



VALUES BEYOND 2015: THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE FOR UNIVERSITIES AND THEIR STUDENTS

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SPEAKERS



AJAO Victor is Nigerian, a graduate of Industrial Chemistry from the University of Ibadan (Nigeria), and an Erasmus Mundus Master student in Chemical Innovation and Regulation. He had his first year Master programme in the University of Algarve (Portugal) and presently in the University of Bologna for his research. His research is channeled towards the transformation of organic wastes to produce bioplastics. Victor has been involved in Student movement and service since his undergraduate. He was

elected the President of the Students' Chemical Society of Nigeria, University of Ibadan chapter, and was later awarded the best Student Leader in the faculty of science for his outstanding achievements in student leadership; was a Governing Council member of the Students' Chemical Society of Nigeria (National), and currently the Programme Representative of his Master course.



APPIAGYEI-ATUA Kwadwo is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Ghana School of Law where he teaches public international law, environmental law, and international human rights law. He is currently a Marie Curie International Fellow at the University of Lincoln, UK and has served as a consultant for a number of NGOs, including the International Center for Transitional Justice



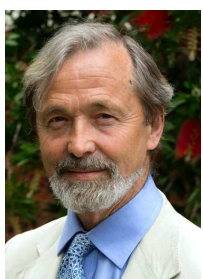
BALLADELLI Pier Paolo (Italy), married with children, is currently UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative for the Republic of Angola. He started his international career in 1984 as a Medical Officer with 'MLAL', an Italian NGO in Ecuador, where he also investigated on indigenous medicine, published on Spanish and Andean Quechua ethnic anthropology. Later he was associated with 'Cooperazione Internazionale'-Milan, serving as their Programme Manager and Country Coordinator in Bolivia. Paolo has spent eighteen years of his career working with the World Health Organization (WHO) as Head of Mission in Croatia, Angola, Colombia, Guatemala and Argentina. In 2011, he modeled the HIV Pandemia within

an American group at the Imperial College of London. In 2014, he was based in Jordan, where his expertise on humanitarian negotiation and assistance was used to lead WHO's 'Emergency for the Syria Crisis'. He also worked with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs based in Uganda as Coordinator, Great Lakes of Africa. Paolo has lectured on quality of services, global health and international development in many universities and published articles on the same subjects. He holds a Medical Doctor Degree magnum with laude at the University of Bologna where he also tool a Post-graduate Degree on Public Health. He is currently candidate for a Doctorate in Political Science at the Catholic University of Buenos Aires. His mother tongue is Italian and speaks fluently English, Portuguese, and Spanish, while has a working knowledge of French and Andean Quechua.



BON Roselinde is a Dutch university student, hailing from Breda. She will graduate from Amsterdam University College in June 2015, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts. As a student at AUC, she majored in the humanities and mainly focussed on (digital) anthropology, culture, communication, and philosophy. She plans to continue her academic education next year, when she hopes to do a Masters in philosophy. Other topics she has studied include new media, cultural memory, digital activism, and East Asian philosophy. In collaboration with four fellow students, she authored an article about student involvement in the SERU project's examination of student experience, which was published in the TH&MA journal. Currently, she is working on an ongoing

ethnographic research project that examines the entanglement of offline and online elements in 2014 Hong Kong protest art. She will also attend the Beijing Normal University Summer School of Philosophy. She publishes, on her blog, visual reports of her activities within the Netherlands and abroad, and received a "WordPress Freshly Pressed" status in December 2011 and June 2012. She participated in a photographic exhibition for young artists in Rovaniemi, Finland in 2014.



BOULTON Geoffrey, OBE FRS FRSE is Regius Professor of Geology Emeritus at the University of Edinburgh, and former Vice Principal of the University. He is a member of the Council of the Royal Society, chairs its Science Policy Centre and was principal author of the influential Royal Society Report on *Open Science*. He is chair of the Academic Advisory Council of the University of Heidelberg, a member of the Strategic Council of the University of Geneva, President of CODATA, the ICSU body responsible for the constants of science, and President of the Scottish Association for Marine Science. Until recently he was a member of the UK Prime Minister's Council for Science and Technology, the UK's top-level science advisory body, chair of the

Research Committee of the League of European Research Universities and author of many of its reports, including *What are Universities for?* His research is in the fields of environmental geology and glaciology, and he currently leads a major project on the Antarctic Ice Sheet. He has many national and international awards for his research and honorary degrees from several UK and European universities.



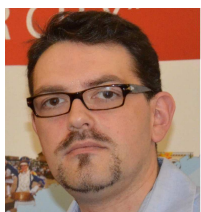
DIONIGI Ivano worked as researcher and lecturer at the University of Bologna until 1990, when he was appointed 'Professore Straordinario' for the chair of Latin Literature at the Faculty of 'Lettere' ('Arts') of Venice University Ca' Foscari. In 1994 he was appointed professor ('Professore Ordinario') in the Faculty of 'Conservazione dei Beni Culturali' ('Cultural heritage') of Bologna University at Ravenna. From 1 November 1997 he has been holding the first chair of Latin Literature in the Faculty of 'Lettere e Filosofia' ('Arts') of Bologna University. Since 2009 he has been Chancellor

of the University of Bologna. On January 14th, 2011 he was awarded the "Laurea Honoris Causa" by the University of Bucarest. On December 2011 he was appointed Board member of the Council of Confucius Institutes (Hanban) during the V plenary Assembly in Beijing (11 December 2011) On June 13th, 2012 he was awarded the "doctor honoris causa" degree by Mykolas Romeris University of Vilnius (Lituania). On November 21st, 2012 he was appointed President of the Pontificia Academia Latinitatis by the Pope Benedetto XVI. On April 17th 2013 he was awarded the Encomienda de Número de la Orden del Mérito Civil by the Ambassador of Spain in Rome on behalf of the King of Spain Juan Carlos I. Ivano Dionigi has delivered conference papers in several Italian and foreign universities, he is member of the editorial boards of international journals (e.g. Eikasmos), he is co-director of the prestigious series "Testi e Manuali per l'Insegnamento Universitario del Latino" (Pàtron, Bologna) and member of academic institutes and societies (Centro di Studi ciceroniani, Accademia delle Scienze di Bologna). Dionigi's research activity touches on different realms: classical Rome, as well as Greece, paganism and Christianity, classical and humanistic tradition, Latin and Italian, ancient and modern thought. Dionigi's approach to textual analysis focused then on the study of the language and textual criticism. More recent researches tackle the reception of classical authors in modern and contemporary Italian literature and the relationship between the humanities and science.



ELSHAYEB Yasser is the Coordinator of the EU ERASMUS+ program in Egypt, Director of the Embassies of Knowledge Initiative at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina. Since 2006, Dr. Elshayeb was highly involved in the Euro Mediterranean policies and dialogues on Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Culture, as a focal point of many Euro Mediterranean programs in Egypt and has presided many senior official meetings within the Euro Mediterranean space, while being highly involved in EU programs on Higher Education and Research. Dr. Elshayeb joined the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in 2012 as a director of the Center for Documentation of Cultural and

Natural Heritage. A center of excellence for the development of ICT tools and technologies for the Documentation of Cultural and Natural heritage, and in 2014, he became the responsible for the Embassies of Knowledge initiative for the development of a network of “embassies” of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina. A graduate of Cairo University in 1990 with a degree in Engineering, and a PhD from "Nancy School of Mines" in France on “the Contribution of Fuzzy Logic to Geotechnical Risk Assessment of some of the Ancient Tombs at the Valley of the Kings in Egypt”, Dr. Elshayeb have always been active in the field of Higher Education Management, Cultural Heritage Management and Conservation and Risk Assessment/Management.



GJELOSHAJ Kolë started his career in 1996 at the International University Sports Federation (FISU) and, after seven years of activity in the sport department, in 2003 was appointed as Director of Educational Services. Since then he has been in charge of implementing Conferences and Forums and has represented FISU at several conferences of international organisations dealing with Education, Youth and Sport (UNESCO, Council of Europe, European Union, International Olympic Committee and several other conferences). He was responsible for the development of new

committees - Development Committee, Gender Equality Committee, and Students' Committee-. For a period of 8 years, he was also in charge of the Development Programme of the Continental Federations. He has gained wide experience in sport events Protocol by serving as FISU Coordinator for Protocol (since 2002) also gaining in the meantime knowledge in State protocol as former Chief of Staff to the FISU President. Beside his professional career, he has developed an academic activity at the Free University of Brussels (ULB-French speaking) as Scientific Collaborator at the Institute of Sociology (2000 - member of Cevipol). In the last twenty years he has been lecturing in different academic institutions. He co-authored two books and is the author of more than forty articles translated into five languages.



GRØNNE Viktor is a member of the European Students' Union's Executive Committee 2015/2016. Prior to this he served one term as the Human Rights and Solidarity Coordinator. His working areas include Mobility & Internationalisation and the Social Dimension, with an emphasis given to recognition of prior learning and global student issues, including the post-2015 agenda. Before his time in ESU he served on the study board and in the Academic Council in his university, as a coordinator of the Danish-

Zimbabwean student partnership, and three years as a Danish representative to the Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions. Viktor holds a bachelor in Business Administration and Organisational Communication, and is currently pursuing a master's degree in International Business and Politics from Copenhagen Business School, one of 25 UN PRME Champion institutions.



GUAN Naija was born in Beijing, P.R.China. In 2006, she was appointed as Vice President for international affairs of Nankai University. She also serves as Chairman of School of Materials Science and Engineering in Nankai University. Before she took the position as Vice President, she used to be Dean of College of Chemistry in Nankai University from 2000 to 2005, and Provost of Nankai University from 2005 to 2006. Prof. GUAN got her Ph. D. in Chemical Engineering from Ruhr University in Germany in 1991. She is an expert in Porous Materials Synthesis, Reaction and Characterization, Environmental Catalysis, Nano-catalyst Preparation Technology and Development of Catalysts for fine Chemicals. She has published over 150 articles and over 15 patents

in her research areas. Now, Prof. GUAN is Vice Director of Zeolite Association in China.



KNIGHT Jane, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto, focuses her research on the international dimension of higher education at the institutional, national, regional and international levels. Her work in over 70 countries with universities, governments, and UN Agencies helps to bring a comparative, development and international perspective to her research, teaching and policy work. She is the author of numerous publications on internationalisation concepts and strategies, quality assurance, institutional management, trade, education hubs, and crossborder education. Her most recent books include

International Education Hubs (2014) and Internationalization of African Higher Education: Towards Achieving the MDGS (2013 co-editor). She is the co-founder of the African Network for the Internationalization of Education and sits on the advisory boards of several international organizations, universities, and journals. In 2010 the University of Exeter awarded her an Honorary LLD, in 2011 she was the recipient of the Outstanding Researcher Award from the European Association for Institutional Research, and in 2013 she was awarded the Gilbert Medal from Universitas 21 for her contribution to international higher education.



LOCK David was designated Secretary General of the Magna Charta Observatory in July 2014. He has had a varied career in international higher education and university leadership. As Director of International Projects at the UK's Leadership Foundation for Higher Education, David was responsible for instigating and delivering projects with over 30 different countries, some at Governmental level. Projects have included major programmes for Rectors and Ministry Officials to implement national HE reform and autonomy strategies over several years and building partnerships between universities in different countries. Until October 2007 David was the founding

Registrar and Acting Chief Executive of the British University in Dubai where he structured, built and then led the University following its legal creation by the Ruler of Dubai as a not-for-profit provider of Higher Education to UK standards. Prior to going to Dubai David was Secretary to the University of Huddersfield and Registrar and Secretary to the University of Hull in the UK for a total of 14 years. A teacher and Chartered Secretary by background, David has served on a number of international bodies and undertaken a range of consultancy assignments including international development and UK HE governance projects. He is Chairman of the Gulf Education Conference and serves on the International Advisory Committee of the British Council.



LOUTFI Mohamed is a Professor of Internationalisation and the Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) with responsibility for the development and implementation of the University's Internationalisation Strategy at home and abroad. Nationally, Professor Loutfi is a member of the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education's International Governance Group and the British Council - Going Global Steering Committee. Internationally, he is a council member at the Magna Charta Observatory of Fundamental University Values and Rights in Bologna and a member of the board of the European Quality Assurance Agency. He holds a BSc in Economics

and Political Science, an MSc in Information Technology and a PhD in Systems Thinking. Before joining Cardiff Metropolitan University, he held the posts of Senior Lecturer, then Principal Lecturer, then Head of Transnational Education at the University of Sunderland, UK. Professor Loutfi has worked on many EU projects for Education Reforms, Accreditation and Quality Assurance in Ukraine, Russia, Jordan, Lebanon and Egypt. He is currently working with the ministries of Higher Education in Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia and Morocco to develop a framework for building capacity for leadership in Higher Education through European experiences in this field. In addition to this, Professor Loutfi is currently coordinating six Erasmus Mundus projects; these projects aim to enhance institutional cooperation among partners by facilitating student and staff mobility exchanges.



MIHUT Georgiana is a Research Assistant at the Center for International Higher Education and a doctoral student in the Higher Education PhD program of Boston College. Her research interests concern the impact of university reputation on the employability of graduates, quality assurance in higher education, and international higher education. A recent sample of her work can be found here. Georgiana holds an Erasmus Mundus Master in Research and Innovation in Higher Education, a Master's in Education and Globalization from University of Oulu, Finland and a Bachelor's in

Political Science from Babes-Bolyai University, in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Georgiana has interned in various governmental institutions including the Swedish Council for Higher Education, the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education and the Parliament of the Republic of Germany. Georgiana Mihut has been the Chair of CQAB since February 2015. Before, she had coordinated the CQAB Survey Team. Additionally, Georgiana is a board member at OCEANS Network since March 2015.



NOORDA Sijbolt is president emeritus of the University of Amsterdam, past president of the Association of Dutch Research Universities and a former board member of the European University Association.

He has served or serves on various executive and non-executive boards in the domains of Higher Education & Research, Public Radio & Television, Performing Arts & Moving Image, Health Service, High Performance Computing, Not-for-profit Publishing and Social Services.

At present he chairs the Academic Cooperation Association (Brussels), is an expert in the IEP (Institutional Evaluation Program) of EUA and is an advisor to various

Austrian, Dutch, German, Rumenian and Turkish universities.

His academic field is cultural history of religions in Europe. He holds degrees from Free University Amsterdam, Utrecht University and Union Seminary/Columbia University, NYC



PALEARI Stefano was born in Milan on 24 January 1965. Since February 2001, he has been Full Professor of Finance at the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Bergamo, and since March 2006, Scientific Director of the ICCSAI (International Center for Competitiveness Studies in the Aviation Industry).

In 2006 he founded Universoft, a spin-off company of the University of Bergamo, dealing with the financial analysis of companies and stock markets, and the management of proprietary databases.

From 2009 to 2012, he was active as an external examiner in the MSc in Air Transport Management at the Department of Air Transport at Cranfield University (UK). In

October 2009, he became Rector of the University of Bergamo. He has been a member

of the Council and General Secretary of the CRUI (the Conference of Italian University Rectors) since April 2011. In April 2013, he was elected as member of the Board of the European University Association. In 2015 he was awarded the honorary title of Grand Officer of the Italian Republic for merit acquired by the nation in the science field.



PRATS MONNÉ Xavier is the Director-general for Education and Culture of the European Commission. He is responsible for EU policies in the field of education and training, and for the EU education programmes for 2014-2020 period, including *Erasmus+* and *Marie Skłodowska Curie*. He is also responsible for EU policies in the field of culture, youth and sports, and for the *Creative Europe* programme. He represents the European Commission on the Governing Board of the *European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)*. From 2011 to mid-2014 he was the Deputy Director-general for education; from 2007 to 2010 he was Director for employment

policy and one of the five founding members of the EU Impact Assessment Board, reporting to the President of the European Commission. He holds degrees in social anthropology from the *Universidad Complutense* (Madrid, Spain); in Development Cooperation from the *International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM)*; (Paris, France); and in European Studies from the *College of Europe* (Bruges, Belgium), where he graduated first of the Class of 1981-82 and served as assistant professor. He completed his primary and secondary education at the *Istituto Massimo* of Rome, Italy. He is from Spain, fluent in Spanish, English, French, Italian and Catalan.



PRIMOŽIC Rok was the Chairperson of the European Students' Union in 2013 - 14. He has a master's degree in Law from the University of Ljubljana and is currently studying educational sciences at master's level in VUB Brussels. He has been involved in the student movement from 2006 on, starting in Slovenia, where he was, among other positions, the President of the Slovenian Student Union. He was elected as a member of the Executive Committee of ESU in 2011, and later as a Vice-President. His main areas of work are public responsibility and financing of higher education as well

as mobility and internationalisation. Together with Manja Klemencic and Sjur Bergan he co-edited *Student Engagement in Europe: Society, Higher Education and Student Governance*, which will be published as a part of Council of Europe Higher Education Series (no. 20).



PRODI Romano was born in Scandiano, Italy in 1939. After graduation in Law of the Catholic University in Milan and at the London School of Economics, his academic career began at the Department of Economics and at the Faculty of Political science of the University of Bologna, where he worked as an assistant professor, associate professor and lastly full professor of industrial organisation and industrial policy. In 1974 he was a visiting professor at Harvard University and at the Stanford Research Institute. He helped establish the "Italian school of industrial policy", and acted for several years as the editor of its quarterly journal, *L'Industria, Rivista di Economia e Politica Industriale*. In 1981 he founded Nomisma, the largest Italian institute of

economic studies, whose scientific committee he chaired until 1995. From November 1978 to March 1979, Romano Prodi was Minister of Industry. From November 1982 to October 1989, he was chairman and CEO of the Institute for Industrial Reconstruction (IRI), which was the largest Italian public holding. Recalled to head the Institute in 1993, he saw through the privatization of a number of industrial, banking and service companies. In February 1995 he founded the "Olive tree" centre-left coalition, which designated him as its candidate for premiership. The coalition won the 1996 election and, in May 1996, he was appointed Prime Minister. He remained in office until October 1998. The bold measures introduced by his Cabinet enabled Italy to meet the Maastricht criteria for joining the Euro zone. From 1999 to 2005 he has been President of the European Commission. During his presidency, the euro was successfully introduced, the Union was enlarged to 10 new countries from Central, Eastern and Southern Europe and the treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe was signed. In 2006 Romano Prodi was elected leader of the centre-left coalition in Italy and after a victory in the 2006 elections he became Prime Minister, until May 8, 2008. He is, since then, President of the Foundation for Worldwide Cooperation and in July 2008 he has been appointed as Chairman of the United Nations-African Union High-level Panel for Peacekeeping in Africa. From February 2009 to December 2013 he was Professor at-large at Brown University (USA). From 2010 he is Professor of CEIBS (China Europe International Business School) in Shanghai. From October 2012 to January 2014 he served as the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel. During his academic and institutional career, Romano Prodi has been awarded a number of recognitions and he also holds various honorary degrees.



ROVERSI-MONACO Fabio was born in Addis Ababa in 1938, and graduated in Law at the University of Bologna on 28 February 1962. From 1972 to 2012, he was Full Professor of Public Law and then Full Professor of Administrative Law at the University of Bologna. He is a member of the Academic Advisory Board of many scientific journals. From 1978 until 2006, he was the Director of the Advanced School for Public Administration, Bologna, where he set up and directed the first Masters programme in Italy in Business Law. He served as a member of the Board of

Administration of Bologna University from 1972 to 1979. He was elected Rector of the University of Bologna on 1 November 1985 and remained in office for 15 years, until October 2000.



During his term of office as Rector of the University of Bologna, Prof. Roversi-Monaco conceived and implemented the Magna Charta Universitatum, signed by 430 Rectors, gathered together in Bologna on 18 September 1988, and subsequently by a further 400 Rectors. All the leading European universities signed the Magna Charta. The Magna Charta, the only written document on the basic principles of higher education adopted by the Universities in a spirit of autonomy, is considered the main reference point of Universities all over the world. In order to safeguard the principles of the Magna Charta, a Magna Charta Observatory was founded by Prof. Roversi-Monaco in 2000. Its members are representatives of the University of Bologna, of the European University Association (EUA) and other international organizations. The Observatory was chaired for seven years by Prof. Roversi Monaco, who is now Honorary President. Prof. Roversi-Monaco served as President of Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio in Bologna from 2001 until May 2013. He is currently President of Banca IMI. He is President and CEO of the Museum of the City of Bologna s.r.l., to manage and coordinate the Genus Bononiae museums and artistic heritage. He is President of the Inter-University Association Almalaurea, the main European organization analysing student careers and post-graduate employment. He is President of the Imola Piano Academy, and President of the Mozart Orchestra in Bologna, of which Claudio Abbado was Artistic Director. He is President of the European Secretariat for Scientific Publications (SEPS), and of Bononia University Press. He received many Honorary Degrees, among them: Brown University, USA; University Panthéon 1 Sorbonne, France; Soka University, Japan; Universidad Externado de Colombia; University of St Petersburg, Russia; University of Barcelona, Spain; Pontificia Universidad Cattolica, Brazil; University of Salta, Argentina; Université de Montréal, Canada; Victoria University, Australia; Catholic University, Uruguay; State University of Samarkand, Uzbekistan; and many others.



SHI Jianjun was born in October 1955 in Anhui Province. In May 2009 Prof. Shi Jianjun was appointed by the Ministry of Education to be President of the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) in Beijing, China. He taught and served as senior administrative staff in Nanjing University before he took the new post. In April 1996, Dr. Jianjun took office as the Chief Accountant of Nanjing University. In July 1997, he was promoted to Vice President. In 2001 he acquired his Ph.D. in Economics from Xiamen University. In April 2005 he was appointed the Executive Vice President of the Nanjing University. Prof. Shi is expert in statistics and management and has published over 200 papers and about 20 books in these areas. He is Vice President of the National Statistical Society of China and the President of Jiangsu Association of Quantitative Economics and Management Science. Prof. Shi visited Leeds University in the United Kingdom, Hong Kong University of Technology and Kansas University in the United States as visiting professor and Latrobe University and University of Sydney as Shadow Chancellor.



SIAB Zahia will soon be a graduate from Amsterdam University College. During the three years of her Bachelor degree she has majored in Biology and minored in English Literature. Next academic year she will be completing her Masters in English Literature and Culture at the University of Amsterdam. During her time at Amsterdam University College she has regularly written articles for the university magazine on topics ranging from discoveries in medicine, to world literature. Her paper on naked mole rats and a potential cure for cancer was published in the university journal. One of her greatest achievements is the article she wrote, in collaboration with several other students, about student experience, which was published in the TH&MA journal.



SÖDERMAN Eva finished her Ph.D in Biology 1997 and continued after that with a post-doc in developmental biology at University of California, Santa Barbara. From 1999 until 2006 she was working within the field of plant molecular biology, as a researcher, teacher and supervisor at Uppsala University. She was also involved in several EU-financed research projects, besides teaching and supervising undergraduate students. Since 2006, she changed tasks as she got a position as the Head of the Student service office at Uppsala School of Technology. As such, she was working a lot with the development of career guidance for engineer students and ways to improve retention of students in Science and technology by use of the first year experience model. Since 2010 she is the Head of the central study counsellor and career office at Uppsala University. As such she is responsible for the central Student service office including study- and career guidance, support for students with disabilities and production of information material for students in printed form and on the web. She is also responsible for Uppsala University's work with widening participation.



WESTA Sina is a Phd Student at the Faculty of Education at the University of Ljubljana where she is also currently employed as a researcher. As a Marie Curie Research Fellow she is involved in the EU Marie Curie Network for Initial Training. She works on the UNIKE (Universities in the Knowledge Economy) project and her topic is "Academic Freedom in Teaching in Higher Education in Europe and the Asia Pacific Rim". She holds a degree in Primary school teaching with an emphasis on Psychology from the Ludwigs-Maximilians-University in Munich and a MSc in Applied Social and Community Research from the University of Brighton.



YANG Xianjin professor, doctoral supervisor, is the chairman of the university council of Tongji. He majored in metallic material and heat treatment as an undergraduate student from 1980 to 1984; he obtained Master of Science in 1989 in field of material science and engineering, and was granted PhD in Biomedical Engineering in 2000. From July 1984 to Nov 2011. He worked in Tianjin University on teaching, research and managerial posts, and has served as the Dean of Material Science and Engineering, Vice Chairman of the University Council, and Executive Vice Chairman of the University Council. Xianjin Yang's main research area is metallic materials engineering and biomedical related application. He has presided over the completion of more than ten projects, including ones from International Cooperation Project of Ministry of Science and Technology, Natural Science Foundation of China, Major Science and Technology Research Projects in Tianjin, and Natural Science Foundation of Tianjin, etc. Focusing on research of titanium alloy biological activity and thermal performance characteristics, and titanium dioxide nanotube array from titanium alloy surface and its application, he has achieved deliverable results and many were granted patents. He has published over 130 papers in international and Chinese journals. Dr Yang has won the second price in Natural Science Award, Science and Technology Progress Awards in Tianjin.



ZAGO Marco Antonio is the Rector of the University of Sao Paulo (USP) since 2014. He holds a degree in Medicine from the Medical School of USP in Ribeirão Preto, and Master's and PhD degrees in Internal Medicine from the same School. His post-doctoral training was at the Oxford University. He is Full Professor of Internal Medicine since 1990, and member of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences and the Academy of Sciences of the Developing World (TWAS). Between 2007 and 2010 he was the president of the National Council

of Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), and the Research Provost of the university in the period of 2010-2014. He was the coordinator of the Center for Cell Therapy, the President and Scientific Director of the Blood Transfusion Center and Clinical Director of the University Hospital in Ribeirão Preto. He has experience in the field of Medicine, with emphasis on Hematology. He has carried out research focused on the molecular bases of neoplasia and adult stem cells, especially hematopoietic and mesenchymal stem cells, and in the areas of hemoglobin diseases and human population genetics.