

3rd ASEM Rectors' Conference (ARC3) Advisory Group

With the aim of involving select number of ASEM university leaders in shaping the content and outcome of the 3rd ASEM Rectors' Conference (ARC3), the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), in consultation with the University of Groningen (RUG) and the ASEAN University Network (AUN), set up the Advisory Group to further enhance the credibility and visibility of the ASEM Rectors' Conference (ARC).

Specifically, the Advisory Group was responsible for:

- Drafting the Recommendations based on the theme of the event, as well as in consideration of the current Asia-Europe higher education landscape;
- Promoting the ARC3 across Asia and Europe;
- Recommending participants;
- Taking part in the Conference Programme as Chairs, input providers or rapporteurs at the Plenary and Working Group sessions;
- Finalising the Conference Recommendations;
- Proposing follow-up initiatives to the ARC3 (as applicable).

The work of the Advisory Group was facilitated by General Rapporteurs appointed by the Organising Partners. For the ARC3, the General Rapporteurs were Ms Chripa Schneller, ASEM Education Hub's (AEH) Special Advisor, and Ms Anita Veltmaat, Policy Advisor for International Relations, University of Groningen (RUG).



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Prof. Dato' Dr Saran Kaur Gill is Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Industry and Community Partnerships) at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (The National University of Malaysia). She is responsible for developing mutually beneficial partnerships between the university, industry and foundations, NGOs and communities and government agencies, to enhance the core missions of the university – education, research and service (volunteerism). In 2010, in recognition of her efforts in strengthening Australian-Malaysian education relationships, she received the inaugural award of “Education Personality of the Year” from the Australian High Commission. One of her major achievements has been the establishment of endowed chairs with a total value of RM 34 million. This is with the Sime Darby Foundation and the Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB). These are for the UKM-YSD Endowed Chair in Climate Change; the UKM-YSD Endowed Chair in Sustainable Development: Towards Zero Waste Technology for the Oil Palm Industry and the MPOB-UKM Chair in Palm Oil Industry Development for a Sustainable Economy. Recently, she was invited to be the

first Asian visiting scholar in 2013 for Engagement Australia's member only Visiting Scholars and Experts Programme. Saran is Executive Director of AsiaEngage, a regional alliance comprising the ASEAN University Network (AUN) Thematic Network on University Social Responsibility and Sustainability (AUN-USR&S), the Asia-Talloires Network of Community and Industry Engaged Universities (ATNEU), and the ASEAN Youth Volunteer Programme (AYVP). Website: www.asiaengage.org



PROF. DR KUA WONGBOONSIN

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Prof. Dr Kua Wongboonsin obtained his A.M. and Ph.D. in Demography from the University of Pennsylvania, USA. His fields of expertise include Demographic Analysis, Population and Development, and population projections. Besides vice- presidency of Chulalongkorn University, he is currently also a faculty member of the College of Population Studies, Chulalongkorn University, consultant to Education and Labor Ministries in Thailand, Executive Board of the International Institute for Trade and Development, member of the ASEM Education and Research Hub for Lifelong Learning (ASEM LLL Hub), and other relevant professional societies at the regional and international levels.



PROF. LAURITZ B. HOLM-NIELSEN

Rector, Aarhus University (AU), Denmark

Prof. Lauritz B. Holm-Nielsen has been the Rector of Aarhus University (AU) since 2005. He is Vice-Chairman of Universities Denmark, President of Euroscience and Vice-president of the European University Association (EUA). Furthermore, Prof. Lauritz B. Holm-Nielsen has been a member of the Danish Prime Minister's Growth Forum, a member of several OECD expert review teams on higher education, Chairman of the Nordic University Association, a member of the Africa Commission, Board Member of the Danish National Research Foundation, Rector of the Danish Research Academy, Vice-Chairman of the Danish Research Commission, Chairman of the Danish Natural Science Research Council and the Danish Council for Development Research. Prof. Lauritz B. Holm-Nielsen has a degree in botany from AU (1971) and was Dean of the Faculty of Science at AU (1976-79) before he became professor at P. Universidad Católica, Quito, Ecuador (1979-81). Prof. Lauritz B. Holm-Nielsen has spent 18 years working abroad, 12 of these at the World Bank in Washington D.C. (1993-2005).



PROF. CHRIS BRINK

Vice-Chancellor, Newcastle University, United Kingdom

Prof. Chris Brink has been the Vice-Chancellor of Newcastle University in the UK since 2007. He serves on several Boards in Newcastle and the North East of England. At national level he is the Chairman of the N8 (the partnership of eight major research-intensive universities in the North of England), the Co-Chair of the Equality Challenge Unit, a Board member of Universities UK, and serves on the Advisory Committee on Leadership, Governance and Management of the Higher Education Funding Council for England. Previously he served for four years on the Board of the Quality Assurance Agency. Before taking up his position at Newcastle, Professor Brink was Rector and Vice-Chancellor of Stellenbosch University in South Africa, where he led a transformation agenda which attracted national and international attention. Earlier, he had served as Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) at the University of Wollongong in Australia, Professor and Head of the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, and Coordinator of Strategic Planning. Other positions include a Senior Research Fellowship at the Australian National University in the 1980s, a brief spell in industry in the USA, sabbatical and other leave periods at Oxford University, and intermittent visits to many other European universities. He is a logician with a Cambridge PhD, an interdisciplinary DPhil, Master's degrees in philosophy and mathematics, and a Bachelor's degree in computer science. His research areas include mathematics, logic, philosophy and computer science, and he has published in all these fields. Before moving into management he held the prestigious "A"-rating of the National Research Foundation, which ranked him as one of South Africa's leading scientists."



PROF. DR ULRIKE BEISIEGEL

Rector, University of Göttingen, Germany

Prof. Dr Ulrike Beisiegel took office as President of the Georg-August-Universität on 1 January 2011. Professor Beisiegel, a biochemist, was elected unanimously as future President by the University Senate in March 2010 and the vote was subsequently confirmed by the Foundation Committee pertaining to the University. The President represents Göttingen University and the Foundation internally and externally, chairs the Presidential Board and sets the Board's guidelines. She is further responsible for the University's developmental and financial planning and its orderly operation, as well as holding authority over the premises.