IAB members Biographies

Wim van den Doel

Wim van den Doel is Dean of the Leiden-Delft-Erasmus Universities alliance since February 2022. He received his PhD at Leiden University in 1994 and published mainly on the history of the Dutch East Indies. Among his books are Afscheid van Indië. De val van het Nederlandse imperium in Azië (Amsterdam: Prometheus, 2000) and Zo ver de wereld strekt. De geschiedenis van Nederland overzee vanaf 1800 (Amsterdam: Bert Bakker, 2011). In 2021 he published a biography of Christiaan Snouck Hurgronje, one of the first Western scholars visiting Mecca and one of the most important colonial administrators of his time: Snouck. Het volkomen geleerdenleven van Christiaan Snouck Hurgronje (Amsterdam: Prometheus, 2021). From 2007 to 2017 he was Dean of the Faculty of Humanities of Leiden University and from 2017 to 2020 Member of the Executive Board of the Dutch Research Council, Chair of the domain Social Sciences and Humanities and responsible for National Research Agenda. He was Member of the Steering Group and Executive Council of the Europaeum from 2008 to 2022. In 2022 he became Trustee of this organization of 18 leading European universities. From 2013 to 2016 he was Chair of the Steering Group of the SSH Community of the League of European Research Universities (LERU) and from 2014 to 2022 Chair of the Board of the Roosevelt Institute for America Studies (Middelburg). From 2022 he is Chair of the NL Space Campus in Noordwijk, the Netherlands.

Marja Makarow

Marja Makarow is President of Academia Europaea and Board member of the European Innovation Council EIC. She is Professor Emerita of Molecular Biology of the University of Helsinki and former Director of Biocenter Finland (2016-2021, Vice-President of the Finnish Research Council -Academy of Finland (2012-2016), Chief Executive of the European Science Foundation ESF in Strasbourg France (2008-2012), and Vice-Rector for Research of the University of Helsinki 2003-2007). She is a cell biologist and discovered molecular mechanisms of folding and intracellular transport of glycoproteins. She established and chaired Finland's largest PhD programme in molecular life sciences where she supported some 50 PhD candidates, and supervised personally 19 PhD candidates to degree. She is former member of the Governing Board of the European Institute for Innovation and Technology EIT and Chair of Technology Academy Finland that awards the global Millennium Technology Prize for ground-breaking innovations. In Finland, she chaired the Founding Boards of the Tampere University and the Institute for Molecular Medicine FIMM, and was Vice-Chair of the Founding Board of Aalto University. She is/was member of the Boards and International Advisory Boards of a number of top universities of Europe. She served as Scientific Delegate of Finland in the Council of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory EMBL and as President of the European molecular Biology Conference EMBC. She has carried out evaluations of Principal Investigator grants (e.g. ERC Starting Grants Panel Chair), centres of excellence, international research, innovation and infrastructure programmes, universities' and research institutes' performance, and of funding organisations and national research and innovation systems. Marja Makarow has advised the Finnish government in the Prime Minister's Research and Innovation Council, and the EU Commissionaires in the European Research Area Board. She is Chevalier de l'Ordre de Légion d'Honneur, France, and Commander of the Order of the White Rose, Finland. Marja Makarow chaired the international Regular Assessment of the Research Institutes of SAS 2012-2015, and thereafter the SAS International Advisory Board. She served as

Chair of the Meta-panel in the SAS Regular Assessment of the Research Institutes of SAS 2016-2020.

Valeria Nicolosi

Valeria Nicolosi is Chair of Nanomaterials and Advanced Microscopy at the School of Chemistry in Trinity College Dublin (TCD). She received her BSc in chemistry from the University of Catania, Italy, and her Ph.D. in physics from TCD in 2006. She moved to the University of Oxford in 2008 as a Marie Curie Fellow. In 2008 she was awarded with a Royal Academy of Engineering/EPSRC Fellowship. In 2012 she returned to TCD as Research Professor. In 2016 she was promoted to Chair of Nanomaterials and Advanced Microscopy as the first woman to have reached the position of Chair in the School of Chemistry. Valeria Nicolosi is a 6-fold ERC awardee: Starting Grant in 2011, followed by 3 Proof of Concept grants to bring results of frontier research closer to the market, a Consolidator Grant in 2016, followed by a further Proof of Concept grant in 2019. She has published more than 220 papers and aspects of her research have been licenced to companies like Thomas Swann, Samsung, Intel, Lego, etc. In 2018, 2019 and 2020 she was recognized as one of the world's most influential researchers of the past decade, demonstrated by the production of multiple highly-cited papers that rank in the top 1% by citations in Web of Science. Valeria Nicolosi served as Advisory Board member of the Pilot European Innovation Council EIC from 2019 to 2021. She is member of Academia Europaea. As a recognition of her achievements, in 2021 Valeria Nicolosi was conferred the honorary decoration of "Cavaliere" in the Order "Stella d'Italia" by the President of the Italian Republic.

Özen Nergis Dolcerocca

Özen Nergis Dolcerocca is Associate Professor of Literature at the University of Bologna. She received her PhD degree in Comparative Literature from New York University in 2016. She is author of two books and eighteen scholarly articles and three book chapters, including The Oxford Handbook of Decadence, and the guest editor of the special issue in the journal of Middle Eastern Literatures. She has delivered over thirty conference papers and talks internationally. She is awardee of the ERC project "Modernizing Empires: Enlightenment, Nationalist Vanguards and Non-Western Literary Modernities". Her research focuses on literary theory, comparative literature, modernism, nineteenth-century cultural history, narratology, and digital humanities. Özen Dolcerocca is Member of the Young Academy of Europe (YAE) and currently serves as Delegate for Scholars Residing outside the United States and Canada and as Executive Council Member of West Asian Languages Literatures and Cultures Forum at the Modern Literature Association. She is part of the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, Nominating Body Committee Member in Turkey. She chaired the Committee of Judges for the American Comparative Literature Association's Owen Aldridge Prize Committee (2019-2021). She chaired the Department of Comparative Literature at Koc University (KU) in Turkey (2019-2021) and set up the Master's program of the Department in collaboration with the Council of Higher Education (2021). She served as Member of the Quality Commission Initiative at KU and as Chair of Research Assessment in the Humanities (2017). She is in her university Senator-elect, Co-Advocacy Chair (2012), President-elect of the Graduate Student Government and Graduate Curriculum Committee Member, and Member of the Committee on Discipline at New York University (2013). She is the recipient of KU's Outstanding Faculty Award (2020) and the Dean's Outstanding Teaching Award, New York University (2013).

Zdeněk Havlas

Zdeněk Havlas is vice-president of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic and group leader and Honorary Chair of the Institute of Organic chemistry and Biochemistry (former director of the Institute, 2002-2012). He received M.Sc. and RNDr. in chemistry form Charles University, Faculty of Natural Science, and his Ph.D. and D.Sc. Form Czech Academy of Sciences. In 2020 he was named International Chair Professor for National Taipei University of Technology, Taiwan. He is member of Czech Learned Society (2016-2018 President). He has published 183 papers and 4 books. His research focuses on quantum chemistry and computational chemistry, structure and dynamics of molecular and biomolecular systems, weak intermolecular interactions, hydrogen bonds and improper, blue-shifting hydrogen bonds, relativistic effects in organic systems, exited states and efficient solar cells based on singlet fission phenomena.

He was member of the Board of Government for Research and Development (2010-2019), director of Research Center for Complex Molecular Systems and Biomolecules and director of Center for Development of Original Drugs. He was chairman of the Committee for D.Sc. defences in Bioorganic Chemistry. As a recognition of his scientific achievements, he was awarded by the price of Czech Learned Society the highest award of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic "De scientia et humanitate optime meritis".