



Dr. Phonephet Boupha,

Director General of Higher Education Department Ministry of Education and Sports since 2008 and also a Governing Board Member of the National Research Fund. She got her Master Degree in Electronic and her PhD in Science of Education at the University in Germany. She used to be Guest Lecturer at the University of Medicine and Higher Technical School for Electronic and Electrotechnic. She has been involved in the development of national policy and strategy for the technical and vocational education and higher education. At present she plans the higher education reform agenda in the connection with the national education reform in order to meet the human resource development plan and socio-economic development and prepare for the national and international integration. She has written many articles on higher education and the technical and vocational education and author, co-author and commentator of a number of publications.

Lord David Puttnam of Queensgate

Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Trade with Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. David spent thirty years as an independent producer of award-winning films including The Mission, The Killing Fields, Local Hero, Chariots of Fire, Midnight Express, Buggy Malone and Memphis Belle. His films have won ten Oscars, 25 Baftas and the Palme D'Or at the Cannes Film Festival. From 1994 to 2004 he was Vice President and Chair of Trustees at the British Academy of Film & Television Arts (BAFTA) and was awarded a BAFTA Fellowship in 2006. He retired from film production in 1998 to focus on his work in public policy as it relates to education, the environment, and the 'creative and communications' industries. In 1998 he founded the National Teaching Awards, which he chaired until 2008, also serving as the first Chair of the General Teaching Council from 2000 to 2002. From July 2002 to July 2009 he was president of UNICEF UK, playing a key role in promoting UNICEF's key advocacy and awareness objectives. David is the present Chancellor of the Open University, following ten years as Chancellor of The University of Sunderland. He is President of the Film Distributors' Association, Chairman of North Music Trust (The Sage Gateshead), Deputy Chairman of Profero and a trustee of the Eden Project. He has recently been appointed as Prime Minister's Trade Envoy for Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. He was Deputy Chairman of Channel 4 Television from 2006 until January 2012. He was founding Chair of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA) and for ten years chaired the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television. He has also served as a trustee of the Tate Gallery, the Science Museum and many other organisations. In 2007 he served as Chairman of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the Draft Climate Change Bill, having performed the same role on the 2002 Communications Bill. He has also been Chairman of two Hansard Society Commission Reports on the relationship between Parliament and the Public. David was awarded a CBE in 1982, a knighthood in 1995 and was appointed to the House of Lords in 1997. In France he was made a Chevalier of the Order of Arts and Letters in 1985, becoming an Officer in 1992, and a Commander in 2006. He has been the recipient of more than 40 honorary degrees from Universities in the UK and overseas.

Mr Darren McDermott

International Education Development Consultant, 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 Internationalisation".

Associate Professor Dr. Khamphay Sisavanh

President of Souphanouvong University. With a Master degree in Educational Sciences he obtained his PhD in Philology in 1987. He has had an important international experience in Europe and other Asian countries (Centre International des Etudes Pedagogique de Sevres, Paris, France on Education Administration and Management, 1990-1991, AIDAB Centre for Pacific Development and Training (ACPAC), Sydney, Australia, on Management of Training Activities, October-November 1994; SEAMEO RELC, Singapore, on English for International Communication, March-May 2000, Korea Research Institute for Vocational Education & Training (KRIVET), Seoul, May 2006, and SEAMEO RIHED, Vientiane-Seam Reap, on Institutional Restructuring of Higher Education, 2006, 2007). The most important part of his professional career has been linked to the National Research Institute for Educational Sciences, in which he started as a specialist in 1980, becoming Deputy Director 2000 and Director General in 2003. He only abandoned this position to become President of the Souphanouvong University, the position that currently holds. He has also been a member of the Lao National Commission for UNESCO since 1996 until 2003.

Associate Professor Dr. Phout Simmalavong

Member of University Council and Vice President of the National University of Laos. He obtained his PhD in Sociology from the Freiburg University, Germany. He has had different teaching, researching and administration positions.

Mr Alan Murphy

Director of Transnational Education, University of Bedfordshire, UK. Alan spent 6 years as a student at London University, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), where he specialised in the ASEAN region. He later worked as an economist for international oil companies and consultancy firms, before becoming involved in major banking IT systems. He has been a Dean of a Computing Faculty and an Associate Dean of a Business School, as well as a University Head of ELearning. He has published a number of books and over 100 other research publications. He has been awarded a number of EU and UK government grants for research projects of c £3 Million- including an EU ASEAN project. He is currently Director of International partnerships and Transnational Education at the University of Bedfordshire.

Professor Claudio Migliaresi

Department of Industrial Engineering, University of Trento, Italy. With a PhD from the Univ. of Naples Claudio has developed most of his professional career at the University of Trento, where he has been having different teaching and researching positions in the field of Materials Science and Technology. His current





research interest include processing and characterization of composite materials, nanocomposites, biomaterials, and materials and technologies for nanomedicine and tissue engineering applications. He has published over 190 papers in International Scientific Journals, is author of 6 patents, and is member of the Editorial Board of several recognized publications (International Journal of Biomaterials, J. of Applied Biomaterials, J. of Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine, J. of Orthopedics and Traumatology, J. of Applied Biomaterials & Biomechanics). He has combined his teaching and research activities with other management positions (such as Director of the Dept. of Materials Engineering or Dean of the School of Engineering) being currently the Delegate of the Rector for Technology Transfer and IP in the Trento University.

Associate Professor Dr Sitha Kemmarath

Vice President of Savannakhet University .B.Sc and M.Sc in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Agricultural Sciences, Gödöllő (Hungary)and M.Sc by the University of the Philippines, he obtained in Belgium both his DEA and his PhD (Rural Economics and Development in 2002). He started his teaching career in the School of agriculture of Nabong in 1987, becoming Vice director of division of Planning and finance in 1992. Since 1996 he has been working at the National university of Laos - Faculty of Agriculture, Vice director of division of Planning and finance (1996-1999), Director of division of academic affairs (1999-2004) and Vice- doyen2004-2009. In 2008 was appointed vice president of the committee for developing Savannakhet University, having been very active in its creation and being currently one of its Vice-presidents. HE has combined his teching career with different consultant and research activities, for entities such as the Asian Development Bank or the Rockefeller Foundation.

Dr David Marsh

EduCluster, University of Jyväskylä Group, Finland. Educator, analyst, and researcher. David Marsh Ph.D, Hon.D has specialized in realizing educational innovation and development in higher education in Finland. He has long-term experience of working with European Union states alongside assignments in Africa (Ethiopia, Mozambique, Namibia), East Asia (Japan, Korea), Iceland, Kosovo, Middle East (United Arab Emirates), Russia, Southeast Asia (Brunei, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines), South America (Argentina, Colombia, Peru), and the USA. Having given plenaries in over 40 countries, and received degrees from the United Kingdom, Spain and Finland he is author of *The CLIL Trajectory: Educational Innovation for the 21st Century iGeneration*, CAP 2013; lead author of *The Higher Education English Language Landscape VIU 2011*; co-author of *Uncovering CLIL, Integrated Learning in Bilingual and Multilingual Education*, Macmillan 2008, *Content and Language Integrated Learning*, Cambridge University Press 2011. He has recently been given awards for his contribution to education by organizations in the United Kingdom, Estonia and Spain, and acts as Lead Expert for EduCluster Finland, University of Jyväskylä Group.

Mr Marc Pavey

Centre for International Development and Training, University of Wolverhampton, United Kingdom. Marc Pavey is a researcher and project assistant for the Centre for International Development and Training (CIDT) at the University of Wolverhampton in the UK. His work primarily focuses on training and capacity building, particularly in relation to forest governance. Graduating from the University of Sheffield with an MSc in Environmental Change and International Development, he is interested in natural resource governance and the pursuit of socially just and environmentally sustainable development. Before joining CIDT, he had interned for Global Witness and the International Land Coalition, and taught English in China.



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Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs Champasack University. With a Bachelor in English Teaching from Pedagogical University of Vientiane (1989) and a Master Degree in Educational Management from the Flinders University of South Australia (2002), he got his PhD in Education: Curriculum and Instruction from Simon Fraser University, Canada (2009). From 1989 until mid 2003 he was working at the The Pedagogical University of Vientiane, (known as the National University of Laos now). From 2003 he has been working at Champasack University with different teaching and management positions: Academic staff (2003-2004), Head of English Language Section (2004-2005), Head of the Faculty of Education (2005-2006), Director of Planning and International Cooperation Office (mid. 2009 to mid.2010), Dean of the Faculty of Education (mid- 2010 to mid. 2011) and Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs (since mid. 2011 till now).

Mr James Kennedy

Director of the International Office, University of Warwick, UK. James Kennedy has been Director of the International Office at the University of Warwick since 2008. Before that he spent over thirty years working in various aspects of international education. He graduated from the University of Exeter in languages (German and Russian), and subsequently gained a teaching certificate in TESOL at the University of London Institute of Education, and an MSc in Applied Linguistics from the University of Edinburgh. He began his professional career teaching English and teacher training in colleges in Laos (Ecole Supérieure de Pédagogie at Dong Dok) and Tanzania. James then spent over twenty-five years working for the British Council, the UK's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities. His postings took him to Kuwait, Malaysia, Swaziland, Malawi, Germany, Kazakhstan and Russia, managing education and cultural programmes. In his current role, James manages all aspects of international activity for the University of Warwick, including international student admission and exchange programmes, international student support services, and the development of international research and teaching links. He is a member of the International Relations Management Board of the European Association for International Education.

