IAU President and Administrative Board 2016-2020

Short biography and photos at the time of election on 15 November 2016 (Bangkok, Thailand)

President

Pam Fredman, Vice-Chancellor, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

Pam Fredman has served as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Gothenburg since 2006. She is a Professor of Neurochemistry and has held several leading positions within the University, for example as Dean of the faculty of medicine at the University of Gothenburg – the Sahlgrenska Academy. Fredman is the head of the University and its principal representative. Over the years, she has been active in a large number of scientific and scholarly contexts. Fredman has for example been Chair of the European Society of Neurochemistry and she is a member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, IVA.

Immediate Past President

Dzulkifli Abdul Razak, Former IAU President, Malaysia

Currently, Dzulkifli Abdul Razak is the first holder of the Chair of Islamic Leadership at the Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM), and an Honorary Professor at the University of Nottingham. He was as the 5th Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) and held the office from 2000-2011. He was instrumental in introducing many new innovative ideas and concepts that led to USM being acknowledged by the United Nations University as one of seven pioneering Regional Centres of Expertise (RCEs) on Education for Sustainable Development in 2005, to mark the United Nations Decade on Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014).

Africa

Members:

Abdul Ganiyu Ambali, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Nigeria

Prof. Ambali studied at the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria and University of Liverpool, UK for his undergraduate and postgraduate degrees respectively. Prior to his role as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, prof. Ambali has held a number of academic and administrative positions, among which are: Head, Dept. of Vet. Medicine, Univ. of Maiduguri, (for 5years); Director, Veterinary Teaching Hospital, University of Maiduguri, (for 5yeares); member and/or chairman of various Council and Faculty committees; and the Foundation Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, Nigeria. These responsibilities afforded him the opportunity to serve in various committees including among others, Finance and general purpose committees, Staff recruitment and promotion committee.
Primrose Kurasha, Vice Chancellor, Zimbabwe Open University, Zimbabwe

Professor Primrose Kurasha holds a PhD, MBA and BBS Hons degrees. She is a Full Professor. She is a qualified open and distance learning practitioner holding an Open and Distance Learning (ODL) practising certificate. She is the current Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Zimbabwe Open University. She made history in 2001, when she was appointed the first female Pro Vice Chancellor in Zimbabwe at the Zimbabwe Open University responsible for Finance and Administration.

Ebenezer Oduro Owusu, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ghana, Ghana

Professor of Entomology, Owusu pursued his undergraduate studies at University of Ghana where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. He obtained a Master of Science degree and a PhD in Entomology (gold medal award) from Kochi University, Japan in 1995. He has over 120 scientific publications and conference papers in internationally recognized journals. Prof. Owusu is a member of numerous local and international organizations/bodies such as the Entomological Society of Ghana, Entomological Society of America, Japanese Society of Applied Entomology and Zoology, Ghana Science Association, African Association of Insect Scientists, International Society of Pest information (ISPI), as well as fellow of Toyota Foundation.

Deputy members:

Paul Tiymbe Zeleza, Vice-Chancellor, United States International University-Africa, Nairobi, Kenya

Prior to taking office in 2016, he was Vice President of Academic Affairs at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut, USA. Previously he was Dean of the Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts and President’s Professor of History and African American Studies at Loyola Marymount University. He also served as head of the Department of African American Studies and the Liberal Arts and Sciences, Distinguished Professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, taught at the Pennsylvanlia State University, and was Director of the Center for African Studies and Professor of History and African Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Since 2006 he is Honorary Professor at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. In 2015 he was a fellow at Harvard University.
Members:

Stephen Freedman, Provost, Fordham University, USA

Provost of Fordham University, Dr. Freedman is professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. He leads the University’s schools and colleges, research centers and institutes, and other academic units. An experienced educator, researcher, and university administrator, Dr. Freedman earned his B.Sc. from Loyola of Montreal, his M.E.S. from York University in Toronto, and his Ph.D. in ecology and evolutionary biology from the University of California at Irvine. He also completed the United Nations Graduate Study Program in Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Freedman’s research focuses on the interaction between humans and their environments from an ecological perspective. An active scholar, he has authored or co-authored more than 20 articles, and has received numerous grants to support his research in biology, curricular development and educational leadership.

Marta Losada Falk, President, Antonio Nariño University (UAN), Bogotá, Colombia

President since 2010, Dr. Losada obtained her undergraduate physics degree and an MSc Physics from the National University of Colombia and her Ph.D. in Physics from Rutgers University, USA. From 1997 to 1999, she was a postdoctoral fellow at CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research), Switzerland. She has held positions as the National Director for Research at UAN from 2004 to 2014, and the Director of the Basic and Applied Science Research Center of UAN from 2000 to 2004. She is the group leader of the research groups in high energy particle physics focused on elementary particle phenomenology and cosmology as well as experimental high energy physics and has been a member of international collaboration efforts such as the ATLAS and NEXT Experiments.

Salvador Vega y León, Rector, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Mexico

Dr. Vega is doctor in Science and Veterinary Sciences, MSc in Food Science and Technology and BA in Pharmaceutical Biological Chemistry. He was appointed Rector of campus Xochimilco, Director of the Biological Sciences and Health Division, and Head of the Department of Agricultural and Animal Production. Dr. Vega is an advisor of Mexico City Head of Government, Dr. Miguel Ángel Mancera, for the city Constitution drafting in 2016; member of the Council Executive Board of the Mexican Gastronomic Culture Conservatoire, a consultative organism of UNESCO; and First Vice-President of the Latin American Institute of the Ombudsman-The People Defender- in Argentina.
Deputy members:

Mirta M. Martin, President, Fort Hays State University, USA

Dr. Martin is the first female president in the University's 114 year history and the first Hispanic president in the great state of Kansas' history. Dr. Martin holds a baccalaureate in psychology and political science from Duke University; a master of business administration from the University of Richmond; and a doctorate with an emphasis in strategic management and leadership from Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Martin's career involves work in both the public and private sectors. As a senior banking executive, Dr. Martin was recognized as a highly effective and innovative practitioner, positioning companies for growth and profitability. She has served in various faculty and administrative positions in academia, establishing herself as strong advocate and a transformative leader for education.

Pierre-André Pierre, President, Université Notre-Dame d’Haiti (UNDH)

Under leadership of Msgr. Pierre since 2008, UNDH has grown to become a seven campus university, offering in seven different provinces a variety of teachings in different fields, to name a few: Medicine and Pharmacy, Nursing, Bio Science and Medical Biology, Education, Psychology and Humanities, Religious studies, Business and Administration, Social Sciences, Economics, Law and Politics, Engineering and Architecture, Agriculture, etc. Msgr. Pierre is a well-known academic and social figure in the country and he has brought UNDH to a number of associations of Universities in the Caribbean and around the world and developed partnerships with a great number of institutions of higher education, in the five continents.

Asia & Pacific

Members:

Salim Daccache, Rector, Saint Joseph University of Beirut, Lebanon

Prof. Salim Daccache s.j. has been the Rector of Saint Joseph University in Beirut since August 1, 2012 after having been Dean of the Faculty of Religious Studies since September 2009 and Director of the Institute of Oriental Arts since September 2010. He holds a PhD in Philosophy on Muslim kalam in the tenth century at the University Panthéon-Sorbonne I, Paris and another PhD in Education Sciences on Primary and secondary School pluralism and Citizenship in Lebanon at the University of Strasbourg-France, a BA degree in philosophy at University Saint Joseph of Beirut and a Master of Theology and Philosophy from Centre Sèvres - Jesuits Faculty of Theology and Philosophy in France.
Etsuko Katsu, Former Vice-President, International, Meiji University, Tokyo, Japan

Prof. Etsuko Katsu was appointed Vice President, International of Meiji University, one of the leading private universities in Japan, in April 2008 and made her duty in 8 years up to the end of March 2016. She currently serves as board member of the Japan-US Education Commission, and director of Center for Entrance Examination Standardization. Since her appointment, she has promoted the Internationalization of the university and the university reform to make Meiji University Open to the World. She contributed a lot to get grants from government, including Global30, Go Global Japan, Re-Inventing Japan Project ASEAN, and Top University Initiative to promote degree programs in English, students and faculty mobility, and advanced research in order to establish a leading university in Japan.

Carmen Z. Lamagna, Vice-Chancellor, American International University - Bangladesh (AIUB)

Born in Manila, Philippines, Dr. Lamagne is the first women Vice-Chancellor in Bangladesh. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Adamson University, Manila, obtained her Master in Arts from Rizal Technological University, Philippines and Doctor of Business Administration in California Coast University, California. Under her guidance, the University, from its inception in 1995 has earned eminences as a higher seat of quality education in Bangladesh. From 70 students, the current student population is more than 11,000 under the Faculties of Science and Information technology, Engineering, Business Administration and Arts and Social Sciences. Dr. Lamagna’s achievements as an educator and manager may be gleaned from the positions she has in prestigious international bodies.

Pornchai Mongkhonvanit, President, Siam University, Thailand

Dr. Pornchai earned his undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering from Kasetsart University, Thailand. His graduate degree was in Finance and Banking from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA. He is also a member of IEM’s 2000 of the Graduate School of Education, Harvard University, and he is a Board member of World Association of Cooperative Education (WACE). Prof. Mongkhonvanit is internationally recognized as an expert on higher education strategy with emphasis on promoting sustainable relationships between universities and industries. He is also the founder and current Vice-President of the Business University Forum of Thailand, a common forum for university and industry to collaborate and share expertise on research, training and technology exchange in various dimensions.
Mahmoud Nili Ahmadabadi, President, University of Tehran, I.R. of Iran

Professor of the School of Metallurgy and Materials Engineering Prof. Nili Ahmadabadi got his BSc in Engineering and Sciences of Materials from Shiraz University and his MSc in Identification and Selection of Materials from Sharif University of Technology. He received his PhD degree in Materials Processing from the University of Tohoku, Japan. He has had many administrative managerial positions including: Head of the Metallurgical and Materials Engineers Society and Dean of College of Engineering, University of Tehran. He has gained many outstanding awards and titles such as Exemplary Professor of the University of Tehran, Exemplary Researcher, Winner of the COMSTEC award and Winner of the Second Rank in Khawrazmi Intentional Festival.

Ranbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Delhi, India

Prof. Singh is the founding Vice-Chancellor of National Law University, Delhi established by the Delhi Government in 2008. He is an ACU Council Member. He is Vice-President & EXCO Member of SAARCLAW India; Member of the Eminent Persons Advisory Group (EPAG) of Competition Commission of India. He is Past President of the Association of India Universities (AIU) and Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI). He was the founding Vice-Chancellor of NALSAR, University of Law, established by the Andhra Pradesh Government in 1998 for 10 years. It is the well-known premier institution for legal education and research in the country which was rated as one of the Best University in the Country in the year 2008 in ‘India Today’.

Deputy members:

Mosleh M. S. Salih Duhoky, President, University of Duhok, Iraq

Prof. Duhoky’s academic career spans 37 years. He graduated with a B.Sc. from the University of Sulaimani, the College of Agriculture, Department of Horticulture in 1976. He did his M.Sc. from the same university in 1978. He obtained his PhD with honor degree in Cytology form the University of Silesia, Poland. Since 2012 he has been the President of the University of Duhok. He has been active in promoting international standing of the University of Duhok by further cooperation with different European, American, Asian and Middle Eastern universities and centers of excellence. He is also member of the Board of Trustees at the American University in Kurdistan (AUK).
Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector, University of Management and Technology (UMT), Pakistan

Dr. Murad is the founding President of ILM Trust and the Rector/President of the University of Management and Technology (UMT). He received bachelor degree in Civil Engineering from NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi and an MBA from Washington State University, USA. He earned his doctorate in Management from the University of Wales, United Kingdom. He is also Chairperson of a nationwide network of colleges and schools consisting of about 200 institutions. The leading brands of ILM Colleges and the Knowledge Schools are serving the middle class by providing them high quality education. He is also founding Chairman of the Institute of Knowledge and Leadership (IKL), Dubai which offers executive development programs in MENASA region.

Mohammad Reza Pourmohammadi, Chancellor, The University of Tabriz, I.R. of Iran

Before assuming the role as Chancellor of the University of Tabriz in 2005, prof. Mohammad Reza Pourmohammadi has held several managerial positions within the institution among others Vice Chancellor for Educational Affairs and Graduate Studies.

Europe

Members:

Andrew J. Deeks, President, University College Dublin, Ireland

Educated at the University of Western Australia, Andrew received a first class honours degree in civil engineering in 1984. He worked in industry briefly, before returning to UWA to pursue his PhD and an academic career. He became Winthrop Professor, Civil and Resource Engineering, in 2004 and was Head of School from 2004 to 2009. In 2009, Andrew joined Durham University as Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Science where he led the development of the university's global presence strategy and extensive international partnerships, particularly in China and Brazil. In 2014 he took up the position as President of the UCD as the first Australian to lead an Irish university, and the first person from outside Ireland to lead the University since John Henry Newman (1854).
Maria de Fátima Marinho, Vice-Rector for Cooperation and Culture, University of Porto, Portugal

Maria de Fátima Marinho graduated in Romance languages from the faculty of Arts and Humanities at the University of Porto, where she has taught 19th and 20th century Portuguese literature since 1976. In 1987, she obtained her Doctorate with a thesis on Surrealism in Portugal. She is a Full Professor and has been Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (2010-2014). Since 2014 she is Vice-President of the University of Porto. She is also Visiting Professor for PhD in Portuguese Studies of the University of Eötvös Lorand in Budapest, Hungary, and Visiting Professor of the University of Belgrade, Serbia.

Remus Pricopie, Rector, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Romania

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 National Education. His activity within the Romanian Ministry began in 1996, and includes positions such as Spokesperson, Secretary General and Deputy Minister (Secretary of State) for Higher Education, International Relations and Teacher Training. Prof. Pricopie holds a PhD in Political Science at the SNSPA and he is a Fulbright New Century Scholar alumnus. His educational background includes a rich international experience especially in the United States of America and European Union.

Daniel Hernández Ruipérez, Rector, University of Salamanca, Spain

Prof. Daniel Hernández-Ruipérez obtained his degree in Mathematics at the University of Salamanca in 1976. He gained a PhD with his dissertation Duality in Algebraic Spaces. He was then appointed as Associate Professor (1978-1982), Lecturer in Geometry (1982) and Associate Lecturer in Topology (1983), finally obtaining the Chair of Geometry and Topology (1983). Since 1984 he has held managerial positions. He was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Science and also a member of the Governing Board of the University. Since 18 December 2009, he has been Rector of the University of Salamanca. At present, he also presides over the Internationalization Work Group of the Conference of Rectors of Spanish Universities (CRUE) and is leading the organization of activities.
Godehart Ruppert, President, University of Bamberg, Germany

After studies of Theology, Philosophy, Education and Media Sciences he was Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and Associate Professor of Education Science at University of Hanover (1979 to 1991) and since 1991 Full-Professor of Religious Education (Chair) at the University of Bamberg. His current positions are: President of the University of Bamberg (since 2000) and simultaneously President of the Virtual University of Bavaria (since 2002).

Actual Memberships et al: Andrássy University Budapest, Hungary, Member of the Board; German Foundation for University Admissions, Member of the Board of Directors; Confucius Institute Nuremberg, Member of the Advisory Board; Bavarian Broadcasting, Member of the Broadcasting Council.

Inga Žalėnienė, Vice Rector for Research and International Relations of Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania

Inga Žalėnienė graduated from Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania in 2001. After graduation she joined the Department of Law at Stock Company „Lithuanian Savings Bank” and worked as legal adviser. In parallel she lectured the discipline of Family Law at Mykolas Romeris university. Inga Žalėnienė finished her Phd in Law in 2006. She was appointed as Vice Dean of Law Faculty of Mykolas Romeris University in 2009 and was responsible for the development of education policy, formation and coordination of research groups, organization of scientific project activities, planning and accounting of scientific results. Inga Žalėnienė was appointed as Vice Rector for Research and International Relations of Mykolas Romeris University in 2010 and currently works in this position.

Deputy members:

Constantinos Christofides, Rector, University of Cyprus, Cyprus

With undergraduate studies at the University of Grenoble I, University of Grenoble II and the National Polytechnic School of Grenoble (M.Sc. in Physics, 1983, D.E.A in Energy - Economics, 1984, D.E.A in Energy-Physics, 1984 and Ph.D. in Applied Physics, 1986), Prof. Christofides worked as Post-doctoral Fellow at the University of Sherbrooke, and as Research Associate & Lecturer, at the University of Toronto in Canada. In 1992 he joined the academic community of the Department of Physics of the University of Cyprus (UCY). As the UCY Vice-Rector of Academic Affairs (2006-2010), he played an active role in establishing the UCY in the research community worldwide and strengthening the university-industry collaboration. Prof. Christofides has been serving as UCY Rector for two consecutive terms (2010-2018).
Henrik Øregaard Dam, Vice-Chancellor, University of Southern Denmark (SDU), Denmark

Holding a Master of Law (1991) Henrik Dam received his PhD from the University of Copenhagen in 1996. After one year with the Ministry of Health, he returned to the University of Copenhagen where he received his Doctorate in Law (Dr. juris.) in 2005 and was the same year appointed as Professor of Tax Law. The following year Henrik became Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Copenhagen and a member of the University’s Senior Executive Board. In 2014 he took up office as Vice-Chancellor (Rector) at SDU. As Vice-Chancellor, Henrik is engaged in a wide range of international partnerships including cross-border collaborations and student exchange agreements.

Oleg Smeshko, Rector, Saint-Petersburg University of Management Technologies and Economics, Russia

Saint-Petersburg University of Management Technologies and Economics (UMTE) is one of the largest private universities in Russia and Oleg Smeshko started his work at the University in 2000, and took the post of rector in 2014. Under his leadership UMTE has developed effective system of continuous multilevel education: secondary vocational education - higher education (Bachelor, Master) – Ph.D. studies. The University has also created and implemented new innovative training technologies of the educational process, including e-learning. Oleg Smeshko is a specialist in the regional economy and integral study of the spatial development of the North-West Federal District of Russia and he is actively involved in the implementation of practical projects for developing the strategy of socio-economic development of municipalities of various types.
Organizations

Member (National org.):

Molly Corbett Broad, President, American Council on Education (ACE), USA

A leading spokesperson for American higher education, Molly Corbett Broad became the twelfth president of the American Council on Education (ACE) on May 1, 2008. She is the first woman to lead the organization since its founding in 1918. Broad came to ACE from the University of North Carolina, where she served as president. Previously, she served as a senior officer for the California State University system and CEO for Arizona’s university system as well as a succession of administrative posts at Syracuse University.

Deputy member (National org.):

Zoltán Dubéczi, Secretary General, Hungarian Rectors Conference, Hungary

Dr. Zoltán Dubéczi graduated as a lawyer from the University of Miskolc in 1995 (legal bar exam 1998) and has been working as the Secretary General of the HRC since 2006. During the past 10 years, as the operative head of the unique representative body of the Hungarian Universities, he has been involved in all the strategic and legislation processes regarding higher education reforms in Hungary and gained comprehensive experience in international projects. Since 2014, he is honorary associate professor of Szent István University. In addition to his position at the HRC, since January 2015, he is the Director for Education at the Central Bank of Hungary, managing higher education programmes together with different universities in the fields of economics and social sciences.
Member (Regional org.):

Roberto Escalante Semerena, Secretary-General, Association of Universities of Latin America and the Caribbean (UDUAL), Mexico

After having graduated a Bachelor in Economics from the Faculty of Economics of the National Autonomous university of Mexico (UNAM), Dr. Semerena obtained a Master and a PhD in Rural Development from the University of London (United-Kingdom). Dr Semerena was also the Dean of the Faculty of Economics at the UNAM where he is currently Professor of “Natural Resource Economics”. Dr. Semerena is also a member of professional bodies such as the Association of Faculties, Schools and Institutes of Economy in Latin America (AFEIEAL), the Mexican College of Economists, the Association of Former Students of Economics, Faculty of Economics - UNAM, the Latin American Society (England) and the European Association of Latino Americanisms.

Deputy member (Regional org.):

Sultan Abu-Orabi, Secretary General, Association of Arab Universities, Jordan

Dr. Abu-Orabi is an organic chemist, who obtained his PhD from the University of Michigan, USA in 1982. Currently he is the Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities, which has its headquarters in Amman, Jordan. Prof. Abu-Orabi previously served as President of Yarmouk University, Jordan’s second largest public university, President of Irbid National University, and Tafila Technical University in Jordan. He was also President of the Jordanian Chemical Society and President of the Arab Union of Chemists. He was a visiting Professor at Bahrain University and at King Fahd University for Petroleum and Minerals, Saudi Arabia. Dr. Abu-Orabi is an Editor-in-chief of two international chemistry journals, and is a member of many editorial boards.

IAU Secretary General:

Eva Egron-Polak, Secretary General, International Association of Universities (IAU)

Educated in the Czech Republic, Canada and France, Eva Egron-Polak has been the IAU Secretary General since 2002. For nearly 20 years, she worked at Universities Canada, where she held several senior positions including Vice President, International. As Secretary General, she developed the IAU strategy and actions on various areas of policy in higher education and she has led the IAU to develop policy statements underlining ethics, academic values and higher education’s responsibility to society. She represents the IAU in numerous high-level committees and Boards at UNESCO and other organizations, often speaks at international conferences. In 2014 she was granted an Honorary Doctorate by Mykolas Romeris University in Lithuania.