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Speaker biographies

Marleen Temmerman
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Marleen Temmerman is a medical doctor by profession, with a specialization in gynaecology, and professor at the faculty department Urology-Gynaecology at Ghent University Hospital. Professor Temmerman published about 200 A1–publications and 30 A2–publications. She was promoter of 16 PhD theses and innumerable licentiate theses. She was involved in 112 research projects, was (co) organiser of 8 (inter)national congresses, gave lectures on numerous international and national congresses of scientific organisations. She is reviewer/editor for over 15 scientific journals. Her scientific work mainly concerns HIV/STI and Reproductive Health. She is the Director of the International Centre for Reproductive health, a WHO collaborative centre at Ghent University. Since 2007 she is a Senator in the Belgian Parliament and president of the Senate Commission of Foreign Affairs.

Lluís Riera
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Mr. Lluís Riera is Director for Development policy at the European Commission's Directorate General for Development. In this capacity he is in charge of thematic policy issues, such as sustainable management of natural resources (including climate change, disaster risk reduction, food security, rural development); human development, social cohesion and employment (including education, health); and economic development (including infrastructure, regional integration, trade).

Mr. Riera's career at the European Commission spans more than three decades. Between 2002-2007, Mr. Riera was Director at the European Commission's Directorate General for Regional Policy with responsibility for the Instrument for Structural Policies for Pre-Accession (ISPA); negotiation of Structural Fund Programmes in new Member States and programmes and projects in various EU Members States, Pre-accession states and EU Candidate countries.

Between 1998 and 2002, Mr. Riera was Director at the European Commission's Directorate General for Employment and Social Affairs with responsibility for the follow-up of National Employment Policies, European Social Fund Operations and the Community Initiative Equal.

Between 1991 and 1996, Mr. Riera was Head of Unit at the European Commission's Directorate General for Development with responsibility for Coastal and Western Africa; and Relations with the Institutions. Earlier in his Commission career he was also Deputy Head of Cabinet of Vice President M. Marin and responsible for industrial relations with the United States, Canada and Australia in the European Commission's Directorate General for Internal and Industrial Affairs.

Before joining the Commission Mr. Riera was a professor in International Economics in Spain at the Business School (ESADE) and the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB). Mr. Riera is of Spanish nationality and holds a doctorate in Spanish Economic Policy 1959-1971 and a degree in Economics.

Jean-Marc Rapp
President
European University Association

Jean-Marc Rapp was Rector of the University of Lausanne from 1999 to September 2006 and President of the Rectors' Conference of the Swiss Universities (CRUS) from 2001 to 2006. He has been an EUA board member since 2005, Vice-President since September 2007 and President since March 2009.

He received a doctorate in law in 1983 at the University of Lausanne and a LL.M. from University of California at Berkeley (USA) in 1985. He has worked as a lawyer in Lausanne and San Francisco as well as having been a Substitute Judge at the Vaud Supreme Court (1986-1998), and has been Professor of Commercial and Contract Law at the Law Faculty of the University of Lausanne since 1989 (Dean of Faculty from 1996 to 1998). Before his appointment as Rector, he spent six months as an expert at the European Commission, DG XV, C5 (Financial Information and Company Law). During his term as Rector of the University of Lausanne, Jean-Marc Rapp has greatly contributed to implementing the programme of cooperation and the new strategic trends of the Universities of Lausanne and Geneva and of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology of Lausanne.

Lesley Wilson
Secretary General
European University Association

Lesley Wilson joined EUA at its creation in 2001 and formally took over as Secretary General in 2002. Previous to this she held a number of senior positions in higher education and research management at European level, in particular as Director of UNESCO's European Centre for Higher Education in Bucharest (UNESCO-CEPES) from 1995 to late 1999, Head of the newly established Science Policy Unit at the European Science Foundation in Strasbourg (1994/1995) and Director of the EC TEMPUS Office in Brussels from 1990 to 1994. A graduate of the University of Glasgow and the Institut des Hautes Etudes Européennes at the University of Strasbourg she spent her early career as a scientific staff member of the German Science Council in Cologne before moving to Brussels in 1988 to join the newly established ERASMUS Bureau.

Peter Moors
Director General for Development Cooperation
Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation

Peter Moors has been working for the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1988. He has been stationed at several embassies, and held several high positions at the office of the

Belgian Prime Minister (1999-2004). These include Head of the Policy Unit (2001-2004), Chairman of the Task Force “Belgian Presidency of the European Union (1 July – 31 December 2001) and Chairman of the ‘Collège du Renseignement et de la Sécurité’ (i.e. the senior coordination body of Belgian intelligence and security forces) (2003-2004). Between 2004 and 2007, Moors was ambassador of Belgium in Athens. He has been Director General for Development Cooperation - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation since 2007.

Sigmund Gronmo
Rector, University of Bergen
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Gronmo was born 1947, and has a degree of Magister in Political Science from the University of Oslo 1971. He has been Research Assistant at the Institute of Social Research 1972-1974, Research Fellow and Research Director at the Norwegian Fund for Market and Distribution Research 1978-1988, Adjunct Professor of Sociology at the University of Oslo 1978-1988, Professor at the Norwegian School of Management 1989, and, since 1990 he has been Professor of Sociology at the University of Bergen.

Furthermore, he has been Department Chair, Vice Dean, Dean, and Pro-Rector (Pro Vice Chancellor) at the University of Bergen. From August 2005 he has been Rector (Vice Chancellor) of the University. Gronmo is chair of the board of the Southern African - Nordic Centre (SANORD), and member of the Steering Group of the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN). He is a member of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters. His main research interests are within economic sociology, with particular emphasis on network studies and structural analysis. He has written several books and articles in Norwegian and international journals, especially in the areas of economic sociology, sociology of time, and methodology.

Tolly Mbwette
Vice Chancellor
Open University of Tanzania

Prof. Mbwette is a holder of a BSc. Engineering (Hons) degree specialized in Civil Engineering in 1981. He has gained a wide range of management experiences of higher education institutions at both micro and macro levels. He has for the last 25 years been a team leader of multi-disciplinary research teams responsible for treatment of both drinking and wastewater treatment systems that rely on bio-systems. He has a broad experience in management of higher education institutions initially through being an Associate Dean responsible for Research, Publications and Postgraduate Studies for three years in the former Faculty of Engineering at University of Dar es Salaam after which he assisted the UDSM Vice Chancellor in Coordinating the much acclaimed University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) Transformation Programme for eight years between July 1994 and April, 2007. Prof. Mbwette has also participated and is involved in a number of co-operation programmes in Africa ranging from East, Central and Southern Africa.

However, Prof. Mbwette has gained experience in reform of a number of organizational evaluations through re-design of organizational structures of a number of institutions and companies. He has led teams involved in institutional development of ten different Tanzanian and four regional institutions, the largest of which was AICAD research institute funded by JICA and East African Governments for East Africa based in Kenya as well as The National University of Rwanda. He has been involved in formulation of National ICT Policies

and Master plans in the higher education sector in Yemen and Ethiopia apart from his involvement in the school mapping project for primary schools in Tanzania.

Furthermore, Prof. Mbwette has held various positions in higher learning institutions. Between January, 2004 and 12th April, 2005, he was Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) at Open University of Tanzania. Since 13th April, 2005 to date, he is the Vice Chancellor, Open University of Tanzania following his re-appointment on the 13th April 2010 for a further and final five years. Moreover, Prof. Mbwette has vast experience in working with a number of public and private higher education institutions within and outside the country. In most of the work experiences, Prof. Mbwette has played the role of either a team leader or a co-ordinator thus clearly demonstrating his ability to work with a variety of terms.

Olusola Oyewole
Senior Expert, Higher Education
African Union Commission

Olusola Oyewole is Senior Expert on higher education at the African Union, with direct responsibilities for quality assurance, including the African rating mechanisms, scholarships and mobility. Until recently, he was the Coordinator of Mobilizing Regional capacity initiatives at the Association of African Universities, where he had also served as the project Officer in charge of Quality Assurance. Olusola Oyewole is a Professor of Food Microbiology at the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, where he is away on leave of absence.

Pascal Hoba
Head of Communications and Services
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Dr. Pascal Hoba is Head of the Communication and Services Department at the Association of African Universities (AAU) and Coordinator of the Database of African Theses and Dissertations (DATAD) program. He was previously the program officer for Communication and ICT for six years, at the secretariat of the Association of the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) based in IIEP/UNESCO Paris, France, where he set up the African Journalists Award and designed a training curriculum to specialize African journalists in reporting on Education.

He has also initiated the Open Access process with the DATAD program as a regional repository centre and has set up the African Higher Education Resource Centre at the AAU.

He has a Master Degrees in Law and Information and Communication science from the University of Aix-en-Provence, France and a PhD in Communication and Strategic Information from the University of Marseille 3, France. He is also the author of several scientific papers on strategic information in the CRRM scientific review at the University of Aix- Marseille 3. Since 2006, Dr Hoba is a member of the executive board of the Pan African E- Network at the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa.

Jan Truszczyński
Director General, DG Education and Culture
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Mr. Jan Truszczyński is the Director-General of the Education and Culture DG (EAC) as of May 2010. Mr Truszczyński joined the European Commission in January 2007, when he was appointed Deputy Director-General for Enlargement, with responsibility for enlargement strategy and communication. From 2001 to 2005 Mr Truszczyński was first Undersecretary of

State, then Secretary of State in the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In this capacity, he was Poland's chief negotiator during its EU accession negotiations. Prior to that, Mr Truszczyński was Ambassador of Poland to the EU in Brussels from 1996 to 2001.