Office in order to promote the managerial decision making. He was the Assistant President for Educational Media and Instructional Development and the Head of ICT Department. He has a PhD in Computer Science. His specialisations are Machine Learning, Health Informatics, Information System, and Mobile Programming.

**Dr Graeme ATHERTON**

Representing the United Kingdom

Director

National Education Opportunities Network (NEON), Leader of the World Access to Higher Education Day (WAHED)

Dr Atherton founded and leads the National Education Opportunities Network (NEON): the national professional organisation for equality and diversity in higher education in UK. He has produced nearly 200 publications, holds visiting professorships at 3 different universities including Sunway University, Kuala Lumpur and leads on the World Access to Higher Education Day initiative.

**Ms Meg BAKER**

Representing the United Kingdom

Senior Project Officer - Education for Sustainable Development

National Union of Students - UK

Ms Meg Baker is working to increase student experiences of Education for Sustainable Development. She leads on applied learning programmes at the Nation Union of Students (UK), creating partnership working for sustainability between students and community organisations for environmental and social benefit through research, innovative and creative projects or placements. She was previously working at University of Gloucestershire and their Students' Union leading on student and community engagement for sustainability, this also involved her coordination of a UN Regional Centre of Expertise for Sustainability Education in the Severn region. She has a degree in Geography from University of Glasgow and an Environmental Consultancy MSc from University of Plymouth.

**Mr Phil BATY**

Representing the United Kingdom

Chief Knowledge Officer

Times Higher Education

Mr Phil Baty is a leading international authority on university performance and strategy, with more than 22 years of experience in global higher education, including a decade as Editor of the prestigious Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings and its derivative analyses. He is an award-winning journalist, a sought-after speaker and commentator and the creator of the THE World Academic Summit.

**Mr Michael CARUANA**

Representing the United Kingdom

Director

Times Higher Education

Mr Michael Caruana has more than 10 years of educational and higher educational experience behind him. He now acts as a Director in THE's Strategic Solutions department, supporting Universities globally in their performance and development strategies through consultation and data analysis.

**Professor Liz GRANT**

Representing the United Kingdom

Assistant Principal

University of Edinburgh

Professor Liz Grant, FRSE, FRCPEdin, MFPH is an Assistant Principal at the University of Edinburgh and Director of the Global Health Academy. She is responsible for developing and supporting global health partnerships with colleagues in low and middle income countries (LMIC) communities, and for local and global advocacy translating global health research into action. Liz holds a chair in Global Health and Development. Professor Grant has led the development of a suite of global health MSc programmes, MOOCs and a Global Health PhD programme specifically designed for LMIC students. She is a co-director of the University's Global Compassion Initiative developing work on the value base of the Sustainable Development Goals, the science of compassion, and the contribution that faith communities make to the SDGs. She co-chairs the Chaplaincy Committee and is also a member of the Scottish Government NHS Global Citizenship Board.

**Mr Michael LUBACZ**

Representing the United Kingdom

Director

Times Higher Education

Mr Michael Lubacz leads THE's global brand and strategic solutions team. He works closely with institutions to help raise their international profiles, build visibility around their research excellence, and create identities that differentiate their institutions in what is a competitive global market.

**Professor Alpaslan ÖZERDEM**

Representing the United Kingdom

Associate Pro-Vice Chancellor for Research

Coventry University

Professor Alpaslan Özerdem has engaged in the development and implementation of strategy, policy making and evaluation in the areas of humanitarianism and post-conflict reconstruction with practical and academic experience of nearly 20 years in conflict and peace studies. He has extensive experience in researching, advising, teaching, and publishing in the politics of humanitarian interventions, role of faith in conflict prevention, youth in peacebuilding, rising powers in peace and conflict, disaster management, security sector reform (SSR), reintegration of former combatants and post-conflict state building. Professor Özerdem teaches methods of conflict and political analysis in a wide range of operational environments in the context of war-to-peace transition, and also, the analysis of the challenges faced in peacemaking, peacekeeping and peace building processes, and approaches for designing effective post-conflict reconstruction responses through tailor-made policies and strategies.

**Professor TRAN Diep Tuan**

Representing Viet Nam

President

University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Ho Chi Minh City

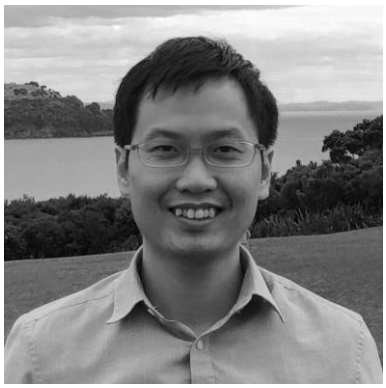
Professor Tran Diep Tuan Tran is the President of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy at Ho Chi Minh City (UMP), which is one of the two most influential medical universities in Vietnam. Under his tenure, the UMP has demonstrated its strong commitment for innovation and quality improvement. Professor Tran received his M.D. training at UMP (1989), and then specialized in pediatrics (1990-1993) and later in pediatric neurology. He got his PhD training at Tokyo University (1998-2003) and post-doctoral training at National Institutes for Physiological Sciences of Japan (2003) and at University of Michigan (2003-2005). He was a fellow of Asian Youth Fellowship (1997), Monbusho Fellowship (1998), John J. Bonica Award (2002), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (2003), International Brain Research Organization (2003), WHO/NINDS International Neurological Science Fellowship (2003), International Dean's Course in South East Asia.

**Dr VO Huan**

Representing Viet Nam

Deputy Head, Office of External and Public Relations

International University (Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City)



Dr Vo Huan is Deputy Head, Office of External and Public Relations as we as a Lecturer, School of Business at the International University (Vietnam National University HCMC).

**Dr Natalia BICHURINA**

Representing an Organisation

President of the Eurasian chapter

Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association (EMA)

Dr Natalia Bichurina is President of the Eurasian chapter of the Erasmus Mundus Association (EMA) and Senior researcher at the University of Lausanne. She has studied and worked in Russia, UK, France, Italy, Australia and Switzerland. In 2016, she defended her Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate "Interzones" dissertation in Sociolinguistics and Cultural anthropology, at the universities of Perpignan, Bergamo and Sydney. She holds her Master's degrees in Linguistics, Letters and Sociology (Saint Petersburg State University, French University College, University of Saint Andrews, University of Perpignan) and a degree in Cultural Anthropology (European University at Saint Petersburg). She received research funding from the Swiss Government, the Swiss National Science Foundation, the French Government, and the European Union. Serving as President of EMA in Eurasia since 2015, she has been working on the internationalisation of higher education, organising around 40 events annually across Eurasia.

**Mr Ramu DAMODARAN**

Representing an Organisation

Chief, United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI)

United Nations

Mr Ramu Damodaran is Deputy Director for Partnership and Public Engagement in the United Nations Department of Public Information's Outreach Division and is chief of the United Nations Academic Impact initiative, which aligns institutions of higher learning and research with the objectives of the United Nations and the States and peoples who constitute it. He is also the current secretary of the United Nations Committee on Information. His earlier posts with the Organization have included the Departments of Peacekeeping and Special Political Questions, as well as the Executive Office of the Secretary-General. Mr Damodaran has been a member of the Indian Foreign Service, where he was promoted to the rank of Ambassador, and where he served as Executive Assistant to the Prime Minister of India as well as in the diplomatic missions in Moscow and to the United Nations, and in a range of national governmental ministries.

**Dr Choltis DHIRATHITI**

Representing an Organisation

Executive Director

ASEAN University Network (AUN)

Dr Choltis Dhirathiti is currently the Executive Director of the ASEAN University Network (AUN), an inter-governmental organization under the ASEAN Secretariat. He is also a Lecturer in Politics at the Faculty of Political Science at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. Dr Dhirathiti has been teaching normative political theory at Chulalongkorn University since 1996. His academic research interests include history of Western political thought, philosophical idealism and political ethics. His public services to the public sector in Thailand involve thinking-skill trainings and public sector strategies. Dr Dhirathiti has worked for ASEAN University Network (AUN) since 2009 where he employs his experience on public sector strategies, policy consultancy and human resource development to the work of regional and multilateral cooperation among universities in Southeast Asia.

**Ms Marie-Céline FALISSE**

Representing an Organisation

Liaison Officer

Erasmus Student Network (ESN)

Ms Marie-Céline Falisse has been volunteering with the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) since 2012, contributing to enriching the international experiences of higher education students through her active involvement at the different levels of the organisation. Ms Falisse is one of the authors of the ESNsurvey 2016, a large research project on the international-friendliness of higher education institutions. Her focus point in this research was the reintegration of students after their mobility experience abroad. She has an academic background in languages and communication, and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in International Development Studies part-time. She has been involved in youth organisations from a young age and has experience with international mobility programmes herself.

**Professor Pam FREDMAN**

Representing an Organisation

President for International Association of Universities

International Association of Universities (IAU)

Professor Pam Fredman has a background as professor in Neurochemistry at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden. Over the years, she has been active in a large number of scientific and scholarly contexts. Between 2006 and 2017 she served as Vice-Chancellor of the University and before that she has held several leading positions within the University, including Dean of the faculty of medicine. As Vice-Chancellor she was from 2008 to 2014 the chairman of the Association of Swedish Higher Education (SUHF) and was actively involved in political and policy activities concerning Higher education and Research on national, Nordic and European level, mainly through European University Association (EUA) as council member and member of the EUA Research Policy Working group. She was appointed by the Swedish government to investigate model for governance and resource allocation to Higher Education Institutions. Professor Fredman is currently the elected president of the International Association of Universities (IAU).

**Ms Katrina KOPPEL**

Representing an Organisation

Vice-President

European Students' Union (ESU)

Ms Katrina Koppel is Vice President of the European Students' Union (ESU) for the period 2018-2019, and was previously a member of the Executive Committee of ESU. She is a student and civil society activist from Estonia having participated for over 7 years in the movement. Her research background is in political communication, and more specifically on populism. Ms Koppel also has a long-standing experience in quality assurance of education; having served for two years in the Quality Assessment council of Higher Education at the Estonian Quality Agency for Higher and Vocational Education (EKKA). During her time there, she participated in multiple trainings both as participant and trainer for several topics such as ESG's, feedback mechanisms, and recruitment. She also has experience with training groups on creating strategies, action plans and plans of work.

**Ms Piyapat KULTANAN**

Representing an Organisation

Senior Programme Officer

ASEAN University Network (AUN)

Ms Piyapat Kultanan is currently Senior Programme Officer at the ASEAN University Network (AUN). Her main areas involve ASEAN affairs and ASEAN external relations as well as AUN Thematic Networks that involve activities and cooperation in specialized academic fields in collaboration with higher education institutions and partners in ASEAN and beyond in a number of education fields including engineering, business and economics, disability and public policy, health promotion, ASEAN economic community building, university and community engagements, and ecological education for environmental protection.

**Ms Lucia LOPOSOVA**

Representing an Organisation

Teaching Staff, Vice-President & Partnerships Director

The University of Hong Kong, Erasmus Mundus Association (EMA)

Ms Lucia Loposova is a graduate of the Erasmus Mundus master programme. She has lived in 6 different countries, including Myanmar, and is currently based in Hong Kong (SAR China) where she works for The University of Hong Kong, co-teaching courses on social entrepreneurship, business ethics and microbusiness consulting in developing economies. Her early career revolved around marketing and business while she was also actively volunteering for the Erasmus Mundus Association (EMA) which focuses on the issues of access and quality of higher education, inclusion, diversity and sustainability. She is now serving as EMA's Vice-President 2017-2019 and Director of Partnerships of the organisation. She believes in education being fundamental in transforming our society to a more equitable and just place where no one is left behind.

**Mr Giorgio MARINONI**

Representing an Organisation

Manager for HE and Internationalization policy and projects

International Association of Universities (IAU)

Mr Giorgio Marinoni holds the position of Manager, HE and Internationalization policy and projects at the International Association of Universities (IAU) since February 2015. Among his specific responsibilities are research on the latest trends on internationalization and coordination of advisory services to higher education institutions (HEIs), individuals working at HEIs and national governments and organisations. Before his current position at IAU, Mr Marinoni has gained expertise most specifically in the field of internationalization and in Higher Education policy and reforms, especially but not exclusively, at the European level. He has experience in the coordination of multilateral projects at the international level, involving different higher education stakeholders as well as public and private HEIs, networks of HEIs, student associations, national and regional governments.

**Mr M. Miandy MUNUSAMY**

Representing an Organisation

Officer

ASEM Education Secretariat

Mr M.Miandy Munusamy is an Administrative and Diplomatic Officer of the Public Service Department, Malaysia. He joined the Policy Coordination and International Division, Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia (MOHE) in April 2009 as a desk officer for multilateral cooperation. In September 2017, he started his Doctorate study at Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya. His research is on the Internationalisation of Higher Education in Malaysia and The ASEM Education Process. Currently, he is attached to the ASEM Education Secretariat (AES) Belgium to collect data for his PhD study with ASEM Education Senior Officials and stakeholders as well as assist the daily task of the AES.

**Prof Michael MURPHY**

Representing an Organisation

President-Elect

European University Association (EUA)

Prof Michael Murphy is President-Elect of the European University Association. A medical graduate of University College Cork (UCC) in Ireland, he undertook doctoral research at The Royal Postgraduate School in London prior to faculty positions at The University of Chicago. Following return to Ireland in 1992 he served sequentially as Professor of Clinical Pharmacology, Dean of Medicine and from 2007-17 President of University College Cork. As President, he supported the student leaders in shaping a comprehensive Sustainability agenda such that UCC became the first university in the world to be awarded the Green Flag by the Federation for Environmental Education, the first certified ISO50001 compliant university and the first in Europe awarded gold star rating by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Education (AASHE). Murphy's academic expertise has been in the clinical pharmacology of cardiovascular medicines. He has served on EUA Board since 2017.

**Mr Robert NAPIER**

Representing an Organisation

Vice-President

European Students' Union (ESU)

Mr Robert Napier is the Vice President of the European Students' Union (ESU). He holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons.) and a Master of Advocacy from the University of Malta. Mr Napier has a passion for Human Rights and is very keen on ensuring the understanding and implementation of the Social Dimension within the Higher Education area. Mr Napier has been involved in the student movement for more than four years and has served on the National Students' Council in Malta as Social Policy Commissioner, Secretary General and President. At ESU, his main areas of work are social dimension (including Sustainable Development Goals), Bologna Follow-Up Group (BFUG), cooperation with other organisations: Council of Europe (CoE), Eurostudent, E4 group (ENQA, EURASHE, ESU and EUA), UNESCO as well as the European Education Area (EEA) Student Card.

**Dr Tibor NAVRACSICS**

Representing an Organisation

European Commissioner for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture

European Commission

Dr Tibor Navracsics serves as the Commissioner of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport since 2014. He received his Law degree from the Loránd Eötvös University School of Law and Political Sciences in Budapest in 1990. He taught as a Senior Lecturer at Loránd Eötvös University, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, from 1997 to 1999. He obtained his PhD degree in Political Science from Loránd Eötvös University in 1999 following the approval of his dissertation "European Domestic Politics: Political Science Analysis of the European Union". Dr Navracsics served in the Prime Minister's Office as Head of Department from 1998 to 2002. Prior to his current position, he also held positions as Member of Parliament, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Administration and Justice and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

**Ms Naparat PHIRAWATTANAKUL**

Representing an Organisation

Senior Programme Officer

ASEAN University Network

Ms Naparat Phirawattanakul is currently a Senior Programme Officer at the ASEAN University Network (AUN). Her main responsibilities are in the areas of intergovernmental cooperation that directly serves the ASEAN and ASEAN+3 Education Ministers Meeting and the Senior Officials Meeting on Education. She is in charge of several projects including ASEAN External Relations and Academic Cooperation, AUN Thematic Networks, AUN Youth Mobility and the AUN Internship Programme. Assoc. Professor Phirawattana is also an occasional special lecturer at universities in Thailand.

**Mr João PINTO**

Representing an Organisation

President

Erasmus Student Network (ESN)

Mr João Pinto is a European citizen born in Lisbon one year after the creation of the Erasmus Programme. Having always been interested in global challenges, Mr Pinto holds an MSc in International Relations from both the University of Coimbra in Portugal and Sciences Po Bordeaux in France. In these institutions he has researched on how federal systems work, having written a thesis on the internal dynamics of the Russian Federation. Currently, he is a PhD candidate studying the global actorness of the European Union, especially towards Brazil and South America. After working in the European Research Council (European Commission), Mr Pinto who is the President of Erasmus Student Network is particularly interested in the role international students can have in making societies more inclusive and resilient.

**Dr Chantavit SUJATANOND**

Representing an Organisation

Centre Director

SEAMEO Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development (SEAMEO RIHED)

Dr Chantavit Sujatanond holds a Bachelor of Arts' degree in English and Public Administration, a Masters' degree in Linguistics and PhD in Education Administration as well as an ED.S in Curriculum Development & Instruction from Michigan State University, USA. She also received the Elaine K. Komo Award of the East-West Center, Hawaii, for outstanding accomplishments in strengthening internationalisation. Dr Sujatanond is currently the Centre Director of the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Regional Center for Higher Education and Development (SEAMEO RIHED) and previously served as Deputy Director (Administration and Communication) of the SEAMEO Secretariat. She held the position of Deputy Secretary-General of the Office of the Higher Education Commission (OHEC), Ministry of Education, Thailand. In her administerial capacities, she has represented Thailand in various regional and international platforms for intergovernmental cooperation as well as bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

**Dr Christopher TREMEWAN**

Representing an Organisation

Secretary General

Association of Pacific Rim Univeristies (APRU)

Dr Christopher Tremewan was elected 4th Secretary General of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities and took up the role in 2011. Before heading the APRU International Secretariat, he was the Vice-President/Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) of the University of Auckland, New Zealand. He holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in social anthropology from the University of Auckland, a Master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard University, and a PhD in political science (on Southeast Asian politics) from the University of Canterbury. He was elected a senior associate member of St. Antony's College, Oxford University, in 1991 from where he published the book "The Political Economy of Social Control in Singapore" (Macmillan and St Martin's Press, 1994, reprinted 1996). He was a visiting fellow at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. in 2003 and a visiting professor at Peking University in 2007 - 2008.

**Dr Hilligje VAN'T LAND**

Representing an Organisation

Secretary General

International Association of Universities (IAU)

Dr Hilligje van't Land is the Secretary-General of the International Association of Universities (IAU), since 2017. She serves the global higher education community through trends analysis, advisory services, peer learning and advocacy. Her main areas of expertise include: Internationalization, with focus on intercultural learning and dialogue; Doctoral education in Africa; Sustainable development. She holds a PhD in comparative francophone literatures from Groningen University (RUG), completed a post doc at Laval University, and has worked in international higher education over 23 years, including as lecturer and researcher at RUG, Univ Laval and Université d'Avignon, or as Academic Director, Institute for American Universities, in Avignon. She joined the IAU in 2002. Founded in 1950, under the auspices of UNESCO, IAU is the leading global association of higher education institutions and organisations from around the world. It counts 650 Members from 120+ countries.

**Dr Libing WANG**

Representing an Organisation

Senior Programme Specialist in Higher Education, Chief of Section for Educational Innovations and Skills Development (EISD)

UNESCO Bangkok

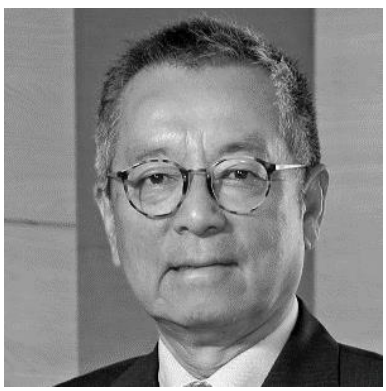
Dr Libing Wang is currently Chief of Section for Educational Innovations and Skills Development (EISD) and Senior Programme Specialist in Higher Education, based at UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education,Bangkok,Thailand. His areas of responsibility with UNESCO cover higher education, teacher education, ICT in education, TVET, ESD, and research and foresight in Asia and the Pacific region. Prior to joining UNESCO, he was a Professor of Comparative Education at Zhejiang University, People's Republic of China. He was secretary of the Global University Network for Innovation: Asia and the Pacific (GUNI-AP) from 2002 to 2012. Mr Wang got his doctoral degree in Comparative Education in 1994 at Hangzhou University, People's Republic of China. He was a visiting fellow at the University of Sussex and University of Warwick in the United Kingdom in the early and late 1990s. He published widely in the areas of comparative education, higher education policies, and teacher education.

**Dr Eden Yi-Teng WOON**

Representing Thailand

President

Asian Institute of Technology



Dr Eden Yi-Teng Woon received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa and his MA, MS, and PhD degrees, all in Mathematics, from the University of Washington in Seattle. He is also a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA, and the National War College in Washington, DC. He is a Justice of Peace in Hong Kong and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. Dr Woon assumed the position of President of Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) in 2018. He also serves as Special Advisor to the Shaw Foundation in Hong Kong. The Shaw Foundation has funded education projects in Greater China and elsewhere for over 30 years, and is the sponsor of the world-renowned prestigious Shaw Prize in Mathematical Sciences, Life Science and Medicine, and Astronomy. He was most recently the Vice Chairman of Alba Group Asia. Alba Group, based in Berlin, is one of the world's leading environmental engineering and services companies.

**Ms Thérèse ZHANG**

Representing an Organisation

Deputy Director, Higher Education Policy Unit

European University Association (EUA)

Ms Thérèse Zhang is the Deputy Director for Higher Education Policy at the European University Association (EUA). She works on topics related to learning and teaching, European policy developments in higher education, and global relations with other regions of the world. She has been active in higher education policy/management and, more generally, project management in education and culture, for over fifteen years. When Ms Zhang first joined EUA in 2008, she focused on quality management and institutional development, with responsibilities in various projects and in EUA's Institutional Evaluation Programme. As a Project Manager at the Belgian French-speaking quality assurance agency, she also coordinated evaluations and contributed to developing evaluation methodologies. Her earlier experience includes serving as a French teacher for several years. Ms Zhang is a graduate in Romance Philology and in European Studies, and was trained in Belgium, Italy, and the United States.

**Ms Leila CELLERIER**

Organisers

Project Officer, Education Department

Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

Ms Leïla Cellerier is a Swiss citizen who studied societal sciences in Geneva and Montreal. She graduated from the University of Geneva with a bachelor in Geography and Environmental Science and a master in Socioeconomics. She joined the Education Department in September 2018 where she is assisting with upcoming projects. Prior to that, she already spent a total of one year in the region through two internships, one at Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Office for Regional Cooperation in Asia on political feminism, based in Singapore, one at UN Women Asia and the Pacific in Communications and Strategic Partnerships Department, based in Bangkok. Deeply interested in Asian cultures as well as international relations and cooperation, she worked more specifically on gender issues in relation to migration, social movements and sustainable development.

**Mr Andy CHAN**

Organisers

Project Officer, Education Department

Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

Mr Andy Chan is a Singaporean who recently graduated from Singapore Institute of Management with a Bachelors (Hons) of Science in International Relations. He formally joined ASEF in December 2018 after completing his internship in October 2018. He supports projects under the Education Department's Youth Programme—ASEF Young Leaders Summit, ASEF Summer University, and Model ASEM. Prior to joining ASEF, Andy was an intern at the US Embassy (Singapore), where he covered issues relating to Human Rights and Human Trafficking with the Economic/Political Section. In 2012, he was a Sovereign Risk intern with DBS Bank where he assisted the department in monitoring credit ratings and producing reports. Outside of working hours, Andy spends his time volunteering at community centres and reading. His favourite genres are biography and history.

**Mr Ross CHEUNG**

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Mr Ross Cheung joined the Education Department in January 2018. Prior to joining ASEF, Ross participated in the Model ASEM in 2012 and ASEFYLS in 2015. He first started his career in corporate financing and then research in social entrepreneurship. He completed research projects on the topics of service leadership, voiceless groups, and university graduate entrepreneurship in Hong Kong. Besides, he volunteered at the Beijing Olympic Games, provided tour in Shanghai World Expo, and served at the International House of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Ross obtained his Bachelor's degree at Hong Kong Baptist University in Sociology and China Studies. He is currently a Master's student of the Erasmus Mundus Program in Global Studies, first in University of Vienna (Austria), then in Macquarie University (Australia), and he looks forward to completing his Master thesis in Leipzig University (Germany).

**Dr Alexandru Mihai GHIGIU**

Representing Romania

Vice Rector

National University of
Political Studies and
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Dr Alexandru Mihai Ghigiu was Senior Advisor to the Romanian Minister of National Education (2012-2014, 2016) and Deputy Minister in the General Secretariat of the Romanian Government (2017). Dr Ghigiu holds a PhD in Political Science and attended several training courses at École Nationale d'Administration – ENA, Paris, Universidad Complutense, Madrid, ETH, Zurich or Kennedy School, Harvard University, Cambridge (SUA). He published articles on topics related to EU foreign policy, with focus on EU – Latin American relations, in both national and international academic journals.

**Ms Leonie NAGARAJAN**

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Director, Education
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Ms Leonie Nagarajan has been working in the field of international relations for over 15 years, with a focus on Education Diplomacy since 2014. With an education programme portfolio that covers 51 countries across Asia and Europe, her work addresses education policies, higher education cooperation, activities in the field of lifelong learning as well as experiential learning and skills development for young people. As Chief of Staff, Leonie also advised and supported Asian and European ASEF Executive Directors in the planning and implementation of ASEF's long-range strategy, programmes and operations. Prior to joining ASEF, Leonie worked in Public Affairs and Communication for cultural institutions. Having studied in Germany, with a stint at Haskoli Reykjavik, Iceland, she received her Master's degree in Communication Sciences with minors in cultural and political sciences from the Free University and Humboldt University in Berlin.

**Professor Remus PRICOPIE**

Representing Romania

Rector

National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA)

Professor Remus Pricopie is professor and Rector of the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA), Bucharest, since March 2012. From December 2012 to December 2014 he served as Minister of Education and Research. His activity within the Romanian Ministry began in 1996, and includes positions such as Spokesperson, Director, Secretary General and Deputy Minister (Secretary of State) for Higher Education, International Relations and Teacher Training. Also, he has extensively worked / collaborated with many international organizations – UNESCO, UNICEF, EU, OECD, World Bank, United Nation University, Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie – and ministries of education / higher education and research from more than 100 countries. Prof. Pricopie holds a PhD in Political Science at the SNSPA and he is a Fulbright New Century Scholar alumnus, a World Academy of Art and Science Fellow, a member of the Romanian Chapter of the Club of Rome, and a member of the Atlantis Group. His educational background includes a rich international experience, being educated and trained in five countries and nine higher education institutions, especially in the United States of America and European Union.

**Ms Nanthini SAMBANTHAN**

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Intern, Education Department

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Ms Nanthini Sambanthan is a Singaporean citizen who studied International Relations in Australia. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Politics and Gender Studies) from La Trobe University and a Masters in International Relations (International Security) from the University of Melbourne. After spending several years in Australia during which she volunteered with organisations such as RedR Australia, she has just moved back to Singapore. She joined ASEF as an intern in February 2019 and is supporting the Education department in their upcoming projects. Prior to this, she had formerly interned at the Association of Women for Action and Research (AWARE) in Singapore, and worked on projects such as their Aim for Zero campaign, a project which promotes zero tolerance for sexual harassment. She also writes for the Young Diplomats Society as their Regional Content Writer for Southeast Asia and has contributed articles related to the security architecture of the region. Deeply interested in ASEAN/EU relations, she has worked more specifically on the roles of regional organisations in the furthering of multilateralism.

**Ms Reka TOZSA**

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Ms Reka Tozsa, a Hungarian national, joined ASEF's Education Department in September 2017. Reka is responsible for the ASEF Education Policy Programme projects, including the ASEF Rectors' Conference and Students' Forum. Prior to joining ASEF, Reka worked as the Head of International Office at the National University of Public Service in Hungary. Her role was to design and implement the international mobility scheme of the university, to plan joint project with strategic partners, and to build the international brand of the university. Reka had been working as a civil servant before, at the National Institution of Public Administration and the Ministry of Human Resources, State Secretariat for Higher Education and Science Policy. Reka obtained her first degree at the Corvinus University of Budapest in Public Administration, and successfully completed the Master in Public Administration program at the National University of Singapore, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.

**Mr Martin VIDANES**

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Mr Martin Vidanes is a Filipino multimedia designer. He joined ASEF in January 2019 and brings with him his experience in design and marketing from a variety of industries and fields. He is well versed in both print and digital work, but specialises in graphic and motion design as well as video editing. Prior to joining ASEF, Martin was employed by two multi-national companies over a span of 5 years. He has also worked in the editing room of several award-winning independent Filipino films either as an assistant editor or a colourist. As a consultant, he has worked on several projects with organisations such as the Bank of the Philippine Islands, Nickelodeon, The Asia Foundation, The Office of (Ret.) Chief Justice Artemio V. Panganiban, and Accord, inc. Martin is a graduate of the University of the Philippines — Diliman with a BA in Art Studies (Interdisciplinary).

**Ambassador Karsten WARNECKE**

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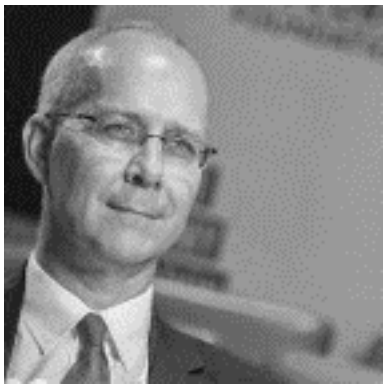

Ambassador Karsten Warnecke is the 7th Executive Director of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) in charge of the management and administration of the organisation, the implementation of its programmes and policies, and representing the organisation. He joined ASEF as the 6th Deputy Executive Director in August 2012. Before joining ASEF, Ambassador Warnecke dealt mainly with Germany's and the EU's involvement in ASEAN and in the ASEM Process as part of his portfolio as Counselor at the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin, where he served as Deputy Head of Division for Regional Organizations and Cooperation in Asia-Pacific. A seasoned career diplomat with over 25 years of experience, including almost 20 years with Asia, Ambassador Warnecke is adept at working in cross-cultural settings and in bringing people together from diverse backgrounds. Previous postings have seen him serve in the German Consulates-General in New York, USA, and Chennai, India, as well as the German Embassy in Singapore. Ambassador Warnecke holds an M.A. in International Relations from the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of the Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C., after studying Political Science at the Free University in Berlin.

**Mr Sean LEE**

Media Team

Photographer

Sean Lee Photography

Mr Sean Lee grew up in Singapore. His first body of work was Shauna, made between 2007 and 2009. This work was nominated for the Prix Découverte on the 40th anniversary of Arles Photography Festival. Since then, Sean has gone on to make other stories. His most recent work, Two People, received the 2011 ICON de Martell Cordon Bleu award. Much of Sean's work can be found in the collection of the Singapore Art Museum, as well as in the Sandor Family Collection. Sean's first book, Shauna, was released in September 2014. It was collected by the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) Library.

**Ms Caroline PAUL KANJOOKARAN**

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Young Reporter

European Youth Press

Ms Caroline Paul Kanjookaran is a Masters student of Sustainability, Society and Environment at Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, Germany. The study program analyses society's sustainable development issues and empowers students to develop strategies for a sustainable future. As a journalist, Ms Kanjookaran took up this program to further develop her leadership capabilities and to cement her commitment to contributing to sustainable development and social innovation. As part of her studies, she founded a Happiness Project and later, a food sustainability network, that aims to develop tools, models and databases to benchmark the global food supply chain from farm to fork. She is currently involved in a Science Communications project at her university, which adopts a solutions-journalism approach to not only address the complex societal challenges, but also to highlight solutions to these issues, in order to create a better future for all.

**Ms Nicole POP**

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European Youth Press

Ms Nicole Pop is currently a LL.M candidate at Maastricht University's Faculty of Law, with a strong focus on European External Relations Law. During her Bachelor in European Studies in Maastricht, she served as the Secretary-General and Conference Manager of the European Model United Nations 2017, an international conference bringing together over 500 enthusiastic students to debate current global challenges. The Model UN world has drawn her attention to international politics and law, resulting in the organization and execution of multiple smaller conferences and serving in various roles. Her interests lay in the field of external relations law, foreign policy analysis and implementation and evaluation of the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy.

**Mr Heiko SEIBEL**

Media Team

Videographer, photographer

Heiko Seibel Photography

Mr Heiko Seibel has been working as a freelance photographer since 2002. He has studied Journalism and Communication Science at the University of Muenster, Germany and Integrated Design at the University of Fine Arts Bremen. Heiko creates visual, video and photography concepts for businesses and magazines and develops his own artistic projects. Photography shall serve more than a decorative element to a text; it follows its own narrative and message. For his illustration and interpretation of movements in Olympic sport disciplines, he received the Art Directors Club Award in 2009. The series was published in the ZEIT Magazine.

**Ms Patricia SENGE**

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Young Reporter

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Ms Patricia Senge holds a Bachelor's degree in European Studies from Maastricht University. Thereafter, she interned at the Education Department of ASEF from September to December 2018. Now she is a political trainee at the German Permanent Mission to the Human Rights Council of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland before pursuing her Master's degree in European Law. Ms Senge is the project coordinator of Orange Magazine, the magazine of the European Youth Press. In her free time she enjoys practicing journalism for various youth online newspapers and enjoys hiking, diving and playing Volleyball.

## VISUAL CONCEPT

*The United Nations General Assembly identified 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that encompass many aspects of contemporary society. The goals serve as globally-recognised standards that call upon stakeholders across all sectors, including education, to implement them by 2030. Achieving the SDGs, however, is a complex interplay that requires both strategic thinking as well as creative and innovative methods. Solving a Rubik's cube - one of the most famous educational toys ever - resembles this multifaceted process: it takes not only analytical skills and imagination but also hands-on action in solving the puzzle to get all the colours, sides and patterns right within the given time. Like the pieces in a Rubik's cube, the SDGs are interconnected and any decision to move towards a certain direction has an impact on the overall pattern and outcome. The 7th ASEF Rector's Conference and Students' Forum (ARC7) is the platform for students, rectors, policy-makers and education ministers to showcase the interdisciplinary role of higher education in this serious game of developing and sustaining our societies. While the optimal solution may not be the easiest nor the quickest, we know we are moving the pieces in the right order by taking turns in drafting policy recommendations and making commitments towards the SGDs at ARC7.*

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