Contributors to the EU-Vietnam Higher-Education Policy Forum, 14 November 2014

Biographical summaries

Dr Stephen Webber, Team Leader of the European Higher Education Fairs in Central Asia and Asia project

Dr Stephen Webber is a comparative education specialist, with a research focus on the education systems of the former Soviet Union region. His published work on that subject includes the book *School, Society and Reform in the New Russia* (Palgrave) and the volume (as co-editor with I Liikanen) *Education and Civic Culture in Post-Communist Countries* (Palgrave). He is currently researching perceptions of the Bologna Process and related initiatives among stakeholders in the former Soviet Union region.

Between 1994 and 2007 he held tenured positions as a lecturer in the Universities of Birmingham and Bristol (UK), teaching and supervising aspects of Russian and East European Studies at undergraduate, Master's and PhD levels. In addition to leading multi-national research projects, he was also engaged in extensive activities in the spheres of internationalisation of higher education, and research governance. Between 2003-11 he acted as an external examiner for University of Manchester's Master's programmes in education policy delivered in a Russian higher-education institution.

Since 2007 he has worked as a consultant on projects for the European Commission, World Bank, USAID, OSCE, British Council and other organisations (on themes relating to transnational cooperation in higher education, and development cooperation).

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Mr Jan Naplava, Young Expert at the Delegation of the European Union to Vietnam, Hanoi

Jan Naplava studied development economics at universities in Canada, France and China, focusing on the East and South-East Asia regions. After working as a United Nations Volunteer in Cambodia, Jan moved to the neighbouring Vietnam, where he is currently working at the Delegation of the European Union to Vietnam and is responsible for education cooperation programmes such as Erasmus+, EU SHARE or Horizon 2020.

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Mr Darren McDermott, International Education Development Consultant

Mr McDermott is currently based in Hong Kong and engaged in a number of European Commission projects within the ASEAN region.

Following teaching experience in Japan and Ireland and an MSc. Education & Training Management, Darren joined the School of Education Studies at Dublin City University. There he coordinated and lectured on diversity and access programmes for international and

returning to education students.

In 2006 he was awarded a Japanese Ministry of Education Research Scholarship at Waseda University, Tokyo, where he participated in the development and implementation of a Cross Cultural Distance Learning curriculum between Waseda and Asian university partners.

In the summer of 2010 he facilitated workshop sessions sponsored by the Philippines' Commission of Higher Education Development to University Presidents on "Internationalisation Strategy in Higher Education". Darren recently completed a European Commission higher education study with the Royal Thai Government Office of the Higher Education Commission. He delivered his findings and recommendations of this study in Bangkok on October 31st 2013 at the "Conference on Internationalisation Policy and Strategy: Lessons Learned from the EU and Thailand's Experiences". On this occasion he also chaired a panel on "Challenges and Opportunities for Thai Higher Education towards Regionalisation and Internationationalisation".

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Dr Roberto Napoli, University of Trento

Dr Roberto Napoli represents the Vice Rector of the University of Trento for International Agreements, Prof. Carla Locatelli.

Dr Roberto Napoli collected several experiences in different sectors and countries before starting his career at the University of Trento as an "International Graduate Programs Manager" seven years ago. He worked as a radio reporter both in Italy (Radio RAIUNO) and in Austria (ORF-Radio1476), served as a Business Developer at the Chamber of Commerce in Trieste, Italy and was visiting researcher at the ZEW – Centre for European Economic Research, Mannheim (Germany) during his PhD.

Roberto's current duties include international promotion of the University of Trento, student recruitment and selection. Overall, his main task is to enhance international students' experience in Trento especially in the area of Entrepreneurship and Innovation. He serves as a mentor for young Start Ups especially in Trento's labs of Business and Entrepreneurship devoted to students of Management, Computer Science, Engineering and Cognitive Science, and is a member of the Selection committee of TechPeaks, Trento's "People Accelerator" for Start Up creation in the framework of the EIT – European Institute for Innovation and Technology.

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Mr Gerard Gasquet, University of Science and Technology of Hanoi, France

Gerard Gasquet is currently Director of Administration and all services at the University of Science and Technology of Hanoi (USTH), also known as the Vietnam-France University. Previously he was Director General of Services at the University of Evry, south of Paris.
He worked for more than twenty years for the Ministry of Education in Paris in the field of

Vocational Education mostly, and then was asked to join the Department of Higher Education to help in the creation of the LMD system in the frame of the Bologna Process. He was recruited in 2002 as a Secretary General at the University of Orleans.

In parallel, he was sent overseas to present the French educational system to many interested countries such as Mexico (where the French system of Institutes of Technology was used to create the new Mexican Universities of Technology) or Saudi Arabia. Its expertise in Vocational Educational was required when he joined a pool of experts for the OrganisationInternationale de la Francophonie (OIF). He then was in charge of coordinating actions mainly in Central and Eastern European countries in search of new models for their vocational education systems after the fall of the Berlin Wall. His last mission was in Georgia about Quality assurance.

Gerard Gasquet is in Vietnam since 2012 organize and support the development of this new University wished by both governments in Vietnam and in France.

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Prof. Dr. Jürgen Mallon

Prof. Dr. Jürgen Mallon has been President of the Vietnamese-German University since 2012 when he succeeded interim president Vice Minister of Education and Training, Prof. Bui Van Ga. Before joining VGU, Prof. Mallon held a chair in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Applied Sciences in Kiel, Germany.

Prof. Mallon holds a PhD in Engineering and has succesfully managed to combine scholarly research with practical experience throughout his career, e.g. implementing a BMBF-funded 2-year research project on establishing production sites in China, or serving a 5-year term as Technical Director for Zwilling J.A. Henckels in Shanghai.

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Dr Duong Mong Ha, VN-UK Institute for Research and Executive Education

Dr Duong Mong Ha is currently the Rector of the VN-UK Institute for Research and Executive Education, the University of Danang. Before that he was the Director of International Cooperation and Director of Educational Quality Assurance at the University ofDanang (UD). As the Director of International Cooperation, he worked with overseas institutions to develop international collaborative programs in Danang as well as implemented many major projects at UD such as WB Higher Education Projects, NGO projects. As the Director of Educational Quality Assurance, he is responsible for the development of the internal QA Framework and activities for improving educational quality at the University of Danang system. He is also a consultant and an external evaluator for Quality Accreditation to universities in Vietnam under the regulations by the Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training (MOET).

Since March 2010, he has been assigned to work closely with British Council Vietnam and UK universities to develop a project for establishing VN-UK International Standard University in Danang. This is a significant initiative in higher education cooperation between Vietnam and the UK Governments. Based on the agreement, the VN-UK Institute for Research and

Executive Education (VNUK) as a precursor of VN-UK International Standard University was established in November 2003. Dr Ha was appointed the Rector of VNUK.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering from Danang University of Technology, Master of Education (by Research) from The University of Melbourne, and Doctor of Education from La Trobe University, Australia. His teaching and research experiences include mechanical engineering, assessment and evaluation, project management, educational administration and quality assurance.

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Mr J.W Boomkamp MA, Saxion University of Applied Sciences, The Netherlands

Wim Boomkamp is president of Saxion University of Applied Sciences since 2008. Wim Boomkamp is committed to both the Quality of Higher Education and Research as well as Internationalisation. He has a longstanding involvement to Higher Education in Eastern Netherlands, both at practical as well as managerial level. Before his current appointment he served two terms as a member of the Executive Board of the University. Under his leadership Saxion has settled into its role of regional provider of human capital, facilitator of regional innovation and enhanced social economic performance. He represents Saxion in the Twente Strategy Board. Wim Boomkamp is member of the Executive Board of the Dutch Council of Universities of Applied Sciences, where he is chairman of the Committee on Internationalisation as well as the Technology sector committee.

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Ms Anke Stahl, Head of DAAD Regional Office, Hanoi

Anke Stahl studied German Studies and History at the Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg.

After five years teaching at Secondary School and at the University she has been working as a DAAD lecturer for German Language and Literature at the Department of German and Nordic Studies, Comenius University Bratislava/Slovakia, from 1990 till 1995.

From 1995 till 1998 she has been teaching German as a Foreign Language at the Seoul Women's University in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Since 1999 she is working for the German Academic Exchange service – DAAD Bonn. She was head of section of "Alumni Programmes and University Partnerships" and of "Development-Related Postgraduate Courses", Division for Development Co-operation.

Since August 2013 Anke Stahl took over the position as the director of the DAAD Regional Office in Hanoi, Vietnam. The DAAD has regional offices and information centres all over the world. In 2003 the Regional Office was opened in Hanoi, in 2005 the Information Centre in Ho Chi Minh City. Since then they support students and scientists from Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar and Cambodia.

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Mr Adrian Veale, Project Officer at the Commission´s Directorate-General for Education &

Culture

Mr. Veale works in the Commission's Directorate-General for Education & Culture. He forms part of the unit that manages the international dimension of EU higher education policy, as well as programmes that focus on HE cooperation and mobility between the EU and the rest of the world. He works mainly on topics related to promoting EU-funded opportunities and Europe's higher education offer in countries throughout the world.

He has also worked in other parts of the European Commission, including EuropeAid - where he worked on programmes for higher education cooperation with Asia - and DG Employment. He has also worked as an editor in the private sector.

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Mr Rubén Saornil Mínguez

Mr Saornil Mínguez got his advanced Agronomic Engineering degree from the University of Valladolid (Spain). He accumulates long working experience in Vietnam involved in different Bilateral Programmes since 2006. Being Project Officer for the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation Development (AECID) in Vietnam as well as Technical Assistance Coordinator in East Timor and Angola missions.