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WYSS 2026 European Event

Preface

The 2026 WYSS European Event marks its **fifth year in Brussels.** Since 2022, it has grown into a meeting place for young scientists, innovators, entrepreneurs, and leaders from Europe and China. What began as an exchange of ideas has become a platform where people **build relationships, develop initiatives, and find partners** to carry them forward. Five years is short in the history of science, yet long enough to show that an idea has roots. The **WYSS European Event has taken root.**

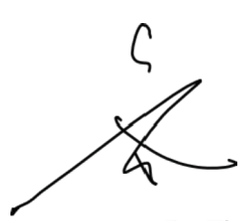
Jointly organized by the **Secretariat of the World Young Scientist Summit (WYSS) and the Associated Centre of Eurasian for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (ACEIE),** the platform brings together outstanding young minds from Europe and China. It began with 29 universities and research institutions from 13 European countries and has evolved into a far-reaching network of exchange. It is built on in-depth dialogue, shared curiosity, and the recognition that **twenty-first-century challenges cannot be met by any single country or discipline alone.**

The 2025 European Event showed this momentum. Under the theme **"Innovation Beyond Borders, Collaboration for a Shared Future",** it gathered 37 universities and research institutions from more than 20 countries in Brussels. Discussions covered climate change, life sciences and health, new materials, the digital economy, new energy, and intelligent equipment—frontiers that shape quality of life and a sustainable planet.

The platform has opened new conversations on education, research, entrepreneurship, sustainability, and women in innovation. A growing community has gathered—not as passive participants, but as active contributors and initiative-takers. **Prof. Dr. Hermann Simon**, founder of *Simon-Kucher & Partners*, delivered the 2022 keynote; **Prof. Gunter Pauli,** author of *The Blue Economy*, delivered the 2023 and 2025 keynotes. Their participation connects young scientists' questions to broader debates about innovation and shared progress.

Looking ahead to 2026, the focus sharpens. Under the theme "**Frontier Science and Youth Responsibility: Co-creating a Sustainable Future",** the event will ask how we harness emerging technologies responsibly and ensure scientific progress serves sustainability and shared prosperity. Keynote addresses, young scientists' lightning talks, and parallel forums will provoke, connect, and catalyze.

The future of the WYSS European Event is not speculation; it is construction. The platform will continue promoting Chinese European youth exchanges, deepening roots in Brussels while extending reach across Europe. We invite you to be part of this continuing story. The fifth year is not a milestone of arrival, but a foundation for what comes next. **Welcome to Brussels**—and to the next chapter of WYSS cooperation between Europe and China.



Dr. Zhiwei Song
Secretariat of World Young Scientist Summit (WYSS)
Associated Centre of Eurasian for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (ACEIE)
2026 Brussels

Organizations

Organizers:

Secretariat of World Young Scientist Summit (WYSS)
Associated Centre of Eurasian for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (ACEIE), Belgium

Co-organizers:

The International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC), Italy
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou), China
Westlake University, China
Tianjin University, China
École des Ponts Business School, France
Institut Supérieur d'Électronique de Paris (ISEP), France
Deggendorf Institute of Technology (DIT), Germany
RWTH Aachen University, Germany
University of Stuttgart, Germany
Poznan University of Medical Sciences (PUMS), Poland
Faculty of Medical Sciences of the University of Kragujevac, Serbia
ESERP Business & Law School, Spain
Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC), Spain
Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM), Spain
University of Valencia, Spain
University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW), Switzerland
Singularity Academy, Switzerland
Maastricht University (UM), The Netherlands
Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University (RSM), The Netherlands
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Belgian-Chinese Chamber of Commerce (BCECC), Belgium
Belgian Chinese Students and Scholars Association (BCSSA), Belgium
cHESS, Belgium
Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce (FCCC), Belgium
Professional Women International Brussels (PWI Brussels), Belgium
United Chinese Professional Associations in Europe (UCPAE), Belgium
EURAXESS China, EU
Association of Women Entrepreneurs in Germany (VdU), Germany
SilkRoad Cooperation (SRC), Germany
Portugal-China Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCILC), Portugal
Sociedade Portuguesa de Inovação (SPI), Portugal
Alibaba Cloud, China
WFEO – ECBAP, China
China Association of Productivity Promotion Centers (CPPC), China
The Third Xiangya Hospital of Central South University, China
ZJU Hangzhou Global Scientific and Technological Innovation Center (HIC ZJU), China
Zhejiang Association of Young Professionals (ZAYP), China

Organizations

Co-organizers:

BioVitalAge, Italy
BioERGOtech, Italy
International Association of Advanced Materials (IAAM), Sweden
China-Europe Green Technology Industry Alliance, The Netherlands
IOP Publishing (IOPP), UK
The UK Asia Grant Foundation (UKAGF), UK

Agenda

Conference Theme:
"Frontier Science & Youth Responsibility, Shaping a Sustainable Future Together"

Date:
Oct. 16th, 2026

Location:
STEIGENBERGER ICON WILTCHER'S, 71, Avenue Louise, 1050 Brussels, Belgium.

Oct. 15th, 2026	**19:00-21:30**	Welcome dinner (Upon invitation, Cafe Wiltcher's)
Oct. 16th, 2026	**08:30-09:30**	Morning reception (with coffee and snacks), networking, and registration
Opening Session: 9:30-10:55 Ballroom B	**09:30-09:35**	Introduction **Moderator:** Dr. Yang Ling, Director of ACEIE, Germany
	09:35-09:40	Five Years in Europe, WYSS European Event has taken root in Brussels Dr. Song Zhiwei, President of ACEIE, Executive Chairman of the European Secretariat of WYSS, Belgium
	09:40-09:50	Opening Remarks H. E. Mr. Cai Run, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the European Union, China
	9:50-10:00	From Dialogue to Delivery: Building a Resilient EU-China Science and Technology Partnership Mr. Joseph Leinen, Former President of Delegation for relations with the PRC in European Parliament, Germany
	10:00-10:10	From Local Talent to Global Impact: Youth Leadership in Science and Technology H.E Mrs. Mmasekgoa Masire Mwamba, Former Commonwealth Deputy Secretary-General, Botswana
	10:10-10:20	Diplomacy in Today's World: Reflections on EU – China Engagement Dr. Ondrej Dostal, Member of the European Parliament, Czech Republic
	10:20-10:30	Opening Remarks Mr. Zhang Guangjun, Vice Minister of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China, China
	10:30-10:55	Group Photo & Coffee Break
Keynote Speech & Ignite Talks Session 10:55-12:45 Ballroom B	**10:55-11:00**	Introduction **Moderator**: Dr. Yang Ling, Director of ACEIE, Germany
	11:00-11:30	Seizing the Opportunities of Safe, Secure and Trustworthy AI systems for Sustainable Development Prof. Gong Ke, Former President of the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO), Executive Director of the Chinese Institute for the New Generation Artificial Intelligence Development Strategies, China

	11:30-12:00	Clinical Trials and Pharmaceutical Innovation: The German Perspective Prof. Salah-Eddin Al-Batran, Chief Executive Frankfurt Institute of Clinical Cancer Research (IKF), Germany
	12:00-12:10	Integrating Youth Wisdom for China-Europe Development Mr. Xia Bing, Deputy Director of the Secretariat of China Association for International Exchange of Personnel, China
	12:10-12:45	Ignite Talks: From Lab to Life; My Small Step, Earth's Giant Leap; Can AI Save the Planet? Don't Wait for an Invitation; Failed Experiments are also Gifts **Moderator**: Dr. Sun Yan, Maastricht University, The Netherlands **Lightning Speakers** ▪ Dr. Deng Min, University of Oslo, Norway ▪ Dr. Michalina Radzinska, Nicolaus Copernicus University (NCU), Poland ▪ Dr. Xu Jing, Karolinska Institute, Sweden ▪ Dr. Patrick Fuchs, University of Antwerp, Belgium ▪ Dr. Maximilian Kloft, University Cancer Center in Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Lunch	**12:45-13:45**	
Thematic Speech Session 13:45-16:30 Ballroom B	**13:45-14:00**	Introduction **Moderator**: Prof. Jan Cornelis, former vice rector of Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium
	14:00-14:15	Laboratory Medicine at the Heart of the New Prevention Ecosystem: From Innovation to Impact Prof. Damien Gruson, Cliniques Saint-Luc UCL, President-Elect at EFLM, Chair at IFCC Emerging Technologies, Belgium
	14:15-14:30	Exponential Innovation - Readiness, Relevance, Regeneration Prof. Saman Sarbazvatan, COO and Vice Dean of École des Ponts Business School of École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées (ENPC) and the Founding Director of ReTech Center, France
	14:30-14:45	When AI Becomes a Scientist: Building Trust Infrastructure for AI for Science Prof. E Haihong, Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, China
	14:45-15:00	From Roads to the Sky: How China and Europe Can Shape the Low-Altitude Mobility Revolution？ Mr. Stephan Horvath, Head of Overseas Business Development of Shenyang Proton Aviation Technology & Partner of SilkRoad Cooperation, Germany
	15:00-15:15	Data Collection in the Wild: The Next Challenge for Physical AI Ms. Dove Feng, Head of Marketing at MANUS, The Netherlands
	15:15-15:30	The Materials of Change: Why the Net Zero Transition Needs Young Scientists Mr. Sreyansh Tiwari, Head of Operations International Association of Advanced Materials (IAAM), Sweden

	15:30-15:45	The challenges and opportunities of the energy transition - The role of the UN Council of Engineers for the Energy Transition Prof. Nicolaos Theodossiou, Professor Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece President of AECEF, Chair of UN SDSN Black Sea, Greece
	15:45-16:00	Neuromorphic Economy 5.0 – Cognition, Consciousness, Capital Dr. Hazleen Ahmad, Fellow of the ReTech Center at École des Ponts Business School, France
	16:00-16:30	Coffee Break
Parallel Sessions **Session 1:** Voice of China-EU Youth, Answer to the Future 16:30-18:30 Ballroom B	**16:30-16:45**	Introduction **Moderator**: Prof. Guan Ke, Beijing Jiaotong University, China
	16:45-18:30	1. Flash Talks 2. China - EU Youth Dialogue **Flash Talk Speakers** ▪ Prof. Liu Li, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou), China ▪ Prof. Liu Xiuyun, Tianjin University, China ▪ Prof. Shu Yuanchao, Zhejiang University, China ▪ Prof. Wu Jie, Westlake University, China ▪ Prof. Yuan Fangfang, Central South University, China ▪ Prof. Jelle Laverge, Ghent University, Belgium ▪ Dr. Leonard Wee, Aalborg University, Denmark, Maastricht University, The Netherlands ▪ Dr. Philipp Svoboda, Technische University Wien, Austria ▪ Dr. Silviu Florin ACARU, AIXTRON, The Netherlands ▪ Dr. Zhiwen Jiang, French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), France **Sounding Board** ▪ Mr. Colin Tan, The UK ▪ Mr. Gilles De Regge, Belgium ▪ Mr. Jeffrey Tury-Rakar, Austria ▪ Mr. Lukas Janotka, Switzerland ▪ Mr. Manuel Mersini, Italy ▪ Dr. Ma Zhongxuan, The Netherlands ▪ Mr. Sreyansh Tiwari, Sweden ▪ Mrs. Valentina Chessa, Spain ▪ Dr. Zhao Ran, Belgium
Parallel Sessions **Session 2:** Science Diplomacy for an Era of Global Transformation 16:30-18:30 Honneur	**16:30-16:45**	Welcome and session presentation **Moderator**: Prof. Justo García-Navarro, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM), Spain
	16:45-18:30	1. Speech session 2. Challenge presentation: The University as an Actor in Science Diplomacy: From Research to Global Action (Moderator) 3. Workshop 4. Elevator pitches 5. Summary

Speakers:

- Mrs. Saima Asghar, PhD candidate at Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Belgium
- Mr. Eric Piaget, International Relations Officer at Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Belgium

Dialogue Speakers:

Prof. Brian Boag JP, The UK

Prof. Damien Gruson, Belgium

Prof. Dr. Diana Robescu, Romania

Prof. Enric Ordeix-Rigo, Spain

Prof. Jan Cornelis, Belgium

Prof. Josep Bordonau, Spain

Prof. Dr. Michał Nowicki, Poland

Prof. Nicolaos Theodossiou, Greece

Prof. Piet Herdewyn, Belgium

Prof. Pan Feng, China

Prof. Dr. Ronit Shiri-Sverdlov, The Netherlands

Prof. Salah-Eddin Al-Batran, Germany

Prof. Sandra Hasanefendic, The Netherlands

Dr. Stephan Jüngling, Switzerland

Prof. Saman Sarbazvatan, France

Prof. Vladimir Jakovjevic, Serbia

Prof. Ir. Wim Boydens, Belgium

Prof. Wu Fan, USA

Prof. Wolfgang Jacquet, Belgium

Dr. Yu Diao, Belgium

Parallel Sessions

Session 3:

Women at the Forefront of Collaborative Intelligence

16:30-18:30

Bellevue B

16:30-16:45

Introduction

Moderator: Mrs. Barbara Vercruysse, President of Professional Women International (PWI) Brussels, Belgium

16:45-18:30

1.Speech session

2.Introduction of Collaborative Intelligence

3.Dialogue discussion: Diversity as a Design Principle

Speakers:

- Prof. Bo Gao, Chair, Women Scientists Committee, World Association of Young Scientists (WAYS), China
- H.E Mrs. Mmasekgoa Masire Mwamba, Former Commonwealth Deputy Secretary-General, Botswana

Dialogue Speakers:

Ms. Anne Evanno, France

Ms. Chen Jue, Belgium

Ms. Dove Feng, The Netherlands

Mr. Frank Schwalba-Hoth, Germany

Dr. Ivona Lađevac, Serbia

Ms. Lijun Leibold, Germany

Dr. Monika V. Kronbügel, Germany

Ms. Mao Xi, Belgium

Dr. Ngomsik Audrey, Belgium

Ms. Raluca Ioana CIBU BUZAC, Romania

Dr. Sara Medina, Portugal

Ms. Viktoria Novik, Belgium

Mr. Wang Jia, China

Dr. Yang Li, Germany

Prof. Zhang Weihong, Belgium

Prof. Zhang Xun, France

Parallel Sessions

Session 4:

55-Year Cooperation, A New Chapter in Sci-Tech & Trade

16:30-18:30

Bellevue A

16:30-16:45

Introduction

Moderator: Mrs. Gwenn Sonck, Executive Director of Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce (FCCC), Belgium

16:45-18:30

1.Speech session

2.Dialogue session: explore how China and Belgium can collaborate in research, innovation, investments, and technology industrialization?

Speakers:

- Mr. Fu Jing, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou), China
- Em. Prof. dr. ir. Luc Taerwe, Ghent University, Belgium

Dialogue Speakers:

- Mr. Fu Jing, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou), China
- Ms. Liang Linlin, Director of Communication and Research, China Chamber of Commerce to the EU, Belgium
- Dr. Li Yue, Research Fellow at NingboTech University, China
- Mr. Luo Yucheng (Jason), General Manager of China-Belgium Technology Center (CBTC), Belgium
- Dr. Yang Zhen, Hangzhou Junshore Technology Co., Ltd., China
- Mr. Dirk Lambrecht, Head of the Major 3D Animation Production at Digital Arts and Entertainment, Howest Kortrijk, Belgium
- Mr. Frederic Deprez, Flanders Investment and Trade (FIT), Belgium
- Dr. Ludo Cuypers, CEO of COMmeto, Belgium
- Em. Prof. dr. ir. Luc Taerwe, Ghent University, Belgium
- Mr. Maxime Dechamps, founder and Managing Director of 8AM Group and Dechamps Media, Belgium
- Mr. Paul Thoeng, CEO of cHESS Management Pte Ltd, Belgium
- Mr. Sietse-Arne Schelpe, CEO of Wetime, Belgium

Closing Session

18:45-21:00

Ballroom B

18:45-19:15	Briefs on parallel sessions by session leaders **Moderator**: Ms. Chen Jue, Deputy Director of ACEIE, Belgium
19:15-19:20	Signing Ceremony ZAST, China; ACEIE, Belgium and Circular EELISA, Spain
19:20-19:30	Closing Remarks Ms. Li Yan, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Kingdom of Belgium, China
19:30-21:00	Dinner

Speakers

Opening Session and Keynote speakers



His Excellency, Mr. Cai Run

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the European Union, China

His Excellency, Ambassador Mr. Cai Run became the Deputy Director-General of the Policy Research Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2008, later heading the Policy Planning Department in 2012.

In 2015, he was appointed as China's Ambassador to Portugal, followed by his role as Ambassador to Israel in 2021. In 2024, he was appointed Ambassador to the European Union.



Mr. Joseph Leinen

Former President of Delegation for Relations with People's Republic of China, Germany
Former Member of the European Parliament, President of the Union of European Federalists, Germany
Senior Fellow of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS)
Author for the study of "New Global Deal" for the Summit of the Future at the United Nations in New York
Chair of the Citizens Cooperative for Renewable Energies, BGEG/Germany

Mr. Joseph Leinen is a German politician who served as Member of the European Parliament (MEP) from 1999 until 2019.

He also served on the European Parliament Intergroup on a European Constitution from 1999 until 2009. He is well known for his environmental and foreign affairs activities, as well as for his support for a Federal Europe.

Mr Leinen was President of the Union of European Federalists (UEF) from 1997-2005 and President of the European Movement International (EMI) from 2009-2014.

He was the Vice-president of the European Environment Bureau (EEB) in Brussels from 1979 to 1984 and the Minister for Environment in the German State of Saarland (1985-1994). He was a member of the Committee of the Regions from 1995 to 1999 and of the Congress of the Regions and Communes of the Council of Europe.

Currently, he is member of different organizations related to culture, social and sports; and also the vice-president of EUROSOLAR e.V (1988-2005).



His Excellency, Mr. Zhang Guangjun

Vice Minister of the Ministry of Science and Technology, China

His Excellency, Mr. Zhang Guangjun studied Electronic Instrument and Measurement Technology in the Department of Radio Engineering at Harbin Institute of Technology from 1987 to 1991. From 1991 to 2018, he worked at the China Academy of Engineering Physics (CAEP), serving successively as a technician and Deputy Head of a Division at the Institute of Systems Engineering, Deputy Director of the Institute of Systems Engineering, Director of the Political Department of CAEP, Director of the Office of Major Special Projects Management, Assistant President and Director of the Office of Major Engineering Management of CAEP. From 2018 to 2020, he served as Vice Governor of the People's Government of Guangdong Province. In 2020, he served as a member of the Departmental Affairs Committee of the Organization Department of the CPC Central Committee and concurrently Director-General of the Second Cadre Bureau; in 2023, he became Vice Minister of the Organization Department of the CPC Central Committee. Since June 2026, he has served as Vice Minister of the Ministry of Science and Technology, People's Republic of China.



Ms. Li Yan

Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Kingdom of Belgium, China

Since July 2025, Ms. Li Yan has served as Minister of the Embassy of China in Belgium. She has brought to her position more than 20 years of experiences in diplomacy and development cooperation. She had worked in several Chinese Embassies and Consulates General. She has a Master's Degree in international relations.



Prof. Gong Ke

Chair of the WFEO Task Force for Engineering Capacity Building for Africa (ECBAP) and Past President of the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO), China

Prof. Gong Ke is Chair of the WFEO Task Force for Engineering Capacity Building for Africa (ECBAP) and Past President of the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO). He is Executive Director of the Chinese Institute for the New Generation Artificial Intelligence Development Strategies. In 1986, he obtained Doctor degree for Technical Science from Technical University of Graz, Austria. Throughout his distinguished academic career, Prof. Gong had served as Vice-President of Tsinghua University, President of Tianjin University and President of Nankai University.

Prof. Gong had served on the United Nations Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board (2014-17) and is internationally recognized for his contributions to engineering education, artificial intelligence, and global engineering cooperation.



Dr. Song Zhiwei

President of ACEIE, Belgium

Dr. Song Zhiwei is an associate partner at IBM. His leadership competency and subject matter expert capability in large and complex project management (PMP certified in 2005) of software development, testing (ISEB certified in 2009), and process improvements (mastery of CMMI, Agile) are fully recognized by IBM, as well as by customers worldwide. With his 20+ years of international experience as a project executive, Zhiwei has successfully managed large-scale comprehensive IT system modernization projects for leading banks in Europe and Asia.

Zhiwei is also the founder of the Associated Center of Eurasian for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (ACEIE).

ACEIE, as an advisory group of professionals, builds bridges linking up European startups/companies and Chinese partners through events, seminars, conferences, coaching and mentoring. Under the leadership of Zhiwei, ACEIE has supported 20+ startups/companies to settle down in China in a few years' time and established strong business networks in Europe, as well as in the leading provinces in China, such as Shandong, Zhejiang, Jiangsu, Hainan, Guangdong, etc.

Zhiwei obtained a PhD in Parallel Computing and a master's degree in Irrigation Engineering at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium, and a Bachelor's Degree in Hydraulic Engineering at Tianjin University in China.



Dr. Ondřej Dostál

Lawyer and Czech Member of the European Parliament (MEP), EU

Dr. Ondřej Dostál is a lawyer and Czech Member of the European Parliament (MEP), elected in 2024. As a non-attached Member, he serves on the Committee on the Environment, Climate and Food Safety (ENVI), the Committee on Public Health (SANT), as well as the Delegations for Relations with China, Russia, the Arab Peninsula, and the Countries of Southeast Asia and ASEAN. Before entering the European Parliament,

Mr. Dostál built a career as a lawyer specialising in health law, patients' rights, and bioethics.

He has taught at Charles University for more than two decades and has advised public institutions on healthcare legislation and policy. His work has focused on ensuring equitable access to healthcare, strengthening patients' rights, and promoting evidence-based public policy.

In the European Parliament, Mr. Dostál works on public health, international cooperation, and foreign affairs, with a particular interest in promoting dialogue, peace, and pragmatic cooperation between the European Union and partners across Asia and beyond.



Her Excellency, Mmasekgoa Masire-Mwamba BSc. MBA. LLB.

Ambassador of Botswana to Belgium Hon. Bencher, Honorable Society of the Middle Temple, United Kingdom

Ambassador Masire-Mwamba is a senior diplomat, governance expert, and international development leader with over 30 years of experience spanning diplomacy, public service, private sector leadership, and multilateral engagement. She recently served as Ambassador of Botswana to Belgium and the European Union(2023–2026) and previously served as Ambassador of Botswana to Germany (2018–2022), representing Botswana in high-level bilateral, regional, and multilateral engagements across Europe and beyond.

She previously held the position of Deputy Secretary General (Political) at the Commonwealth Secretariat (2008–2014), overseeing political, legal, constitutional, human rights, and youth portfolios across 53 Member States. Earlier in her career, she served as CEO of BEDIA (2003–2007), where she led national investment promotion strategy, foreign direct investment attraction, trade facilitation, and country branding initiatives.

Beyond formal diplomatic and executive roles, Ambassador Masire-Mwamba has extensive international consultancy experience, including SACU and UNICEF.

Her academic background reflects a strong interdisciplinary foundation, including an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh, a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of South Africa (UNISA), a Bachelor of Science in Electronics and Physics from the University of London, and an Advanced Management Programme from IESE Business School, Spain.

Her work consistently focuses on governance, diplomacy, sustainable development, investment promotion, gender equality, and Africa's role in shaping global systems.

She is the founder of the Mentoring Together Platform, an intergenerational initiative focused on leadership development, mentorship, and youth empowerment, with a strong emphasis on expanding opportunity pathways for young professionals and women.



His Excellency, Mr. Luvsanvandan Bold

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to Benelux and Mission to the European Union, Mongolia

His Excellency, Ambassador Mr. Bold Luvsanvandan serves as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to the Kingdom of Belgium, to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Mission to the European Union since 2021. He is a Mongolian diplomat and politician with a long and varied career in public service. He has held numerous significant positions, including Member of Parliament and serving as both Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia (2012-2014) and Minister of Defense of Mongolia (2008-2012). Since 2020, he has served as the Security and Defense Policy Advisor to the President of Mongolia, further contributing to national and international policy.

In addition to his political work, Bold has held leadership roles in the private sector, including serving as the Chairman of the Mineral Resources and Petroleum Authority of Mongolia and President of the Mongolian Bankers Association. His leadership in various sectors earned him numerous national and international awards, including the UNMISS medal by the United Nations, the Polar Star Order and the Komandor Merit Cross from Poland.

Mr. Luvsanvandan holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Sociology from the Trade Union University of Bernau in Germany. Fluent in Mongolian, English, German, and Russian, he has also been recognized with several honorary degrees, including an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Defense of Mongolia in 2012.



Mr. Xia Bing

Deputy Director of the Secretariat of China Association for International Exchange of Personnel, China

Mr.Xia Bing graduated from the Industrial Management Engineering major in the Department of Management Science, University of Science and Technology Beijing, as an Engineer.

From 1989 till 2016 he served as the Project officer of U.S.—China Foundation for International Exchanges in San Francisco, USA.

He also served as the Chief Representative, Office in Germany in the China Association for International Exchange of Personnel

Currently he is the Deputy Director of the Secretariat of China Association for International Exchange of Personnel since 2016.



Mr. Wang Jia

Deputy Secretary-General of the World Association of Youth Scientists (WAYS), China

Mr. Jia Wang serves as Deputy Secretary-General of the World Association of Young Scientists (WAYS), an international organization dedicated to advancing cross-border scientific collaboration, facilitating mobility for young researchers, and integrating early-career scientists into global science policy dialogues. Prior to his current role, he worked at the International Cooperation Department of CAST, where he administered international exchange initiatives and coordinated bilateral and multilateral scientific cooperation projects.

His portfolio covered institutional partnerships, researcher exchange frameworks, and scientific outreach programmes connecting scientists across diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

He holds a Master's degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor's degree in Law, equipping him with robust policy and legal expertise to address diverse challenges within multilateral scientific governance.

Boasting extensive cross-sector experience, he effectively links early-career scientists from developing economies to global platforms.

His key work includes designing youth engagement mechanisms for flagship international science conferences and fostering dialogues between researchers and policymakers to translate scientific findings into actionable governance proposals.



Prof. Salah-Eddin Al-Batran

Founder and Director of the Frankfurt Institute of Clinical Cancer Research (IKF), Head of the Gastrointestinal Cancer Centre at Northwest Hospital in Frankfurt, and a Member of the Board of Directors of the University Cancer Centre Frankfurt, a German Cancer Aid-certified Comprehensive Cancer Centre of Excellence, Germany

Prof. Salah-Eddin Al-Batran is a board-certified Hematologist and Oncologist with additional board certifications in Internal Medicine, Palliative Medicine, and Pain Management.

Prof. Al-Batran received his medical degree from Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich and completed postgraduate training in Internal Medicine, Hematology, and Oncology in Frankfurt. Since 2013, he has held a full professorship at Goethe University Frankfurt. Prof. Al-Batran is an internationally recognized leader in gastrointestinal cancer research with a particular focus on gastric, esophageal, and pancreatic cancer. He founded and chaired the German IKF-FLOT-AIO Gastric Cancer Group, which developed the FLOT regimen and other therapeutic standards. He also founded the Frankfurt Institute of Clinical Cancer Research (IKF), where he serves as Director. IKF is an independent academic clinical research organization dedicated to investigator-initiated and academia–industry collaborative clinical research. Under his leadership, IKF has developed into one of Europe's leading academic clinical trial organizations, integrating sponsor, CRO, and academic trial network capabilities to accelerate the development of innovative cancer therapies. Through IKF, Prof. Al-Batran has initiated and led numerous multinational Phase I–III clinical trials and established collaborations with leading academic institutions, cooperative groups, and pharmaceutical companies worldwide. His work is characterized by strong multicenter and interdisciplinary collaboration and has resulted in publications in leading journals, including the New England Journal of Medicine, Nature Medicine, The Lancet, and the Journal of Clinical Oncology. He has received multiple national and international awards for his scientific contributions, including the German Cancer Award.



Dr. Yang Ling

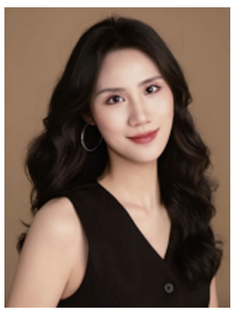
Director of ACEIE, Germany

Dr. Yang Ling is the director of the Associated Center of Eurasian for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (ACEIE).

In the past 20 years, Ling has engaged in numerous activities in building mutual relationships in various areas between Europe and China for exchanging knowledge and experience. She has helped both Chinese and European to set up startups or research platforms in China.

In October 2022, Ling was rewarded as "Top 10 Chinese Technology Leaders in Europe".

Ling has 20 years of working experience at Procter & Gamble (P&G). She has successively served as project manager, senior system analyst, senior system designer, global process optimization architect, warehouse logistics engineer, global project manager, department head, as well as global process optimization director of Prestige Products. During her service years, she has won many times P&G's outstanding achievement awards. Currently she works as global architect at CIT of Schenck Process Holding and won the Schenck Group Special Achievement Award in 2021.



Dr. Sun Yan

M.D., PhD, Department of Genetics & Cell Biology at the Maastricht University, The Netherlands

Dr. Yan Sun is a physician-scientist at Maastricht University, focusing on cancer cachexia, metabolic reprogramming, and tumor immunology.

Dr. Sun obtained her medical license in China in 2015. She completed her Master's degree in Geriatric Gastroenterology at Zhengzhou University, alongside standardized residency training, and subsequently received specialized training in gastrointestinal oncology, Palliative Care, and clinical nutrition at Ruijin Hospital Luwan Branch, Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine.

Since joining Maastricht University in December 2020, her translational research has integrated AI-enabled imaging biomarkers, multi-omics, and clinical data to investigate host–tumor interactions and develop precision oncology strategies.

Her work has received international recognition, including two Best Young Investigator Awards at the International Conference on Cachexia, Sarcopenia and Muscle Wasting (2022 and 2025), the Best Clinical Research Award at the World Medical PhD Conference (2022), and an oral presentation at the European Society For Medical Oncology Congress (2025). In 2026, she received a research grant from the Limburg Universiteitsfonds and participated in a multinational clinical study spanning seven countries.

Dr. Sun is also a science communicator with more than 300,000 followers. She was named among Zhihu's Top 100 Science Contributors in its 10th Anniversary Recognition (2021) and received a Public Welfare Certificate from China's National Health Commission (2023).



Dr. Min Deng

Researcher at the Centre for Cancer Cell Reprogramming, Institute of Clinical Medicine, University of Oslo, Norway

Min Deng is a Researcher at the Centre for Cancer Cell Reprogramming, Institute of Clinical Medicine, University of Oslo, Norway. His research focuses on engineering next-generation human skeletal muscle organoid models to investigate muscle physiology, neuromuscular function, and cancer-associated muscle wasting. By integrating stem cell engineering, organoid technology, advanced imaging, and

multi-omics approaches, he develops physiologically relevant human models for disease modeling and therapeutic discovery.

Building on a multidisciplinary background in molecular and cellular biology, Min's research aims to bridge fundamental discoveries with translational applications. His work has contributed to the development of rapid and reproducible human skeletal muscle organoid platforms that enable functional studies of muscle development, regeneration, and disease. These platforms provide new opportunities for investigating disease mechanisms and evaluating therapeutic strategies in a human-relevant system.

Min is passionate about advancing regenerative medicine through interdisciplinary collaboration and innovative bioengineering technologies. His long-term goal is to establish predictive human tissue models that accelerate precision medicine and improve the development of effective therapies for muscle disorders and other degenerative diseases.



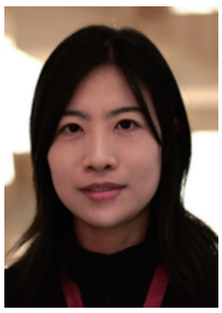
Dr. hab. Michalina Radzińska

Associate Professor, Nicolaus Copernicus University (NCU) in Toruń, Collegium Medicum in Bydgoszcz, Poland. Classical violinist, Art Therapist and Occupational Therapist, Poland

Dr. hab. Michalina Radzińska represents two academic disciplines: art and medicine. She is a graduate of Feliks Nowowiejski Music Academy in Bydgoszcz and Scuola di Musica di Fiesole, as well as the University of Warsaw and Poznan University of Medical Sciences, among other institutions. In 2016, she obtained her PhD in musical arts, followed by her habilitation degree in 2024. In 2026, she was awarded a scholarship by the Polish Minister of Culture and National Heritage.

As a violinist, she has performed as a soloist and chamber musician in over a dozen European countries. She has recorded several albums and authored numerous publications in the field of musical arts.

As an art therapist, she specialises in the impact of creating and experiencing art on overall well-being, with a particular emphasis on classical music as a therapeutic tool, as well as Dance Movement Therapy (DMT). Working across diverse demographics, with a special focus on older adults, she actively explores how art fosters health and resilience, a topic which she extensively addressed in her publications.



Dr. Jing Xu

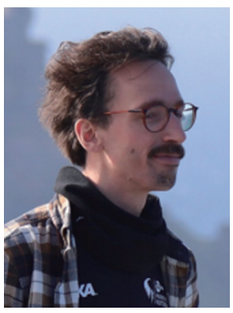
Senior Researcher at the Department of Microbiology, Tumor and Cell Biology, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden

Dr. Jing Xu is a Senior Researcher at the Department of Microbiology, Tumor and Cell Biology, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden. Her research focuses on vascular biology, tumor metabolism, and the crosstalk between systemic metabolism and cancer, with the goal of identifying novel mechanisms and therapeutic strategies for cancer and metabolic diseases.

Her research has contributed to pioneering discoveries on how brown adipose tissue, angiogenesis, and systemic metabolism regulate tumor progression and therapeutic responses. She also helped establish a novel link between viral infection and systemic metabolic reprogramming, revealing how virus-induced metabolic and vascular alterations can promote cancer progression and uncovering new mechanistic connections between infectious diseases, metabolism, and oncology.

She has published research in leading journals, including Nature, Nature Metabolism, Cell Metabolism, Signal Transduction and Targeted Therapy, Science Translational Medicine, Advanced Science, and Journal for Immuno Therapy of Cancer, among others.

She serves on the editorial boards of several international scientific journals.



Dr. Patrick Fuchs

Medical imaging (MRI), University of Antwerp, Belgium

Dr. Patrick Fuchs has been working in medical imaging (MRI) for close to a decade. Currently he is pursuing a post-doctoral position in the lab of Prof. Jeurissen, working on imaging tissue microstructures using a data-driven approach. In the past he has been involved in multi-modal sequences for neurodegeneration, mapping susceptibility both structurally as well as functionally at the University College London with Prof. Shmueli. During his Phd he worked on translating advanced MRI concepts to a low resource settings, collaborating with Prof. Webb on a portable MRI, while advancing the understanding of electro-magnetic tissue properties with dr. Remis.

Having lived across the globe, and sharing his home with a large range of people, Patrick Fuchs is strongly engaged in DEI issues, specifically in science as well as within the MRI community.

He enjoys sharing his work with a broad audience through for example STEM promotion to high-school students and open forums such as the Pint-of-Science initiative. He believes our duty as scientists is to ensure that at least some of our advances directly reach the general public. Many of his colleagues look to him for critical and insightful questions, even in fields far from his own expertise.



Dr. Maximilian Kloft

Physician-scientist specializing in internal medicine and medical oncology, Krankenhaus Nordwest, part of University Cancer Center in Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Maximilian Kloft is a physician-scientist specializing in internal medicine and medical oncology, with a strong research focus on gastrointestinal (GI) cancers and immuno oncology. He is currently in his fifth year of his residency, working at Krankenhaus Nordwest, part of University Cancer Center in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. There he contributes as a sub-investigator in multiple clinical trials, mainly gastrointestinal and lung cancers. Additionally, he serves as a medical expert at the Frankfurt Institute for Clinical Cancer Research (IKF GmbH), where he is also involved in the conceptual development of clinical trials. From 2021 to 2024, he served as a resident physician in medical oncology and palliative care at University Hospital Gießen. He received a B.Sc. in Biomedical Sciences at Maastricht University and completed the university's combined M.Sc./M.D. program in Medicine and Clinical Research in 2021.

His PhD research focuses on lymph node reaction patterns in upper gastrointestinal cancers and their potential prognostic significance. This work has led to several peer-reviewed publications in indexed journals, as well as multiple oral and poster presentations at national and international conferences. His research interests include immune responses in lymph nodes and the identification of prognostic and predictive biomarkers in gastrointestinal cancers.



Em. Prof. Jan Paul Cornelis

Former Vice-Principal of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium

Prof. Jan Paul Cornelis - Emeritus Professor, electromechanical engineer, and PhD in biomedical engineering. He has been head of Department of electronics and informatics (VUB-ETRO), Vice rector of R&D, coordinator of technology transfer and vice rector of international policy at VUB, deputy head of cabinet - Ministry of Innovation, co-founder of BI3 and Qbic incubation funds, ICAB incubator, and board member at Strategic Research Institutes IMEC and VIB.

He has participated to various university audits in Europe.

He is now consultant professor at NPU-Xi'an, visiting professor at UO-Cuba, international expert for CTI "Commission des Titres d'Ingénieur", chairman of the scientific council of the Royal Meteorological Institute Brussels, and part-time researcher (image processing and machine learning) at ETRO.

He received the Chinese State Friendship Award in 2015, and previously a similar award of the province of Shaanxi for his early involvement in cooperation with Chinese universities including technology transfer.



Dr. Damien Gruson

Head of the Department of Clinical Biochemistry at the Cliniques Universitaires Saint-Luc in Brussels, Belgium

Professor Damien Gruson is Head of the Department of Clinical Biochemistry at the Cliniques Universitaires Saint-Luc in Brussels.

He is also Professor at UCLouvain, where he is affiliated with the research unit in Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Nutrition.

He currently serves as President-Elect of the European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM) and as Chair of the Division on Emerging Technologies of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC). His leadership focuses on innovation in laboratory medicine, including point-of-care testing, digital health, artificial intelligence, and preventive diagnostics.

Professor Gruson is a board member of the Royal Belgian Society of Laboratory Medicine and of the Belgian Thyroid Club. He is a Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology, the Heart Failure Association, and the ADLM Academy.



Prof. Saman Sarbazvatan

COO and Vice Dean of École des Ponts Business School of École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées (ENPC) and the Founding Director of ReTech Center, France

Prof. Saman Sarbazvatan is COO and Vice Dean of École des Ponts Business School, the business school of École nationale des ponts et chaussées (ENPC), Founding Director of the school's ReTech Center, and Professor of Technology, innovation, and sustainability. His work, grounded in nearly three decades of academic and industrial contributions, focuses on shaping the exponential desirable futures of markets and societies that emerge where science and technology responsibly enhance human, social, and institutional agency, creativity, and values.

He serves as the Senior Advisor of Technology and Innovation at the Circular Economy Research Center (CERC) and the Center for Policy and Competitiveness (CPC-Paris), and as an external expert on Digital and Green Transition at the European Commission. Saman also chairs the Harvard European Chapter of the Microeconomics of Competitiveness (MOC) network, the founding lead of the Industry 5.0 Special Interest Group at the Porter's Institute, and the founding chair of the Academic, Innovation, and Scientific Committee of The National Chamber for Italian Fashion - Camera Nazionale della Moda Italiana (CNMI).

Passionate about leveraging technology for driving meaningful innovation, Saman is dedicated to driving the emerging desirable futures of digitally empowered, responsible markets and societies.

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Prof. Haihong E

Professor, Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications (BUPT), China

Haihong E is a Professor at Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications (BUPT) and Deputy Director of the Engineering Research Center for Information Network, Ministry of Education, China. She also serves as Vice Chair of the Working Committee on Research Integrity of the China Society for Scientific and Technical Information and as an Executive Member of the CCF Data Governance Development Committee， and an expert in AI and big data for the China Association of Productivity Promotion Centers.

Her research focuses on reasoning and decision-making with multimodal foundation models, with applications in healthcare, research integrity, and scientific intelligence. She has led more than 30 research projects, including projects under the National Key Research and Development Program of China and the National Natural Science Foundation of China.

Professor E has published more than 100 peer-reviewed papers and has been granted over 100 invention patents, 21 of which have been licensed. Her research has received major science and technology awards in China, including the First Prize of the Wu Wenjun Artificial Intelligence Science and Technology Award, the Second Prize of the Beijing Science and Technology Award, and the First Prize of the CCF Technology Achievement Award for Technological Invention.



Mr. Stephan Horvath

Founder, Ideations & Partner of SilkRoad Cooperation, Germany

Stephan Horvath is the co-founder of SilkRoad Cooperation Ltd., an advisory firm dedicated to bridging European and Chinese companies through strategic collaboration, innovation-driven partnerships, and sustainable business development.

By applying commercial diplomacy, Stephan enhances international B2B matchmaking through strategic stakeholder engagement, cultural bridging, regulatory navigation, and the cultivation of long-term, trust-based partnerships, particularly in sectors fueled by research, innovation, and advanced technology.

With over 25 years of international C-level experience, Stephan has worked with leading network agencies and consulting firms across the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia.

Stephan also facilitates impactful B2B matchmaking across sectors such as R&D, science, technology, and investor relations.

Previously, Stephan served as CEO/President of IPG Digital and Media Services, where he built strong global relationships with major corporations and international clients.

He holds a Master's degree in Economics and Computer Science from the Technical University of Stuttgart in Germany and is a frequent keynote speaker at international business and innovation conferences in Europe and China.

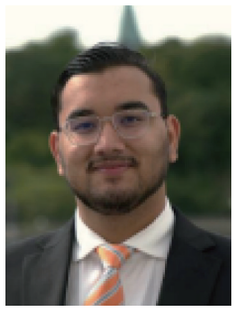


Ms. Dove Feng

Head of Marketing at MANUS, The Netherlands

Dove Feng is Head of Marketing at MANUS, a Netherlands-based robotics technology company developing high-precision hand-tracking technology for physical AI.

At MANUS, she works with leading robotics companies, researchers, and technology partners to advance how human hand movements can be captured and transformed into high-quality data for training intelligent robots. Trusted by more than 2,000 organizations worldwide, MANUS' technology enables high-fidelity teleoperation, robot learning, and data collection, helping bridge the gap between human dexterity and robotic intelligence.



Mr. Sreyansh Tiwari

Chief Executive Officer of Vbri Group AB and Co-founder of EcoMatX, Sweden

Sreyansh is the Chief Executive Officer of Vbri Group AB, a Swedish innovation-driven company dedicated to advancing sustainable technologies and fostering global collaboration in science and industry. Under his leadership, Vbri Group AB has strengthened its role as a catalyst for interdisciplinary research, green innovation, and technology commercialization across Europe and Asia.

He is also the Co-founder of EcoMatX, a next-generation sustainability startup pioneering low-carbon and net-zero nanostructured materials derived from waste wood and captured CO2.

EcoMatX operates pilot-scale facilities in Sweden with an annual capacity of 10–25 tons, targeting 100 tons per year by 2027. Its patented Net-Zero Heteropolar Graphene technology enables high-performance applications in construction, energy storage, and sustainable mobility, achieving up to 80% lower emissions than conventional materials. Currently in the seed-funding stage, EcoMatX is positioning for a multi-million-euro valuation as it scales production and accelerates commercialization of its net-zero material technologies. Through his leadership at both Vbri Group and EcoMatX, Sreyansh bridges the gap between scientific research, industrial application, and environmental responsibility, driving progress toward a cleaner, more resilient, and innovation-driven global economy.



Prof. Dr. Nicolaos Theodossiou

Professor Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
President of AECEF
Chair of UN SDSN Black Sea

Prof. Dr. Nicolaos Theodossiou studied Civil Engineering at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, in Greece, where he acquired his PhD.

He is currently a professor at the Division of Hydraulics and Environmental Engineering and Director of the Water Resources Engineering and Management Laboratory, of the Department of Civil Engineering at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, in Greece. He is working on water resources management, protection and restoration of the environment, sustainable development, renewable energy sources, environmental impacts, and many other sectors.

Prof. Theodossiou has served as a member of several national and international scientific committees, participated in more than 40 funded research projects and published more than 200 papers in scientific journals and conference proceedings. His published work has been cited more than 1550 times. Prof. Theodossiou has also participated as an

invited-keynote speaker in more than 30 international conferences.

Prof. Theodossiou is, amongst others, Director of the Postgraduate Program "Protection of the Environment and Sustainable Development", Vice-president of the Department of Civil Engineering, Coordinator of the Environmental Council of AUTh, President of the Association of European Civil Engineering Faculties - AECEF, Vice-president and former President of the Board of the Hellenic Hydrotechnical Association. He chairs the United Nations' Sustainable Development Solutions Network for the wider area of the Black Sea, operating under the auspices of the Secretary General of the United Nations. Prof. Theodossiou is a member of the "Council of Engineers for the Energy Transition", whose role is to advise the Secretary General of the United Nations on issues related to the energy transition. He is an elected Fellow of the World Academy of Art and Science.



Dr. Hazleen Ahmad

Founder of World Kindness Trust, Neuropower World, and the Institute of Neurodiversity (ION) Singapore, and Deputy CEO of ION Global, France

Hazleen Ahmad is a global executive, entrepreneur, and applied neuroscientist with more than three decades of leadership across business, impact investment, ethical social finance, and venture building. She is the Founder of World Kindness Trust, Neuropower World, and the Institute of Neurodiversity (ION) Singapore, and Deputy CEO of ION Global. Through these organizations she builds cross-sector initiatives that connect neuroscience, neurodiversity, technology, and social innovation. She also created Kind Valley, a blueprint for a master-planned city inspired by neuroscience and neurotechnology.

Hazleen works with governments, investors, universities, and mission-driven organizations to turn emerging ideas into platforms, partnerships, and new models of value creation, helping organizations move beyond accommodation toward inclusion by design.

Hazleen is a Fellow of the ReTech Center at École des Ponts Business School, where she co-leads Neuromorphic Economy 5.0 with Prof. Saman Sarbazvatan, Vice Dean of the School. The initiative explores an economy designed around the diversity of intelligence, human and synthetic, from brain-inspired computing and neuroinclusive leadership to the capital that will finance the transition.



Dr. Guan Ke

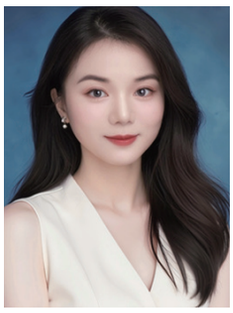
Head of the Scientific Advisory Board of Christian Doppler Laboratory for Digital Twin Assisted AI for Sustainable RAN, Austria

Dr. Ke Guan is a Professor at the School of Electronic and Information Engineering, Beijing Jiaotong University. He also serves as the Head of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Christian Doppler Laboratory for Digital Twin Assisted AI for Sustainable RAN in Austria. In 2025, he was elected as an IET Fellow and was recognized as one of the Top 10 Overseas Chinese Science and Technology Leaders in Europe.

He was elected as a Life Fellow of the Royal Society for the Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA) in 2024 and was awarded a Humboldt Research Fellowship in 2016. From February to July 2023, he served as a Guest Professor at Technische Universität Wien in Austria.

Dr. Guan made significant contributions to the clutter loss model in ITU-R P.2108 and the THz channel model in IEEE 802.15.3d-2017. He has authored or co-authored two books, five book chapters, over 200 journal and conference papers, and more than 20 patents.

His project, TwinSWAN, received the 2024 IET Excellence and Innovation Awards. Additionally, his publications have earned 14 Best Paper Awards, including the IEEE Vehicular Technology Society Neal Shepherd Memorial Best Propagation Paper Award in both 2019 and 2022.



Prof. Li Liu

Assistant Professor at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Guangzhou, China

Li Liu is an Assistant Professor at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou). She received her PhD from GIPSA-lab at Université Grenoble Alpes and CNRS, France, and subsequently worked as a postdoctoral researcher at Ryerson University, Canada. Her research interests include speech processing, audio-visual understanding and generation, and trustworthy artificial intelligence. She has published over 80 papers in top-tier journals and conferences in AI.

As PI, she has led multiple projects funded by the National Natural Science Foundation of China, including Key, General, and Young Scientists Fund projects, as well as a CCF–Tencent Rhino-Bird Research Fund project. Her work has been recognized with the French Sephora Berbibi Award for Women in Science, the IEEE Multimedia Rising Star Runner-up Award. She has also received the best student paper nomination award at ICSR 2024, and her team won first place in the Single-Model Track of the Audio Reasoning Challenge at INTERSPEECH 2026.



Prof. Xiuyun Liu

Chair Professor of Tianjin University, Vice Director of Medical Department, Dean of Pharmaceutical School at Tianjin University, China

Liu Xiuyun, Chair Professor of Tianjin University, Vice Director of Medical Department, Dean of Pharmaceutical School at Tianjin University. She is also the Deputy Director of the National Key Laboratory of Advanced Medical Materials and Medical Devices, Deputy Director of the Haihe Laboratory of Brain-Computer Interaction and Human-Machine Integration, and Director of the Ministry of Education Innovation Center for Basic Research in Neurocritical Care Medicine. She obtained her Ph.D. in Clinical Neurosciences from University of Cambridge, UK, and subsequently completed postdoctoral research at the University of California, San Francisco and Johns Hopkins University. She joined Tianjin University in 2021. Her research focuses on basic neuroscience and brain-computer interfaces for neurocritical care. She serves as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine (UK), a committee member of the Chinese Society of Biomedical Engineering, Vice President of the Life Support Technology Branch of the Chinese Association of Medical Rescue. She is also the Executive Editor of Engineering-BME, the associate Editor of Current Molecular Pharmacology, Associate Editor of Journal of Intelligent Medicine, and an editorial board member of Military Medical Research and Cyborg and Bionic Systems. Her honors include the 8th Translational Medicine Award, Wiley China High Contribution Author Award, and MIT Technology Review Innovators Under 35 (Asia Pacific).

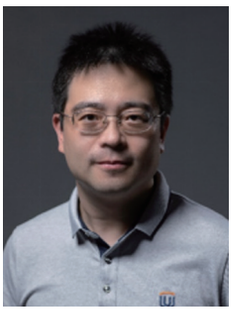


Prof. Yuanchao Shu

Qiushi Distinguished Professor with the College of Control Science and Engineering at Zhejiang University, China

Yuanchao Shu is currently a Qiushi Distinguished Professor with the College of Control Science and Engineering at Zhejiang University, China. Prior to joining academia, he was a Principal Researcher with Microsoft Research Redmond and Microsoft Azure. His research interests lie broadly in mobile, sensing and networked systems. He has published over 100 papers at top-tier peer-reviewed conferences and journals. Dr. Shu currently serves on the editorial board of IEEE Transactions of Mobile Computing, IEEE Transactions of Wireless Communications,

ACM Transactions on Sensor Networks, served as Steering Committee Member of ACM/IEEE SenSys, and was a member of the organizing committee and TPC of conferences including MobiCom, NSDI, AAAI, MobiSys, Globecom, ICC etc. He won six Best Paper/Demo (Runner-Up) Awards, MobiCom Best Community Contribution Award, and was the recipient of ACM China Doctoral Dissertation Award and IBM PhD Fellowship. Dr. Shu received his Ph.D. from Zhejiang University and was also a joint Ph.D. student in the EECS Department at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Dr. Shu is a senior member of ACM and IEEE, and an IEEE ComSoc Distinguished Lecturer.



Prof. Jie Wu

Chair of Physics Department of Westlake University and vice president of Zhejiang Young High-Level Talents Association, China

Prof. Jie Wu received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Fudan University in 2001 and 2004, respectively, and his Ph. D. in experimental condensed matter physics from the University of California at Berkeley in 2010. From 2010 to 2012, he conducted postdoctoral research at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory of United States. In 2012, he was appointed Assistant Physicist at Brookhaven National Laboratory, where he was promoted to Associate Physicist in 2014, and to Physicist in 2017. Since September 2019, he has been a faculty member of Westlake University.

Prof. Wu leads a quantum materials research group at Westlake University, focusing on oxide molecular beam epitaxy and low temperature transport measurements of unconventional superconductivity and magnetism.

He has published more than 60 papers in peer-reviewed journals, including Nature, Science, Nature Materials, etc. He currently serves as chair of Physics Department of Westlake University and vice president of Zhejiang Young High-Level Talents Association.



Prof. Fangfang Yuan

Professor at Xiangya Third Hospital, Central South University, China

Dr. Fangfang Yuan is a Professor at Xiangya Third Hospital, Central South University, where she serves as an independent Principal Investigator, Doctoral Supervisor, and Deputy Director of the Critical Care Medicine Teaching and Research Section. She previously served as a Visiting Scholar at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC). Dr. Yuan has been honored as a recipient of the National Science Fund for Excellent Young Scholars, the Hunan Provincial Natural Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholars, and the Huxiang Young Talent Award. She has also been awarded the Second Prize of the National Natural Science Award, the Young Investigator Award from the International Shock Society, and the First Prize of the Science and Technology Award from the Chinese Medical Association. In terms of academic appointments, she holds membership in the Academic Committee for Cell Therapy Clinical Research and the Microcirculation Professional Committee of the Chinese Association of Pathophysiology,

and serves as Deputy Director of the Critical Care Medicine Committee of the Hunan Health Management Association.

Dr. Yuan's interdisciplinary research focuses on elucidating the mechanisms underlying multi-organ injury induced by extreme heat under global warming scenarios, bridging climate science with translational medicine.

She specializes in clinical novel drug development and therapeutic efficacy evaluation. She is particularly interested in the molecular crosstalk between environmental stressors and cellular homeostasis, aiming to define the pathological thresholds that precipitate organ failure. Her findings provide a critical molecular basis for targeted interventions in critical care medicine and offer insights into public health strategies addressing climate-related health crises. Her work has been published in leading journals including Science, Liver International, and iScience.



Prof. Jelle Laverge

Head of the department of architecture and urban planning at Ghent University, Belgium

Jelle Laverge is the head of the department of architecture and urban planning at Ghent University and part of its building physics research group with a research focus on residential ventilation. They are the secretary ISIAQ, a member of the ASHRAE EHC and a part-time attorney-at-law at Uniqum Advocaten. They hold an M.Sc. in architectural engineering (2007), an ML in fiscal law (2011) and a PhD in engineering (2013) from Ghent University. They were the operating agent of IEB-EBC Annex 86, the scientific co-chair of BS2021, the president of IA2016, a part-time employee of Bureau Bouwtechniek in Antwerp, a part-time building physics lecturer at KaHo Sint-Lieven Gent and a visiting scholar at the University of Texas at Austin.



Dr. Leonard Wee

Associate professor of Clinical Data Science (CDS) jointly in Maastricht University, The Netherlands and Aalborg University, Denmark

Leonard Wee is an associate professor of Clinical Data Science (CDS) jointly in Maastricht University, The Netherlands and Aalborg University in Denmark. Leonard specializes in utilization of real-world healthcare data for training of clinical AI models using a privacy-aware method called Federated Learning that does not need exchange of patient-level data between institutions. He is (co)author of numerous papers in the field of radiomics, machine/deep learning, federated learning, data interoperability, and shared decision making.

He is PI of multi-institutional big real-world data studies and is work package leader responsible for a pan-European federated data ecosystem for adolescents and young adults with cancer.



Dr. Philipp Svoboda

Researcher at Technische Universität Wien and Head of the Christian Doppler Laboratory for Digital Twin assisted Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Radio Access Networks (CDLab AIRAN), Austria

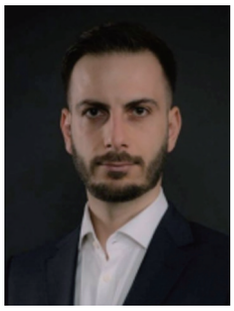
Philipp Svoboda is a Researcher at TU Wien, where he serves as the Head of the Christian Doppler Laboratory for Digital Twin assisted Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Radio Access Networks (CDLab AIRAN). His research aims to contribute to the development of resilient, intelligent, and energy-efficient wireless systems through both fundamental and applied investigations.

His current research investigates the integration of Digital Twin (DT) models and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to optimize the design and operation of Radio Access Networks (RANs).

This work addresses key challenges identified for 6G and subsequent systems, particularly the enhancement of data-driven network optimization and strategies for improving energy efficiency and environmental sustainability.

This focus is informed by his extensive experience analyzing the performance aspects of 4G and 5G cellular technologies. A foundational component of this research involved developing robust frameworks for evaluating network quality using crowdsourcing methodologies, aimed at supporting more reliable connectivity.

Dedicated to the principle of impactful, academic-industrial collaboration, Philipp leads a team of researchers within the CDLab AIRAN. The laboratory actively explores partnerships focused on advancing the state-of-the-art in intelligent and sustainable connectivity and welcomes professional inquiries regarding collaborative research opportunities.



Dr. Silviu Florin Acaru

AI OPERATIONS EXPERT
at AIXTRON BV., The Netherlands

Dr. Acaru is a Data Scientist and R&D Leader with years of experience in AI, machine learning, automation, and materials-focused innovation.

He is experienced in predictive analytics, MLOps, full-stack data solutions, and cross-functional technical leadership.

He started his career as an R&D Engineer at Pall Corporation, UK, where he led bioreactor system development from concept phase to market implementation.

Afterwards he did a Doctoral degree at the University Brunei Darussalam on automated patent analysis with NLP and machine learning, followed by a Postdoctoral at Maastricht University on advanced ML algorithms for chemical formulation optimiezation.

In 2025 he joined SynSillico B.V. in the Netherlands in the position of Director of data Science, leading AI/ML strategies and designing scalable data science infrastructure.

Since 2026 he is working as AI operations expert for AIXTRON B.V. where he desings and deploys machine learning platforms for energy materials and semiconductor processes.



Dr. Zhiwen Jiang

Tenured Researcher at the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), France

He received his Ph.D. from the University of Science and Technology of China (USTC) in 2021. In 2024, he became the only Chinese candidate recruited through the nationwide CNRS competitive selection in physical chemistry for a permanent research position. He joined the Institut de Chimie Physique at Université Paris-Saclay in September 2024.His research focuses on the precise regulation of radical chemistry for the advanced degradation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), as well as on interfacial radical reaction mechanisms in energy-related catalytic systems. His research has resulted in one granted European patent and three granted Chinese invention patents. As a first or co-first author, he has published in leading international journals, including Nature Water, Nature Communications (3), Environmental Science & Technology (2), Journal of the American Chemical Society (3), Angewandte Chemie (2), and Nano Letters. He has co-authored 33 SCI-indexed publications, which have received more than 610 citations.

Dr. Jiang has received support from the Japan–Asia Youth Exchange Program in Science (Sakura Science Exchange Program), the Jiangsu Funding Program for Excellent Postdoctoral Talent, the National Program for Funded Postdoctoral Researchers, and the Université Paris-Saclay Émergence Young Researcher Fund. He has also been selected two times for the Chinese Ministry of Education's Chunhui Program for young scholars.

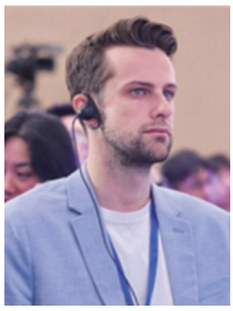
His research has been featured by ARTE, Les Échos, L'Humanité, and L'Actualité Chimique. His work has also been repeatedly highlighted in CNRS annual research features, on the Université Paris-Saclay homepage, and on the covers of international scientific journals.



Mr. Colin Tan

Director of Operations for TusPark, UK

Colin Tan is the Director of Operations for TusPark Newcastle, the first international TusPark fully-owned by TUS Holdings, China's largest innovation ecosystem of over 300 bases in every major city in China. He works with TUS's partners in the UK to help businesses, universities and governments to enter and scale-up in the Chinese market. He is also an entrepreneur, technology investor, and has helped to build tech ecosystems in the North of England as part of the Northern Powerhouse project.



Mr. Gilles De Regge

Lecturer 3D at Digital Arts and Entertainment (DAE) at De Hogeschool West-Vlaanderen (Howest), Belgium

As a passionate lighting enthusiast,

Mr. Gilles De Regge has developed a strong foundation in 3D art and visual effects through both professional experience and academic achievements. He began his career as an environment art intern at Cyborn in Antwerp, where he gained hands-on experience in creating immersive digital environments. Following this, he took on the role of 3D artist at Flow Postproduction in Antwerp and later at 3DExcite in Brussels, where he further honed

his skills in lighting, post production and visual storytelling.

In 2023, Gilles transitioned into education as a lecturer in 3D at DAE Howest in Kortrijk, a prestigious institution known for its programs in game development and digital arts. Here, he shares his expertise and passion for 3D production with aspiring artists, contributing to the next generation of creatives in the industry.

He holds a degree in Game Graphics Production (2017-2020) and VFX & 3D Production (2020-2022) from Howest University of Applied Sciences, one of Belgium's top programs for digital arts and entertainment. His deep interest in lighting and visual effects continues to drive his work, as he remains dedicated to pushing the boundaries of 3D art and technology.



Mr. Jeffrey Tury-Rakar

Co-founder of Dcode and SIMEX, Founder and CEO at Hotme, Austria

As a young entrepreneur from Vienna, Jeffrey aspires to make a positive contribution to computational oncology. His entrepreneurial journey began in 2020 with the development of a social media platform centered on competitions and personal growth. The project took him to the United States and gave him his first practical experience of building a company. Inspired by this journey, he began exploring how his interests in machine learning and biology could be applied to a challenge with lasting societal impact. This led him towards cancer research and genomics - fields that are also personally meaningful to him due to several cases of cancer within his close family environment.

Following his initial education in business and finance, Jeffrey is now also pursuing a BSc in genomics and microbiology. Alongside his studies, he works closely with scientific, medical and technical experts on Dcode, formerly EarlyOn, a computational oncology initiative focused on building a more complete and connected understanding of cancer biology.

Dcode brings together genomic and multi-omics information that is often fragmented across different datasets, studies and biological layers. Its broader ambition is to create a foundation for more systematic cancer research and more effective biomarker and therapeutic discovery.

After presenting an early project implementation in China and receiving the Global ECI Award for AI Innovation in 2024, Jeffrey is pleased to return on behalf of the Dcode team to share the progress made over the past year and the vision guiding its next stage of development.



Mr. Lukas Janotka

Student at the FHNW, Switzerland

Lukas Janotka is a Master's student at the FHNW in Switzerland, currently completing his MSc in Business Information Systems.

He works at Marmon Foodservice Technologies, a global manufacturer of automated beverage dispensing systems. As a Business Development Manager, he designed a rule-based sales configurator and is leading initiatives to implement a knowledge management system that enables faster and more efficient sales processes.

Lukas holds a Bachelor's degree in Sinology from Masaryk University, Czech Republic and furthered his studies at Zhengzhou University, China. After his studies in China, he held several business development and procurement roles in the nanotechnology and steam turbine manufacturing industries.

Currently, he is focused on finalizing and promoting a Process Digital Twin (PDT) solution developed as part of his master's thesis.

The solution is designed to help organizations govern, monitor, and optimize their business processes through data-driven process intelligence.



Mr. Manuel Mersini

Biomedical Engineer and the founder and CEO of BioVitalAge S.r.l., Italy

Manuel Mersini is a Biomedical Engineer and the founder and CEO of BioVitalAge S.r.l., an innovative Italian startup based in Bari dedicated to longevity medicine and to the clinical measurement of biological age. He designed and developed the BioVitalAge platform end to end: a clinical decision-support system that estimates Biological Age, Aging Acceleration, Vital Capacity and Resilience from routine blood biomarkers and biometrics, translating them into interpretable organ-level profiles and longitudinal patient trajectories.

Within the Gruppo Sant'Andrea ecosystem,

he coordinates the integration of laboratory diagnostics, sports medicine and preventive care into a single longevity pathway, and leads partnerships with European centres of regenerative and longevity medicine.

In parallel, he collaborates with the AI in Emergency Medicine research group at Northeastern University, contributing to clinical datasets and validation studies on AI-assisted diagnosis and on sepsis and stroke prediction, with work published in peer-reviewed journals.

He is also active as a lecturer on artificial intelligence and digital health, and designs accredited continuing-education courses in longevity medicine. He served as co-organizer of the WYSS 2025 European Event in Brussels and continues to promote international scientific cooperation in health innovation.



Dr. Zhongxuan Ma

Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, a Data Engineer at TimeLab B.V. in the Netherlands, and one of the Representatives of the Entrepreneurship Division of the China-Europe Green Technology Industry Alliance

He is a data and technology professional with interdisciplinary experience in academic research, algorithm development, entrepreneurship, and international technology commercialization.

Zhongxuan is committed to bridging advanced European technologies with real-world applications and market opportunities in China. He has actively contributed to the opening ceremony and Open Day activities of the science park affiliated with his university, serving as its only Asian Entrepreneurship Ambassador, and maintains close connections with startups across the Amsterdam region.

His professional interests span data analytics, algorithmic solutions, digital health, intelligent emergency medical systems, and the localization and commercialization of innovative technologies.

He has participated in collaborations involving research institutions, technology companies, and public-sector organizations, while promoting pilot projects with multiple emergency medical service providers in China. By connecting technological innovation, market needs, and international partnerships, he is dedicated to strengthening China-Europe collaboration and advancing the real-world impact of AI and data-driven technologies in healthcare and emergency response.



Ms. Valentina Chessa

Co-Founder – Kaabricks (Sustainable Construction Startup), Spain

Valentina Chessa is a Materials Engineer specialized in battery recycling, hydrometallurgy, and Life Cycle Assessment (LCA). She is an EIT- labelled Erasmus Mundus Master's candidate in Advanced Materials – Innovative Recycling (AMIR). She has experience in lithium recovery, sustainable material design, and waste valorization through research and startup innovation across Europe. Also does she have strong laboratory, modeling, and data analysis skills.



Dr. Zhao Ran

Postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Electronics and Informatics at VUB, Belgium

Dr. Ran Zhao is a postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Electronics and

Informatics at Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium. She received her Ph.D. from the same institution in 2025 with the greatest distinction. Her doctoral research focused on deep learning methods for human posture normalization and automatic anthropometric

measurement from partial, posed, and clothed 3D body scans. Before specializing in

computer vision, she earned a Master of Science in Pure Mathematics from East China

Normal University, with a focus on algebraic geometry.

Her research lies at the intersection of artificial intelligence, 3D computer vision, point cloud processing, and digital human modeling. She develops learning-based methods to reconstruct complete and geometrically accurate human body and hand models from sparse, incomplete, or unregistered sensor data, and to extract reliable anthropometric measurements automatically. Her work has been published in leading venues, including the IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision and IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics.

Dr. Zhao has also contributed to research projects involving low-cost body scanning

systems, emerging depth sensors, digital hand reconstruction, and geometric measurement. Her long-term goal is to translate advances in 3D vision into practical solutions for personalized products, healthcare, ergonomics, and intelligent manufacturing.



Prof. Justo García-Navarro

Full Professor on Agroforestry Engineering at Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain

Prof. Justo García-Navarro is the coordinator of the CIRCULAR Community at the European Alliance of EELISA Universities, and he is a Full Professor on Agroforestry Engineering at Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, UPM (Spain).

He is an architect and holds a PhD. in Architecture from UPM. He is the director of the UPM research group "Sustainability in construction and industry" giSCI, as well as the member of the Educational Innovation Working Group in "Electrical and Automation Technologies in the Rural Engineering."

Prof. Justo García-Navarro is the coordinator of the master's degree in Circular Economy of Minerals and Construction Products (UPM) and UPM coordinator of the European AMIR (Advanced Materials: Innovative Recycling) master's degree, and the AMIR Erasmus Mundus joint master's degree.

Prof. García-Navarro is also a member of the commission of experts for the evaluation of the National Technical Approvals (DIT), at IETcc-CSIC; technical Expert of the National Accreditation Entity (ENAC); and evaluator of R&D projects for ACIE, AENOR INTERNACIONAL, EQA, and DNV GL.

Prof. Justo García-Navarro has worked as a researcher and head researcher in more than 60 R&D and educational projects (both at the national and EU levels). He is also the author of more than 200 scientific papers and books on sustainability in construction and was recognized with the Alfonso Martín Escudero Research Award in 2001.



Ms. Saima Asghar

Researcher at the EU-China Higher Education Research Centre (ECHE), Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Belgium

Saima Asghar is a higher education professional with over eight years of experience in higher education administration, international academic collaboration, research management, and institutional development. She currently works as a Researcher at the EU-China Higher Education Research Centre (ECHE), Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB).

Previously, she served as Deputy Director at the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, where she contributed to strategic planning, project implementation, international partnerships, grant management, and institutional development. A major focus of her work was strengthening academic linkages between Pakistani and Chinese universities. She played a key role in establishing and monitoring the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Consortium of Universities, which expanded to 131 member universities, including 41 leading Chinese institutions.

Her work also involved managing China Study Centres, facilitating joint research initiatives, academic exchanges and student placements, administering research grants, coordinating leadership and faculty development programmes, and organizing international academic conferences and seminars. She also managed large-scale development budgets and supported programme monitoring and evaluation.

Her academic and professional journey has included engagement with the National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), Pakistan. Her interests centre on higher education leadership, international academic cooperation, institutional development, innovation, and the evolving role of universities in a changing global environment.



Mr. Eric Piaget

Researcher Vub at UTOPIA Project, Belgium

Eric Piaget is based at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), where he currently coordinates the science diplomacy work of the EUTOPIA European University Alliance. He is also a researcher at the United Nations University's Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS), where he works on non-traditional diplomacy. He previously worked for the Swedish MFA, think tanks, and NGOs.



Prof. Brian Boag JP

Higher Educational Specialist Advisor, UK

Prof. Brian Boag is a senior leader in Higher Education, specializing in Health and Social Care.

Brian began his career in nursing, focusing on emergency care, and later transitioned into education, working in various roles across London, Cumbria, Glasgow, Derby, and Greater Manchester. Brian was a runner-up for International Nurse of the Year at the RCN Nursing Standard Awards in 2007 and has received two Florence Nightingale Foundation Scholarships for travel and leadership development.

He also received the Harvard Business School MBA class of '74 scholarship in 2018 allowing him to study Executive Leadership at Harvard.

Brian has held several executive roles, including governor positions at the Northern Care Alliance and the University of Greenwich, and is a diversity advisor for the mayor of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority. He was until November 2025 Co-chair of the Council of Deans Regulation Subgroup, working closely with professional bodies on education quality and regulation matters.

With an MBA in Education from Keele University and multiple postgraduate qualifications, Brian is a fellow of both the Higher Education Academy and the Chartered Institute of Managers.

His research interests include nursing, leadership, and professional identity, on which he has published extensively and presented at international conferences.

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Prof. Dr. Diana Robescu

Dean of the Faculty of Energy Engineering at National University of Science and Technology POLITEHNICA Bucharest, Romania

Prof. Dr. Diana Robescu is the Dean of the Faculty of Energy Engineering at the National University of Science and Technology POLITEHNICA of Bucharest, a role she has held since 2020. She earned her MSc in Mechanical Engineering in 1991 and her PhD in Energy Engineering in 2000 from the same university, where she has been a faculty member since 1993.

Her leadership roles include serving as vice-dean (2012-2016), chairing the Department of Hydraulics, Hydraulic Machinery, and Environmental Engineering (2016-2020), and overseeing quality assurance at the university. She has led or participated in 38 research projects, securing over €1 million in external funding, and has been a project manager on 16 grants.

Prof. Robescu's research focuses on water and wastewater treatment, circular economy, multiphase fluid dynamics, and hydraulic machinery. She has published 10 technical books, 8 textbooks, holds 3 patents, and has more than 120 academic publications.

Beyond her research, Prof. Robescu has contributed significantly to institutional development, improving quality assurance, enhancing students' skills, and promoting educational programs through initiatives such as the Sectorial Operational Program - Development of Human Resources (POS DRU), Leonardo da Vinci, Tempus, and Erasmus+. She is currently the project manager of European University Alliance EELISA (European Engineering Learning Innovation and Science Alliance) at POLITEHNICA Bucharest.



Prof. Enric Ordeix-Rigo

Founder Business PR and affiliated with ESERP Business & Law School, Spain

PhD with a consolidated international career in academic management, strategic communication, and corporate diplomacy.

Specialized in designing and implementing global relationship strategies that strengthen institutional reputation and generate sustainable partnerships. I combine academic rigor with practical experience in managing business schools, corporations, and international consortia, always focused on high-impact results and the fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

I am currently affiliated to ESERP Digital Business and Law School in Barcelona and to Central Catalonia University in Manresa. I recently created Business PR, a firm specialized in building strategic global partnerships by using the principles of Corporate Diplomacy as a pattern. In my former role, as Dean of EAE Business School Barcelona, I have led the internationalization of programs, the acquisition of global accreditations (QS, EFMD, AACSB, CLADEA), and the creation of the Research Institute for Business Trends, coordinating conferences, publications, and Special Issues in high-impact journals. Previously, at Blanquerna-Ramon Llull University and FC Barcelona, I consolidated international networks, developed global education programs, and represented institutions in strategic forums, achieving global positioning and media visibility. I have led research projects and publications on corporate diplomacy, city branding, strategic communication, and sustainability, combining academic rigor with practical applicability. As a visiting professor at universities in Europe, the Americas, Asia, and the Middle East, and president of the Global Communication Institute. My value proposition focuses on using corporate diplomacy to maximize legitimacy, influence, and sustainability in global organizations.



Prof. Josep Bordonau

Professor Of Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC), Spain
Innovation & Entrepreneurship Taskforce Coordinator In Unite!

Prof. Josep Bordonau is active in the fields of power electronics and higher education research. He has taught at UPC since 1984, becoming an Associate Professor in 1991. His expertise lies in multilevel conversion and AC power conversion, applied to electric vehicles, renewable energy systems, and smart grids. His research has been recognized by the Spanish Ministry of Science since 1992 for its quality. With a distinguished academic background, he has earned both his MSc (1984) and PhD (1990) with honors in electrical engineering from Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya - BarcelonaTech (UPC).

In addition to his academic role, he has held leadership positions, including vice dean of the School of Industrial Engineering (2001-2004) and vice director of the Electronics Engineering Department (1990-1993, 1997-2000). From 2010 to 2019, he directed education programs at EIT InnoEnergy, focusing on high-quality master's and doctoral programs.

He currently coordinates the Taskforce on Innovation & Entrepreneurship for the European University Network Unite! Recognized for his excellence in teaching, he received UPC's highest teaching distinction every five years from 1991. He has also been awarded by IEOM Society with the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Award 2026.



Prof. Dr. Michał Nowicki

Vice-Rector for Science and International Cooperation, Head of the Department of Histology and Embryology at Poznan University of Medical Sciences, Poland

Prof. Dr. Michał Nowicki MD, PhD - specialist in histology, paediatrics and oncology. A graduate of the Poznan University of Medical Sciences (1996), currently head of the Department of Histology and Embryology at PUMS and Vice-Rector for science and international cooperation.

A person particularly interested in the contemporary significance of academics and universities. Committed to redefining the university in today's world. Author of scientific publications and commentaries on human resources, innovation and the involvement of the academic community in economic and social matters. Co-author of teaching programs for medical students, focused specifically on communication skills.

For 15 years he has been involved in the elaboration of university opportunities for scientific development, treating the university as an incubator for new ideas and ventures. Enthusiast of sustainable university development, opponent of university hierarchy and corporatism in academic life. A supporter of freedom and independence in conducting scientific research.



Prof. Piet Herdewyn

Former Director of the Laboratory of Medicinal Chemistry at KU Leuven, Belgium

Prof. Piet Herdewyn is a tenured professor at KU Leuven since 1993 (Reuters released the "2018 Most Innovative Higher Education Institutions in Europe" list on April 25, 2018, and KU Leuven ranked first in Europe for three consecutive years). In addition to being the director of the laboratory of medicinal chemistry at KU Leuven, Prof. Herdewyn also serves as the director, Medicinal Chemistry Laboratory, Rega Institute of Medical Research. He is member of the Royal Academy of Medicine in Belgium. He has been guest professor in Taiwan, USA, France and China. He is now emeritus professor at KU Leuven. Prof. Herdewyn is member of 27 international academic societies, advisor to the editorial board of 38 international academic journals, invited reviewer for over 100 important international academic journals, scientific advisor to 130 academic institutions, foundations, pharmaceutical companies; editor of 5 books.

Prof. Herdewyn has been invited to deliver upwards of 260 scientific reports internationally; has presided over 51 national and international academic seminars and instructed over 200 doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers; has published more than 800 academic papers in the top journals of Science, Nature, Chem. Review, PNAS and Medicinal Chemistry, with over 20 being featured as cover, press releases or hot papers. Prof. Herdewyn has led more than 230 major scientific and technological projects including the European Union, NATO and NASA, and holds upwards of 40 invention patents. Prof. Herdewyn has successively won 20 awards, including awards from the Belgian Royal Academy of Medicine, the Belgian and France Pharmaceutical Society, The International Society of Antiviral Research, The International Ribonucleotide Nucleic Acid Society, The Francqui chair atUGent, The German Society of Nucleic Acids.



Prof. Pan Feng

Ph.D., Associate Research Fellow at Medical School of Tianjin University, China

Prof. Pan Feng has held working positions across multiple units at Tianjin University, including the Office of Human Resources, Graduate School, Office of Alumni and Foundation Affairs, School of Computer Science, and School of Software. He participated in the organizational work for large-scale events and competitions, such as the Summer Davos Forum in Tianjin and the China International College Students'Innovation Competition .



Prof. Dr. Ronit Shiri-Sverdlov

Head of the Department Genetics & Cell biology, Maastricht University Medical Center, The Netherlands

Prof. Ronit Shiri-Sverdlov studied biology at Tel Aviv University, where she received her Ph.D. in the genetics of breast and ovarian cancer. In 2002, she relocated to the Netherlands to join Maastricht University, where she established a new research line in fatty liver disease and liver cancer. Shortly thereafter, she developed novel non-invasive diagnostic tools and treatment approaches that marked a paradigm shift in the field. She currently leads the OncoMetabolic group together with Prof. Jan Theys and serves as (co-)head of the "Liver & Digestive Health" division within the NUTRIM research institute. Her research encompasses the discovery of underlying disease mechanisms, the development of novel treatments, and the identification of biomarkers. Over the years, she has filed numerous patent applications, received inventor awards, and translated her research findings into clinical trials.

In addition to her research and leadership roles, Prof. Shiri-Sverdlov is engaged in a range of educational activities across national and European programs, including mentoring, coaching of mentors, and the development and delivery of workshops.



Dr. Sandra Hasanefendic

Assistant Professor in Breakthrough Tech Innovation at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Sandra Hasanefendic is an Assistant Professor in Breakthrough Tech Innovation at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and leading a group on urban resilience which looks at ways in which technology can foster system transitions in cities. With 10 years of research experience Sandra has a deep understanding of how emerging and disruptive technologies can be leveraged to create sustainable solutions for the world's most pressing problems in i.e. healthcare, energy systems, agriculture and food systems, and higher education.

She has worked with a variety of organizations, from startups (e.g. Fitsurance, Preactive) to universities and governments (e.g. Portugal) to help them identify and capitalize on new opportunities in the technology and sustainability sectors. She is also the scientific coordinator of the Knowledge for People, the Planet and Prosperity through Partnerships which promotes collaborative projects fostering Human Agency and the governance of data ecologies to achieve Sustainable and Healthy Territories and reduce inequalities in the digital age, together with "Net Zero" societies.

Sandra holds a double PhD degree from ISCTE, the Open University in Lisbon and the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, and she continues to push the boundaries of breakthrough and deep tech research through ongoing collaboration with colleagues in academia and industry. Among others, her international collaborations extend to universities in Germany (Munster University of Applied Sciences), Portugal (University of Lisbon; Aveiro University), US (MIT Media Lab), Japan (Waseda and Sophia University) and Sweden.



Dr. Stephan Jüngling

Lecturer in Business Information Technology at the FHNW School of Business, Switzerland
Member of the Technology, Organization & People (TOP) research team and the FHNW China Centre

Dr. Stephan Jüngling, was born in Basel, Switzerland in 1963. He studied electrical engineering at ETH Zurich and got his PhD in the field of simulation and modeling of SAW filters in 1992. After a one-year research stay at MIT in Boston, USA, he returned to ETH Zurich where he continued his research in Modeling Optical Waveguide Components. He conducted the didactic certificate for teaching ability in software engineering and was part time lecturer at FHNW for Java Engineering and Java Design Patterns. Since 2012, he has become a lecturer in Business Information Technology at the FHNW school of business and guest lecturer at Shenzhen Technology University, SZTU in China.

His teaching and research activities include different topics in the field of Business Process Management, Enterprise Content Management and Applications of Artificial Intelligence for Business Applications.

He is member of the TOP research team as well as the FHNW China Centre.

He has numerous publications in the field of applications of AI and serves as a reviewer in the AAAI MAKE Spring conference in Stanford, USA, and is member of the steering committee of the conference Society 5.0. Before joining the faculty of FHNW, he was able to gain 17 years of management experience in different IT departments of the financial service industry, where he worked in different areas such as IT-security, Electronic-Commerce, Java-Engineering, Electronic Document Management as well as the UBS business university.



Prof. Vladimir Jakovjevic

The Head of Cardiovascular Research Laboratory, Faculty of Medical Sciences University of Kragujevac, Serbia.
The President of the Serbian Physiological Society

After more than 20 years of research experience, Prof. Dr. Jakovljevic is a leading scientist in the field of cardiovascular science in Serbia and this part of the World, with more than 140 papers in journals indexed in Science Citation Index list.

During his President of the Serbian Physiological Society from 2014, Prof. Dr. Jakovljevic. was awarded by Distinguished Leadership Award in Cardiovascular Sciences in 2015 by International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences. He was also the Editor in Chief of the Serbian Journal of Experimental and Clinical Research published by the Faculty of Medical Sciences University of Kragujevac. Prof. Jakovljevic has 252 publications, 1433 citations, and his Hirsch index, according to Scopus citation databases is 18.

Since 2018, Dr. Vladimir Jakovljevic became the Dean of the Faculty of Medical Science. He established cooperation with several universities from all over the world, such as Karolinska Institute (Stockholm, Sweden), The First Moscow State Medical University I.M. Sechenov (Moscow, Russian Federation), Medical Faculty University of Montenegro (Podgorica, Montenegro), and the Medical University of Banja Luka (Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina)



Prof. Ir. Wim Boydens

Professor in the Department of Architecture and Urban Planning at Ghent University (Ugent), Belgium

Prof. Ir. Wim Boydens is an academic and expert in sustainable building technologies, with over 25 years of experience at the Ghent University. His activities primarily focus on the design and control of innovative thermal energy solutions, including the development and optimization of geothermal and heat pump technologies (eg. GEOTABS and hybridGEOTABS) and clean cluster concepts for sites and cities. He has co-authored a guidebook titled *Renewable and Storage-Integrated Systems to Supply Comfort in Buildings: Pre-Design and Control for hybridGEOTABS Projects*.

In addition to his academic achievements,

Prof. Ir. Wim Boydens co-founded Boydens Engineering Group, a firm specializing in sustainable engineering solutions for public and private construction projects. He has contributed significantly to the success and growth of projects throughout Europe and SouthEastAsia ranging from small-scale developments to large infrastructure initiatives, ensuring the implementation of cutting-edge, energy-efficient technologies.

When Boydens Engineering became part of Sweco, he continued to share his expertise as a Research and Innovation (R&I) Strategy Expert until 2024. He has accelerated research and innovation interactions with university research groups resulting in partnership in the Horizon projects SEEDs and HeriTACE and provided strategic advice on concepts related to building technologies.

He has been active as board member of EHPA, IBPSA NVL and ODE (organization of sustainable energy systems), has been co-president of the Flemish heat pump association, and represented Belgium as alternate delegate in the IEA HPT TCP. Together with Prof. Helsen of KU Leuven, he organized and chaired the international building simulation conference in Bruges in 2021.



Prof. Wu Fan

Professor with Tenure and Head of the Computer Science Department at Tuskegee University, USA
Director of the office of undergraduate research at Tuskegee University

Prof. Wu Fan is a computer scientist, known for his significant contributions to both research and education.

Since 2019, he has led the computer science department at Tuskegee University, focusing on enhancing education and research. Prof. Wu's leadership and vision have earned him recognition, including the Faculty Achievement Award for 2018-2019 and six Outstanding Faculty Performance Awards for Research from the College of Business and Information Science. His dedication to advancing knowledge and shaping future generations of computer scientists is evident in his academic achievements and contributions to the field.

Prof. Wu earned his Ph.D. in computer science from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 2008, following bachelor's and master's degrees in the same field from Nanjing University of Posts and Telecommunications in China. His research spans diverse areas such as data science, mobile security, bioinformatics, computer graphics, high-performance computing with GPGPU technology, and robotics. Prof. Wu's work has had a significant impact in both academia and industry, with his research widely cited by fellow scholars.



Prof. Wolfgang Jacquet

Faculty Medicine & Pharmacy (VUB), Belgium

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Jacquet has a master degree in Mathematics and Operational research from the Vrije Universiteit Brussels (VUB). After his first period in academics, he was senior business consultant in industry to rejoin academics in 2002. In 2009 he obtained the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Mathematics and Computer Science (VUB). Throughout his career he became actively engaged in educational research and the design of experiments. He was researcher at the University of Antwerp and the University of Antwerp.

At present Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Jacquet is affiliated with the Faculty Medicine & Pharmacy (VUB) and with the Faculty of Psychology and Education of the VUB. He is bio-statistics area coordinator for the Belgian Federal Agency for Medicines and Health Products (FAMHP), and member of the Methodology Working Party (MWP) of the European Medicine Agency (EMA).

He is co-founder of the research unit Localities Ontologies Commons Integrated (LOCI) of the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences (VUB). His major scientific interests are education, the application of statistics and the development of measurements systems both from a practical and a theoretical point of view.



Dr. Yu Diao

Senior Researcher & Assistant Professor in Educational Sciences, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium

Dr. Yu DIAO is a dedicated and accomplished senior researcher in cross-cultural studies in higher education, curriculum and instruction, and vocational education and training (VET), focusing on cross-cultural comparisons between China and Europe. Currently serving as a senior researcher at Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Yu is at the forefront of curriculum design in higher education and VET, contributing to the enhancement of educational systems. As a senior researcher, Yu has been instrumental in designing and implementing innovative VET curriculum models, drawing insightful comparisons between the Chinese and European educational landscapes.

Dr. Yu Diao's academic journey is a testament to her unwavering dedication and passion for achieving educational excellence. Her deep-rooted love for learning and discovery has been the driving force behind her significant achievements, which underscore her commitment to her field and lay a robust foundation for her present research endeavours. From scholarly publications and awards to pivotal roles in academic projects, her prior experiences have equipped her with a unique perspective and a set of skills that she now applies to her research, further enhancing the impact of her work.

Dr. Yu Diao's contributions extend beyond the research realm. Her valuable research findings on higher education, VET, and curriculum design have significantly added to the body of knowledge in these critical fields. Moreover, her active involvement in promoting Chinese language and culture, including her assistance in organizing the Chinese Bridge Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign Students in Belgium on two occasions, has played a crucial role in fostering cross-cultural understanding and linguistic proficiency.

Furthermore, Yu serves as a moderator, facilitating academic discussions and collaborations between Vrije Universiteit Brussel in Belgium and various universities in China, such as South China Normal University, Beijing University of Technology, and Lingnan University (Hong Kong). Her ability to bridge cultures and facilitate communication has strengthened international ties and academic exchanges.



Ms. Barbara Vercruysse

President of Professional Women International – Brussels, Belgium

Barbara Vercruysse is a global kindness advocate, thought leader, mentor, and public speaker, dedicated to helping individuals and organizations lead with compassion, kindness, and purpose.

She serves as Quality Manager and Customer Experience Lead for BMW Gregoir, a group of BMW dealerships in Belgium. Under her guidance, the dealerships have consistently met or exceeded their quality objectives, while achieving a significant increase in employee retention. As President of Professional Women International (PWI) Brussels, part of the PWN Global network, Barbara leads a team of dedicated volunteers in initiatives that empower women professionally and accelerate progress toward gender-balanced leadership in business and society — from mentoring programs to large-scale gatherings such as the PWI Female Entrepreneurs Fair and the yearly International Women's Day Gala Dinner. Barbara is the author of the bestselling book The Path of Powerful Kindness, a deeply reflective and practical guide that explores how humanity can reconnect power with kindness to create systemic change. In the book, she offers a transformative perspective on modern life and leadership, inviting readers to become agents of compassion-driven impact. Her contributions have been recognized with the LinkedIn Rising Star Award for two consecutive years and a #1 ranking as Thinkers360 Thought Leader in Mental Health. She recently completed MIT Sloan's executive course on Leading Change & Organisation, and continues to deepen her thinking on compassion and justice through ongoing academic study.

A stage IV cancer survivor, Barbara is deeply committed to leading by example. Married for over 25 years and mother to three young adults, she embodies resilience, integrity, and empathy in every aspect of her life. Barbara returns to the World Young Scientist Summit for the fourth consecutive year. She was a keynote speaker in 2023, sharing her personal journey through cancer and near-bankruptcy and how these trials became the foundation for building character and a purposeful life; a panel participant in 2024; and in 2025 she led the panel "Women Professionals & Entrepreneurs: Closing the Gender Gap in STEM & Early Careers."



Prof. Bo Gao

Deputy Director, Technical Institute of Physics and Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) Chair, Women Scientists Committee, World Association of Young Scientists (WAYS), China

Prof. Bo Gao is an expert in cryogenic temperature metrology. She serves as Deputy Director of the Technical Institute of Physics and Chemistry (CAS), Director of the State Key Laboratory of Cryogenic Science and Technology, and Deputy Director of the Sino-French International Joint Laboratory for Cryogenic Metrology. She also chairs the Women Scientists Committee of WAYS and serves as an invited expert for the Consultative Committee for Thermometry.

A recipient of the National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholars, Prof. Gao proposed single-pressure refractive-index gas thermometry.

Based on this breakthrough principle, she developed a state-of-the-art thermodynamic temperature measurement system operating from 5 K to 24.5 K with world-leading accuracy. Her measurement data have been directly utilized in the revision of the International Temperature Scale.

Her pioneering achievements have been recognized with numerous prestigious honors, including the 17th China Youth Science and Technology Award, the CPS Hu Gangfu Physics Prize, the AASSA Young Scientist Award for Women, and international metrology awards from IMEKO. She was also selected for China's National Hundred, Thousand and Ten Thousand Talents Project.



Ms. Anne Evanno

Head of International Corporate Relations and Careers at EFREI, France

With over 20 years of experience spanning corporate and educational sectors across multiple countries, Ms. Anne Evanno is an accomplished international career development specialist. She is currently Head of International Corporate Relations & Career at EFREI

In her role, Anne Evanno is responsible for building and maintaining strategic partnerships with global employers, developing employer branding and recruitment strategies, and providing career counseling to students and alumni. Her passion lies in connecting talent with opportunities, fostering professional growth, and enhancing the global visibility of EFREI.

Prior to this, she was the Head of Employer Engagement & Branding at Emlyon Business School. In this role, she led a team of five account managers responsible for cultivating relationships with employers in France and internationally. Under her leadership,

the team organized the 2022 on-campus Career Forum, which attracted over 130 employers. Prior to her return to France, she was the Assistant Director of the Career Management Center for Graduate Programs at CUHK Business School from 2017 to 2019, where she further honed her skills in career development and student mentorship.



Ms. Jue Chen

Deputy Director of ACEIE, Belgium Secretary-General, Euro-Hunan Chamber of Economy, Trade, Science and Innovation, Belgium

Jue Chen is a strategic international relations and business development specialist with over a decade of experience fostering international cross-sector collaboration. She excels in international trade and innovation cooperation, as well as enterprise investment cooperation, and has been actively involved in high-level international exchange activities and global business partnerships.

Grounded in a client-centric philosophy and a commitment to service excellence, she has honed exceptional diplomatic dialogue skills in high-stakes environments across international innovation ecosystems. Since joining ACEIE in 2021, Jue demonstrates a distinct ability to transform sophisticated relationship management into tangible commercial outcomes, while excelling in multilateral negotiations and complex project leadership.

She played a pivotal role in assisting the World Young Scientist Summit and several high-level dialogue forums. Driven by strong communication skills and a results-oriented mindset, she continues to advance practical cooperation and shared progress in the global arena.



Mr. Frank Schwalba-Hoth

Former Member of the European Parliament (MEP), Germany

Mr. Frank Schwalba-Hoth is an environmental and political figure, best known as a founding member of the German Green Party and their first MEP in the European Parliament.

Throughout his career, he has been a passionate advocate for sustainable development and human rights, helping shape green politics both in Germany, Europe and beyond.

After leaving the European Parliament, he took on the leadership of the EU office of Greenpeace. He then contributed to a European Commission project focused on environmental issues in the countries of the former Soviet Union and Mongolia.

Now based in Brussels, he works as a political analyst, strategist, coach, and networker. His understanding of European politics and global affairs has made him a key player in international circles.

He is Vice-President of the Hamburg Environment Institute, as well of the NGO Europe Silk Road Connect. As co-founder of the annual European Women's Leadership Award, he honors outstanding women who have become models for the next generation. In addition to his professional pursuits, he hosts two monthly events bringing together participants from diverse professional, cultural, and social backgrounds: a Saturday morning briefing and a networking dinner called

"Soirée Internationale."

In summer 2026, he started a podcast called "Frankly Brussels", highlighting Brussels-based movers and shakers.



Dr. Ivona Lađevac

Senior Research Associate at the Institute of International Politics and Economics in Belgrade, Serbia

Dr. Ivona Lađevac is a Senior Research Associate at the Institute of International Politics and Economics in Belgrade, where she conducts research within the Centre for China Studies. Her work focuses on China's foreign policy, China–EU relations, Serbia–China cooperation, the Belt and Road Initiative, global governance, strategic partnerships, and the changing international order. She holds a PhD in Security Studies and degrees in International Relations from the University of Belgrade.

Dr. Lađevac served as Deputy Director of the Institute from 2021 to 2026 and previously headed its Centre for Belt and Road Studies. She was also responsible for the Institute's international cooperation for many years. She is Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the journal International Problems and has authored and edited numerous books, chapters, policy studies, and academic articles.

She was Principal Investigator of the COMPASS project on Sino-EU-Serbian relations and has participated in national and international research initiatives.

Dr. Lađevac lectures at universities and academic forums in Europe and Asia and contributes to conferences, policy dialogues, and expert networks.

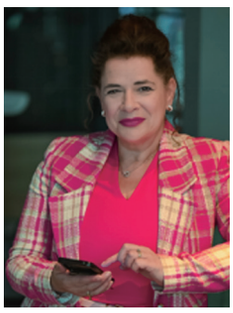
Her current research examines strategic dependencies, connectivity, critical infrastructure, Chinese modernization, and the role of global initiatives in reshaping international relations. She is committed to strengthening dialogue between academic and policy communities.



Ms. Lijun Leibold

serial entrepreneur and the Founder and CEO of AION technology AG, Germany

Lijun Leibold is a serial entrepreneur and the Founder and CEO of AION technology AG, a Zug-based, AI-native M&A house for business succession, company sales and cross-border transactions in the European Mittelstand. AION combines data-driven valuation, register-verified buyer qualification and AI-supported matching with personal advisory - connecting European business owners with vetted strategic buyers and investors across Europe and Asia, supported by a presence in mainland China, Hong Kong and Singapore. A native speaker of both German and Mandarin, Lijun has built several ventures at the intersection of entrepreneurship, artificial intelligence and cross-border dealmaking, with a particular focus on Europe-Asia transactions and the early coordination of regulatory matters such as foreign direct investment screening. Beyond AION, she is an active business angel with Business Angels Switzerland and serves as a mentor at the University of St. Gallen (HSG) and at Startup Teens (Axel Springer), supporting founders and young talent in building their ventures. She holds sole board responsibility for AION technology AG.



Dr. Monika V. Kronbügel

Managing Partner of Global DiVision GmbH, Germany

Dr. Monika V. Kronbügel is the Managing Partner of Global DiVision GmbH, a consulting company operating in over 90 countries in the supporting of change & transformation processes of any kind in the context of M&A, restructuring, merger, expansion etc.

She is an expert in organizational and personnel development with many years of personal experience as a consultant, moderator and executive coach, preceded by roles on supervisory and advisory boards, as well as serving as the chairwoman of the advisory board of a medium-sized corporation in Hamburg. She has many years of active membership and honorary posts in associations, such as Rotary, FidAR (Women on Boards Association), VdU (Verband der Unternehmerinnen in Deutschland; member of the international Commission & China-Brücke-Co-operation), Deputy Chairwoman of LiM (Bundesverband liberaler Mittelstand Nord (HH, SH, MV)), Chairwoman of ADCG (Allianz Deutscher China Gesellschaften e. V.), European representative in the state executive committee of the FDP Schleswig-Holstein, Regional Leader Northern Germany of BPM (Bundesverband der Personalmanagerinnen (HH, SH, MV)),etc.

Along with her various professional stays abroad and delegations from 1993 - 1999 (UK, USA, Singapore, China, France, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium etc.), she is a well-known keynote speaker for organizational & people strategy topics, as well as is certified quality auditor (TÜV) ISO 9001, mediator and business coach (EMCC).

Dr. Kronbügel obtained her PhD in international marketing and human resources at the international business faculty of the University of Bratislava and studied international economics at the University of Applied Science in Hamburg.



Ms. Mao Xi

Former Representative of the Shenzhen European Office, Belgium

Ms. Mao Xi served as the Representative of the Shenzhen European Office, headquartered in Brussels, for ten years. In this role, she facilitated foreign direct investment into Shenzhen, promoted exports to European markets, and advanced bilateral trade and economic cooperation between China and Europe.

She also coordinated the European divisions of the annual Shenzhen Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition.

She currently focuses on fostering partnerships between China and Europe in the areas of trade, investment, innovation, and sustainable economic development.



Dr. Ngomsik Audrey

Global CSR & sustainability architect | Board Director | Award-Winning CEO & Policy Advisor | Bridging science, business & regulation for profitable & inclusive impact | International Keynote & TEDx Speaker, Belgium

Dr. Audrey-Flore Ngomsik is internationally recognized for transforming sustainability from a compliance obligation into a driver of profitability, innovation, and global competitiveness. With a unique blend of scientific rigor, entrepreneurial execution, and policy influence, she stands at the forefront of sustainable business transformation.

A PhD in Physical and Analytical Chemistry from Sorbonne University underpins Dr. Ngomsik's rare ability to bridge deep technical expertise with strategic leadership. As CEO and co-founder of Trianon Scientific Communication, she has pioneered holistic frameworks that embed sustainability, diversity, equity, and inclusion into the DNA of Fortune 500 companies and high-growth scale-ups. Her methodologies have delivered measurable results across carbon-intensive sectors including energy, manufacturing, food, textile and pharmaceuticals. Dr. Ngomsik's impact extends beyond the boardroom. As an award-winning TEDx speaker and sought-after advisor, she translates complex sustainability challenges into compelling narratives and actionable strategies for global audiences. Her thought leadership has shaped policy at the European level, where she serves on the Governing Board of the European Policy Centre and as Climate Change Advisor to the Brussels government. Her cross-sector influence is recognized by numerous awards, including "Most Inspiring Woman in Sustainability", "Most Innovative SME", or best CSR & sustainability consulting firm in Europe. Currently, Dr. Ngomsik is focused on scaling her impact as a board director, and strategic advisor to multinational corporations, investment funds, and international policy platforms. She is committed to architecting the systemic change required to solve the climate crisis profitably, empowering organizations to lead, not follow, in the new era of sustainable growth.

Signature Quote: "Your problem may not be sustainability per se, but the solution is."



Raluca Ioana CIBU BUZAC

Founder and CEO at LUMINSPINO
Timisoara, Romania

Raluca CIBU BUZAC is Founder and CEO of LUMINSPINO, an advanced process consulting company focused on the complete innovation management lifecycle, both in the private and the public arenas. The company deploys two signature services that already demonstrated success while delivering consulting within the EU (Breakthrough to Scale advanced process mentoring for radical innovation, and Learning Networks for First Movers facilitated process for strategy design and implementation).

Raluca holds an extensive experience in economic development – policy design and implementation, management of EU funded projects, coupled with experience in coordinating and orchestrating multi-stakeholder initiatives at international level. At European-wide level, Raluca acts as expert for exploitation of research results, go to market, business planning and access to funding within the Booster platform. As well, Raluca is a coach for the Blueinvest community supporting innovative enterprises in the blue economy, and a mentor for the German Innovation Network for Advanced Materials.

Trained with Lead International in sustainability, with Invest Europe in venture capital, with Oxford University in Nature-based Solutions, and certified as innovation expert by Kearney IMP3rove, Raluca is currently working on her PhD in consciousness studies at the International University for Professional Studies in the United States, under the guidance of Dr. Christian de Quincey, American philosopher, and author in the fields of consciousness and cosmology.

During recent years, she also founded SUNCHILD to provide consciousness coaching workshops.

Starting with 2026, Raluca is offering the signature service Ascendant Innovation, with the aim of empowering researchers and managers working on radical breakthroughs to access to deeper, non-traditional sources of insight—often beyond the limits of mainstream science.

Through consulting and facilitation, Raluca helps innovators tap into expanded states of awareness, unlock stuck thinking, and accelerate the progress of transformative ideas.



Dr. Sara Medina

Member of the Board of SPI, Portugal

Dr. Sara Medina is a Member of the Board of SPI, an international consulting Group with offices located in Europe (Portugal and Spain), North America (USA) and Asia (Beijing and Macao) and strong activity in Africa, Southeast Asia and Latin America. She contributes to the overall management of SPI, being responsible for managing SPI's activities and services in China since 2004 as well as in the Southeast Asian market. She has coordinated projects for public and private sector clients in Europe and around the world, including projects for international organisations in innovation management, technology transfer, R&D, internationalisation, sector studies, establishment of partnerships and policy development. She also manages projects funded by the European Commission (EC), the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. Dr. Medina was an invited member of the Access to Risk Finance Advisory Group appointed by the EC, DG Research and Innovation.

Dr. Medina is a Member of the Board of the Portugal Indonesia Chamber of Commerce and takes part in the Portuguese "Women Leaders Network", in addition to being one of the THINC (Technology, Humanity, Inclusion, Nurture, Changemaker) Fellows since the 2022 edition of this program. Currently, Sara, on behalf of SPI, is part of the EU SME Centre Board of Advisors. The EU SME Centre is an initiative of the European Commission that provides a comprehensive range of hands-on support services to European small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), helping them in doing business in China. In addition, Dr. Sara Medina was involved in the coordination of the ERICENA project in China, originally promoted by the European Commission through Horizon 2020, focused in creating a centre to promote the internationalisation of European science, technology, and innovation (STI) to china.

Dr. Medina has a Bachelor's degree in Food Engineering from the College of Biotechnology in Portugal, a European Master's degree in Food Studies from 5 major European Universities and a Ph.D. degree in Food and Resource Economics from the University of Florida, USA. Dr. Medina has concluded multiple global courses. More recently, Dr. Medina also finished the Advanced Management Program, a joint course from Católica Lisbon Business & Economics with the Northwestern Kellogg School of Management that took place in Lisbon and Chicago.



Ms. Viktoria Novik

Brussels-based banking consultant, Belgium

Viktoria Novik is a Brussels-based banking consultant with 10+ years advising European financial institutions on credit risk, regulation, ESG, and digital transformation. Formerly credit risk lead at Record Credits (ING Belgium), she now consults independently for Belfius. Born in Russia and raised partly in Canada, she holds a Master's from Ghent University and studied AI at Columbia Business School.



Dr. Yang Li

Deputy Director of ACEIE, Founder and CEO of Fuvision, Germany

Dr. Yang Li, economist, journalist and start-up mentor, is the founder and CEO of Fuvision, a well-established and cross-border projects management company since 1996 and Fuvision Tech Hub, a fast growing incubator with a strong team in Hamburg, Germany.

Starting from the early 90s, Li has worked as a senior consultant and member of the core team for several German industry giants, helping to set up various joint ventures and subsidiaries in China. Over the last 15 years, she has assisted Chinese innovative companies to reach pre-IPO and listing in Germany, as well as merger & acquisition transactions between European and Chinese companies.

Li acts as one of the 68 senior consultants worldwide for the Chinese Association for Science and Technology (CAST), is the founding Board member of OCEAN - Overseas Chinese Enterprise Alliance and leads the German-speaking region of ACEIE. She is regularly invited to serve as the jury for Innovation Competitions in China and Europe.

Li is the Executive Member of the Europe for World Young Scientist Summit 2022 (WYSS) and leads the Female Innovation Leadership session.

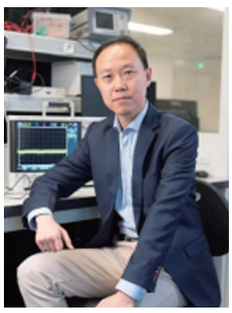


Prof. Zhang Wei-Hong

Professor and Supervisor of PhD and Postdoctoral of Public Health at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Science, Ghent University (UG), Belgium

Prof. Dr. Zhang Wei-Hong (PhD of Université Libre de Bruxelles, Postdoctoral of University of Oxford) is professor and supervisor of PhD and Postdoctoral of Public Health at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Science, Ghent University (UG). She has long-standing experience in coordinating international projects, particularly EU-funded projects in Europe and in China. To date, she has supervised more than 30 PhD or postdoctoral research projects.

Holding the position of adjunct professor at several Chinese universities, Tulane University, USA and at Aga Khan University in Nairobi. Advisor of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council of China, Expert of "Overseas Academicians and Experts Beijing workstation" and awarded as "10 leading Chinese Talents on the Science and Technology in Europe", Expert of the EU Framework Programme. PI of the Belgium-China Joint Laboratory for Global Health. She is also Steering Committee member of East Asia platform- UG.



Prof. Zhang Xun

Professor at Institut supérieur d'électronique de Paris, France

Xun ZHANG is a Professor at ISEP, Paris, France, and a permanent researcher at LISV, Université Paris-Saclay, UVSQ. He received his Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches (HDR) from Sorbonne University in 2021.

His research advances optical wireless communications and intelligent positioning, with a particular focus on integrating optical and radio-frequency technologies for next-generation wireless networks. His contributions span visible light communication and LiFi, centimetre-level indoor positioning, optical device fingerprinting, underwater optical communications, and AI-enabled sensing and embedded systems. His work connects physical-layer innovation with experimental validation, addressing challenges in positioning accuracy, communication reliability, and security.

He has contributed to major European Horizon 2020 projects, including IoRL and 6G BRAINS, supporting the development of hybrid optical–radio networks and high-precision positioning technologies. He also actively develops international research collaborations and academic–industrial partnerships.

A Senior Member of IEEE, Prof. Zhang has served as an Associate Editor of IEEE Transactions on Broadcasting since 2020. He is an elected member of the IEEE Broadcast Technology Society Administrative Committee for 2025–2027 and has served as its Chapter Development Chair since 2024.



Ms. Gwenn Sonck

Executive Director of the Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce (FCCC), Belgium

Gwenn Sonck holds a Master's degree in Sinology (1989) and a Master's degree in Multilingual Business Communication (1991) from Ghent University, Belgium. She is widely recognized as a connector between businesses in Flanders and China, supporting companies in developing successful and sustainable partnerships. With over 30 years of professional experience working with China, she has developed an extensive international network spanning government officials and business leaders across China, as well as strong connections throughout Europe.

Since 2004, Gwenn has served as Executive Director of the Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce (FCCC), where she organizes

high-level business missions with senior executives and government officials to China and introduces Belgian companies to potential Chinese business partners. She also coordinates and moderates business seminars, networking activities, and China-focused conferences on topics relevant to doing business with China.

In addition, she provides strategic guidance to companies entering or expanding in the Chinese market. She is the responsible editor of a weekly newsletter on China's economy and foreign trade.

Since 2005, she has also served as Executive Director of the EU-China Business Association (EUCBA), coordinating major EU–China economic and trade forums and strengthening cooperation between European institutions, chambers of commerce, and Chinese partners.

Earlier in her career, Gwenn served as Executive Director of the BCECC (1991–2004), supporting Belgian companies in their initial engagements with China and contributing to early bilateral trade initiatives.

She is a Member of the Board of Directors of the International Trade Fair of Flanders. Gwenn has been honoured as an Honorary Citizen of Weihai City and Shandong Province and serves as Economic Advisor to the City of Weihai.



Mr. Jing Fu

Head of the Global Affairs Department at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou), China

Mr. Jing Fu is the Head of the Global Affairs Department at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou). Before this role, he worked for China Daily as Chief Correspondent and Bureau Chief in Brussels, and led the China Watch Think Tank. He has also held leadership roles at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to the EU and Xiamen Torch University.

Mr. Fu has served as a communications advisor for the United Nations Development Programme and the Environmental Defense Fund. His main work and research focus on China's economy and development, China-EU relations, climate change communication, and helping Chinese companies and universities build strong reputations around the world.

He is an active columnist, writer and translator who has worked on more than ten books, including two column collections about

China-Europe relations published in 2017 and 2019. He won first prize of the China Journalism Awards in 2015. He was also named a high-level talent by Fujian Province in 2022 and joined the China-France Youth Leaders Program.

Mr. Fu cares deeply about helping others.

Since 2008, he has volunteered with Visionary Education, a program that supports school principals in rural areas of China. He earned his university degrees from Capital Normal University, the China School of Journalism, and City University of London.



Em. Prof. Dr. Ir. Luc Taerwe

Ghent University, Academician of the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium

Em. Prof. Dr. Ir. Luc Taerwe was a senior full professor in the field of Concrete Structures until 2018. From 1995 till 2018 he was the director of the Magnel-Vandepitte Laboratory for Structural Engineering and Building Materials (formerly Magnel Laboratory for Concrete Research) and chairman of the Department of Structural Engineering and Building Materials from 1998 till 2018. Luc Taerwe performed and conducted research in the areas of reinforced and prestressed concrete, fire resistance, robustness of structures, tunnel linings, composite reinforcement (FRP), structural reliability, statistical quality control, high-performance concrete, and fibre reinforced concrete etc.

From 2008 to 2012 he served as Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, and he was a member of the Board of Directors of Ghent University in the academic years

2012-2014 and 2017-2018. Since 2016, he is the Director of the East Asia Platform of Ghent University. In 2016 he co-founded the Joint Laboratory for Industrial Construction with Tongji University and the Shanghai Construction Group as partners.



Ms. Liang Linlin

Director of Communication and Research, China Chamber of Commerce to the EU, Belgium

Liang Linlin joined the China Chamber of Commerce to the EU (CCCEU) in September 2020 and is now the CCCEU's Director of Communication and Research, overseeing media relations as well as research on China-EU trade and business relations. Since 2020, she has managed and edited the chamber's yearly flagship reports.

Ms. Liang worked as an advisor from 2018 to 2020, giving consulting services to groups such as the international business association ChinaEU. From June 2015 until 2017, she worked in Brussels as a journalist for China's Xinhua News Agency, covering EU business, trade, and economic issues. Ms. Liang covered China's international affairs at the Xinhua News Agency's Beijing headquarters from 2011 to 2015.

Ms. Liang is a master's degree holder.



Dr. Li Yue

R&D Director at Shuyou Technology, China, Research Fellow at NingboTech University, China

Dr. Li Yue is the R&D Director at Shuyou Technology, where he leads the core team in developing next-generation cloud-native AI+CAE simulation platform. He holds a dual appointment as a Research Fellow at NingboTech University. Concurrently, he serves as an industrial professor at Ningbo University. He has been recognized as a distinguished Expert of Zhejiang Province.

Yue obtained a PhD in Mechanical Engineering at KU Leuven in Belgium, a Master's degree at NTNU in Norway, and a Bachelor's degree at Tianjin University in China. He has more than ten years of core R&D and leadership experience in high-end CAE simulation software. Previously he served as a Capability Leader at Siemens Digital Industries Software, where he was responsible for a cutting-edge simulation software. In recognition of his dedication and contributions, Yue was awarded Excellent Performance Award in 2020 and was nominated for Siemens Innovation of the Year Award in 2022.

Yue possesses extensive R&D and leadership experience in both Europe and China. He has led or participated in more than 30 projects for industries such as automotive, shipbuilding, aviation and electronics. He has authored/co-authored over twenty papers, filed five patents, and contributed to two industry standards. He is also a proactive advocate for Sino-European technology communication in industrial software and AI, dedicated to integrating AI with simulation technologies to drive the digital transformation of engineering enterprises in both regions.



Mr. Luo Yucheng (Jason)

Managing Director, China-Belgium Technology Center (CBTC), China – Belgium

Mr. Yucheng Luo graduated from the Liverpool School of Architecture in 2009. During his studies in the United Kingdom, he served as an International Relations Ambassador for the University of Liverpool from 2007 to 2009.

Before joining United Investment Group, he worked as an architect at Central-South Architectural Design Institute from 2009 to 2016, contributing to a period of major infrastructure development in China. In autumn 2016, he moved to Belgium to help launch CBTC, bringing together the ideas he developed during his studies abroad and the practical experience he gained in architectural projects.

Over the past decade, Mr. Luo has led his team in developing and operating CBTC as a platform for technology and innovation cooperation between China and Europe. The center has served more than 100 companies and organizations, creating opportunities for technical exchange, project development and market expansion. In 2023, the team launched the Smart Valley project, expanding the center's facilities and services. CBTC has also held eight editions of China Belgium Science & Technology Exchange Symposium, bringing together businesses, research institutions and industry partners from China and Europe.



Dr. Zhen Yang

Founder and CEO of Hangzhou JunShore Tech, China

Dr. Zhen Yang, 33, founder and CEO of Hangzhou JunShore Tech, is a provincial-level talent of Zhejiang Province and a Class A recipient of Shaoxing's Talent Program. In 2018, he pursued graduate studies at the Department of Chemistry of RWTH Aachen University in Germany, where he participated in multiple projects funded by the German Research Foundation and the Dean's Seed Fund, published over 10 SCI-indexed papers, and accumulated over 1,600 citations. In 2021, he graduated Summa Cum Laude (highest honors), received the Borchers-Plakette medal, and was awarded the Chinese Government Award for Outstanding Self-Financed Students Abroad by the Ministry of Education of China.

He previously served as a Senior Materials Scientist at SES.AI Co. Ltd and as a Senior Engineer at Huawei. Dr. Yang brings combined expertise in technology R&D, team management, and industrialization in the fields of semiconductors and optoelectronic materials.

He is well-versed in major-client collaboration and industrial-chain resource integration, and places equal emphasis on academic rigor and engineering practice.



Mr. Dirk Lambrecht

Head of the Major 3D Animation Production at Digital Arts and Entertainment, Howest Kortrijk, Belgium

Mr. Dirk Lambrecht graduated as a traditional 2D animator, unfortunately at the same time as the birth of the digital era in the early nineties. He immediately refreshed his skills and updated his tools to be part of the CGI pioneers in Belgium. He worked 15 years as a full-time freelancer as a storyboard artist, concept developer, copywriter, graphic designer, editor, director for 3D animation and VFX companies, advertising and television.

He started teaching in 2000 at Sint-Lukas Brussels in the Film and Animation department with courses in storytelling, storyboarding, camera & editing and supervised the graduation projects.

Dirk joined Digital Arts and Entertainment (DAE) in 2006, a brand new and unique game education program at HOWEST, Kortrijk Belgium teaching preproduction and visual storytelling. Over the years this game education program evolved into 6 majors, 4 game related and 2 film related.

Currently he is the Head of the Major

3D-Animation Production at Digital Arts and Entertainment and the inspirer of the FARM, a simulated work environment for the last year students in which they “breed professionals”.

He is a jury member at the VAF, the Flemish Film Fund, for the committees of Animation, Animation Series, Innovation Lab and Web Series.



Dr. Ludo Cuypers

Founder, Owner and CEO of COMmeto, Belgium

Dr. Ludo Cuypers holds a PhD in Computer Science from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB). He began his career in software engineering research at VUB, later led R&D teams at Sony.

25 years ago, he founded COMmeto, specializing in Internet of Things (IoT) integration and serving as a bridge between academic research and industrial innovation.

Under his leadership, COMmeto has been involved in numerous national and European R&D projects, contributing to technological advancement and fostering collaboration between Europe and China. Dr. Cuypers is actively engaged in academic supervision, mentoring PhD and master’s students, advising on research project evaluations, and serving on university education committees.

He is also a Fellow of VUB.

His professional interests focus on the integration and management of IoT systems, particularly Device Management for distributed IoT components and edge devices. Besides holding several patents, he has contributed to the development of international IoT standards.

Dr. Cuypers is widely recognized as a consultant, advisor, and reviewer for industrial, academic, and government projects across Europe and Asia, promoting innovation and practical deployment of emerging technologies.



Mr. Maxime Deschamps

founder and Managing Director of 8AM Group, Belgium

Maxime Dechamps is the founder and Managing Director of 8AM Group, a Brussels-based agency working exclusively on communication between Europe and China. For over 15 years he has helped Western companies, institutions and destinations reach Chinese audiences, from market-entry strategy and brand positioning to campaigns across China's digital ecosystem, including Baidu, WeChat, Xiaohongshu and Douyin. He also works in the other direction, supporting Chinese organisations in reaching European publics.

In parallel, he founded Dechamps Media (德尚媒体), a Chinese-language media platform serving the Chinese-speaking community in Belgium. It covers local news, culture and daily life, and organises events for a community that lives between two languages and two systems of reference.

He is also the initiator of China Days Brussels, a two-day festival built around four pillars — food, culture, travel and technology — designed to give the European public a contemporary encounter with China rather than a folkloric one.

Having lived and travelled extensively in China, he approaches cultural difference as a practical asset in business rather than an obstacle. He brings to this dialogue the perspective of a practitioner who spends his working life translating intentions between the two markets.



Mr. Paul Thoeng

CEO of cHESS Management Pte Ltd, Belgium

Mr. Paul Thoeng was born in Indonesia and grew up in Belgium. He graduated as "Docterandus in de Toegepaste Economische Wetenschappen" at KU Leuven. He majored in Finance and International Business.

Paul assumed the role of CEO and CFO at midsized private companies and joint ventures between these companies and public listed companies.

Since 2010 Paul combined his executive responsibilities with his activities in his Foundation Trikaya Bali. Trikaya Bali designed, developed and managed sustainable farming communities. Thousands of hectares of rice fields in Bali were converted to organic rice farms.

Paul's paper "Trikaya, the Road to Sustainable Community Development" inspired the present Governor of Bali, I Wayan Koster.

Since 2019, Paul has been focusing on the challenges resulting from climate change, with special attention to health, food security and energy topics.

Because of his conviction of the potential of technologies such as AI, IOT, Blockchain··· to make business models more sustainable, Paul is continuously looking for early-stage investment opportunities in tech startups.

Since 2022 Paul has been involved in the program "Restoring and Developing the Resources of the Coastal Indonesian Communities". On November 28th 2022, 1,250,000 mangrove trees were planted at the coast of the Province of West Sulawesi.



Mr. Sietse-Arne Schelpe

CEO of Wetime – AI-based travel platform, scaling globally, Belgium

Sietse-Arne Schelpe is an AI strategist and founder. He builds practical intelligence systems. He leads AI and automation strategy at bpost Group, improving operations with conversational agents and decision automation.

He founded Wetime AI. This platform builds real-time recommendation engines for travel and mobility. His work explores AI's evolution toward self-learning architectures. He studies how quantum models enable faster reasoning, pattern recognition, and resource optimization.

His approach connects research to application. He turns theory into measurable outcomes.

He collaborates with universities, startups, and enterprise teams to translate AI advances into usable tools.

He speaks about efficiency, transparency, and control in AI systems. He believes the future of computing requires systems to learn, adapt, and stay accountable. He lives in Bruges, Belgium, and supports young innovators in AI and automation.



Mr. Robby Janssens

Event Manager of ACEIE and International marketer and event organizer, Belgium

Robby Janssens is an international marketer who is mainly engaged in facilitating product and service launches into new markets. He has multiple experiences in B2B marketing such as working for DPhi Tech (now rebranded as AIPlanet), MoneyOak and freelance work in Belgium and South-Korea. One of the freelance jobs he worked for was the launch of Samsung galaxy AI to the Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg markets from South-Korea.

He combines marketing together with a passion for connecting people, having helped the Associated Centre of Eurasia for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (ACEIE) with event organizing for WYSS Europe 2025 and 2026.

He tries to build a better international work environment for companies and end-consumers through the combined use of technology, marketing and a human centric approach.

His business approach comes through years of nurturing from his entrepreneurial family and his personal beliefs of bringing added values for all parties involved. This made him choose to participate in international studies at UCLL, part of the KULeuven Association, as well as live in South-Korea for a year to further sharpen his mindset and understand cultural differences on a higher level.

His personal goal is to create an international marketing and event hosting organization to facilitate events and strategic marketing approaches between Asia and Europe, helping corporates, NGO's and end-consumers alike.

ORGANIZER AND CO-ORGANIZERS

WYSS 2026 EUROPEAN EVENT

Organizer & Co-organizers

The Associated Centre of Eurasia for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (ACEIE), Belgium

The Associated Centre of Eurasia for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (ACEIE) is an officially registered non-profit NGO organization in Belgium.

The goal of ACEIE is to take innovation as the core, the internationalization needs of enterprises as the driver, and use professional services and network coverage as means to build a cooperative platform that researchers, engineers, entrepreneurs, and investors can grow together to create a better future for the world.

ACEIE offers the following services for our clients in Europe and China:

- Academic exchange
- Market research
- Training and visit
- Consulting and advisory
- Technology industrialization
- Human resource mobility
- Event organization
- Project management

ACEIE is an organization across many European countries. The members of the ACEIE leadership team are respectively from Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, France, the UK, Denmark, Finland, Austria, etc.

Our working partners include high-tech parks, universities, research institutions, associations, financial institutions, and companies in Europe and in China.

In the past years, ACEIE organized innovation and entrepreneurship competitions, project roadshows, academic forums, research reports, trainings, visits, project management services, business consulting services and other various types of events.

Friendship, cooperation and development are our beliefs for a better world, so ACEIE will continue to work hard helping more cooperation taking place between Europe and China.

International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC), Italy (Global)

The International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC) is the leading global, non-political professional organization dedicated to the fields of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine. Founded in 1952, the organization is headquartered in Milan, Italy, and connects over 45,000 laboratory medicine specialists, physicians, and scientists worldwide.

Hong Kong University Of Science and Technology, Guangzhou, China

香港科技大学(广州)
THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (GUANGZHOU)

Formally established in June 2022, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou)(HKUST(GZ)) is a cooperatively-run university between the Chinese mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. With a spirit of pioneering innovation, HKUST(GZ) charts new territories in cross-disciplinary education and explores new frontiers in pedagogies, aiming to serve as a role model of the mainland-Hong Kong integrated educational development and become a world-famous high-level university, endeavoring to nurture future-oriented, high-level and innovative talents. In response to the increasingly complex challenges faced by the rapidly changing world, HKUST(GZ) adopts a brand-new and cross-disciplinary academic structure featuring "Hub" and "Thrust" to substitute the conventional one characterized by "School" and "Department", facilitating cross-disciplinary integration while vigorously developing emerging and frontier disciplines. This is a groundbreaking move in the higher education community across the globe.

HKUST(GZ) is located at No.1 Duxue Road, Qingsheng Hub Cluster, Nansha District, Guangzhou. The campus covers an area of about 1,669 mu (111.3 hectares) and is divided into two construction phases. The first phase covers an area of about 716 mu (47.7 hectares) with a floorage of about 636,000 square meters (63.6 hectares), which had been officially put into use in September 2022. The design of the campus blends natural scenery with architecture, with key cutting-edge technologies for energy conservation and environmental protection adopted during the design and construction process, in a bid to establish the campus as a new benchmark of green, smart and sustainable development.

Westlake University, China

WESTLAKE UNIVERSITY

Westlake University is a new type of research university organized by social forces and supported by the Chinese government. Hosted by Westlake Education Foundation, the university was initiated in March 2015 and officially founded on 14 Feb 2018. Professor Yigong Shi is the founding president of the new university.

Beginning with doctoral education, Westlake University has focused on advancing fundamental scientific research at the frontiers of knowledge while strategically developing a select number of disciplines. The university is dedicated to cultivating exceptional innovators and future leaders in science and technology.

Guided by its commitment to excellence, distinction, and research-driven education, Westlake University strives to attract world-class faculty, foster an environment of academic rigor and creativity, nurture outstanding talent, and produce transformative research. Through pioneering discoveries in fundamental science and key technologies, the university seeks to advance human knowledge and the well-being of society.

In just a few years, Westlake researchers have delivered numerous original, high-impact breakthroughs, earning increasing international recognition and helping address some of the most pressing global challenges.

Tianjin University, China

Tianjin University (TJU), founded in 1895 as Peiyang University, is the oldest modern higher education institution in China. With a rich history spanning 131 years, TJU represents the evolution of modern Chinese education and innovation. Throughout its journey, the university has pioneered advancements, including the creation of China's first aero engine and the establishment of its first Hydraulics Laboratory. These milestones have cemented TJU's reputation as a leader in research and teaching.

TJU has a total student body of 38,484, including 18,955 undergraduates, 13,707 master's students, and 5,822 doctoral students. The university is supported by 4,830 faculty members, including 13 academicians from the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Engineering. TJU has earned numerous accolades, including nine National Teaching Master Awards, 12 National Engineering Practice Education Centers, and seven National Experimental Teaching Demonstration Centers. Additionally, the university offers 54 top-tier undergraduate programs and 82 national-level first-class courses.

With 47 master's disciplines, 34 doctoral disciplines, and 37 postdoctoral research stations, TJU is recognized for its significant contributions to innovation, engineering, and scientific research. Its six national key laboratories and five national engineering research centers drive the institution's cutting-edge scientific endeavors.

École des Ponts Business School, France

École des Ponts Business School is part of a prestigious 280-year legacy of academic excellence, applied research and impactful innovation. Our parent institution, École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées (a renowned Grande École), part of the Institut Polytechnique de Paris, is the world's first civil engineering school, founded in 1747.

École des Ponts Business School was established to train executives and leaders from across the globe. Today we collaborate with universities and corporations around the world to co-create programs that transcend boundaries and truly represent the interconnected nature of the business world. Across our programs, we challenge ourselves and our ecosystems to think and act differently as we collectively face new global challenges.

The ReTech Center of École des Ponts Business School, launched by our Vice Dean, Prof. Saman Sarbazvatan, provides the platform for our academic and institutional partners to co-create value and high-impact initiatives and programs with our network of faculty, researchers, expert community, and our executive participants and graduates.

ReTech center of École des Ponts Business School, France

Responsible Technology (ReTech) Center of École des Ponts Business School explores and contributes to emerging futures in which technology, science, and innovation are responsibly leveraged to enhance humanity and human values, protect and regenerate environmental and sociocultural systems, and create exponential value flows across markets, infrastructures, economies, communities, and ecosystems.

Through its Executive Specialization Tracks and broader initiatives, ReTech Center helps leaders understand, navigate, and shape the frontiers of responsible innovation, digital transformation, strategy, competitiveness, operations, governance, and value creation.

Its approach prepares leaders to design organizations, markets, and ecosystems that are resilient by design, responsible in purpose, and relevant to the exponential desirable futures of business and society.

These Specialization Tracks are explored and developed through ReTech RISE Labs—Research, Innovation, Skills, and Engagement—creating a flywheel effect through which knowledge, innovation, executive capability, and ecosystem engagement continuously reinforce responsible digital transformation.

Institut Supérieur d'électronique de Paris (ISEP), France

The Institut Supérieur d'Electronique de Paris, located in the heart of Paris, next to the "Quartier Latin", was created in 1955, just where Edouard Branly, Teacher of Physics at the "Catholic University of Paris"(21 Rue d'Assas), discovered in 1890 the radio conductors which would lead to the invention of the French Television. Classrooms, Labs and Administration of the school are located in a building, built in 1988 and located at the 28, rue Notre-Dame-des-Champs, Paris. The ISEP master degree is recognized by the engineering accreditation institution (CTI) since 1960. In 1969, the school formed an association with 19 other schools (they are 27 until today) of the catholic private sector. This association is named FESIC (Engineer and Management Graduate Schools Federation). In 1971, the school is recognized by the French government.

ISEP trains very high-level graduate engineers who receive a thorough training in Electronics, Telecommunications & networks, Software Engineering, Signal-image Processing and Humanities, providing them with the required knowledge and skills to meet the needs of businesses. Since 2008, ISEP has been offering an international program taught fully in English which allows international students to obtain the Engineering Master Degree.

Deggendorf Institute of Technology, Germany

The Deggendorf Institute of Technology (DIT), or Technische Hochschule Deggendorf (THD) in German, founded in 1994, has quickly become one of the most pioneering and advanced universities of applied sciences in Germany. DIT's mission is the continued focus on high quality, practice-oriented and modern education combined with advanced research, based within our business, technology and health faculties. DIT's total student population is currently at around 8,500 including 41% international students from all over the globe.

The offered studies focus on engineering, business, computer science, health sciences, social sciences, and more. Many programs at DIT have a strong practical and hands-on component, emphasizing the importance of real-world experience and application of knowledge.

In 2023, DIT is awarded 1st place worldwide for entrepreneurship (WURI). DIT's has thirteen unique technology and healthcare campuses dotted around neighbouring districts in the Bavarian Forest region. In these technology campuses, staff and students work closely together with local and international companies to create specific pioneering solutions for immediate implementation. Companies are supported by the university in research, development and consulting work and therefore the companies innovate to create new perspectives for young, qualified people.

RWTH Aachen University, Germany

RWTH Aachen University (full name: Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen) is located in Germany's western most major city where three nations with three languages converge at its boundaries putting Aachen at the center of a dynamic, cross-border region.

It was founded in 1870 and looks back on more than 150 years of innovative teaching and research. The University educates almost 45,000 students enrolled in 170 courses. This includes more than 15,000 international students from 138 countries. RWTH is thus the second-largest technical university in Germany and has one of the largest research campuses in Europe. In the QS World University Ranking, RWTH improved by 42 places within the last there years to 105th place. In the "THE Ranking", RWTH ranks 92nd worldwide.

RWTH is one of the eleven German universities that were successful in the Excellence Universities funding line. Three Clusters are part of RWTH's excellence strategy: Integrated Fuel & Chemical Science Center, Climate-Neutral and Resource-Efficient Construction and ML4Q - Matter and Light for Quantum Computing, the latter developed in collaboration with the University of Cologne and the University of Bonn. A strategic partnership with the Helmholtz Forschungszentrum Jülich enables to pursue frontier research, shared infrastructure and the recruitment of top talent. Several national research centers and more than 500 companies on the RWTH campus as well as numerous companies, start-ups and research institutions in the immediate vicinity form a unique research landscape. In addition, RWTH maintains a broad network with strong partners in Germany, Europe and the world through the TU9, IDEA League, ENHANCE, CESAER and TIME alliances as well as its intensive international partnerships.

University of Stuttgart, Germany

"Intelligent Systems for a Sustainable Society"

Universität Stuttgart

Founded in 1829, at the beginning of the Age of Industrialization, the University of Stuttgart prepares the way for innovation within an economically and scientifically powerful region and contributes to its economic success and prosperity. Today it is one of the leading technically oriented universities in Germany and a member of Germany's TU9, the alliance of German Universities of Technologies.

The University is dedicated to researching and strengthening the interfaces between technology, society and culture in an interdisciplinary manner, called the "Stuttgart Way". This means the integration of engineering, natural sciences, humanities and social sciences based on fundamentals of cutting-edge research at disciplinary level. By means of its culture of integration, it creates and conveys knowledge for shaping the future of society, thus contributing to the university's vision "Intelligent systems for a sustainable society".

The University focuses on basic research that is both knowledge-oriented as well as application-related and is actively part of regional, national and international research networks. In research its five profile areas are Architecture and Adaptive Building, Digital Humanities, Production Technologies, Quantum Science and Simulation Science. Emerging fields are Autonomous Systems and Biomedical Systems. Clusters of Excellence are "Data-integrated Simulation Sciences and "Integrative Computational Design and Construction for Architecture."

The University of Stuttgart is committed to the principle of unity between research and teaching. It fosters fascination for the sciences, supporting students and Junior researchers at all stages of their careers. The University educates individuals into exceptional experts who think integratively and globally and act responsibly in sciences, economy and society. Its 10 faculties offer ca. 170 study programs for about 21,500 students of whom 22% are foreign students. Several study programs have been placed in top rankings, among them Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Computer Science and Information Systems.

Poznan University of Medical Sciences, Poland

PUMS

Poznan University of Medical Sciences (PUMS) is one of Poland's leading public medical universities, combining over a century of academic tradition with a modern model that closely integrates research, education, and patient care. Located in Poznań, one of Central Europe's vibrant academic cities, PUMS educates future physicians, dentists, pharmacists, nurses, public health experts, and biomedical scientists, while serving as a major clinical and research hub for western Poland.

The university's distinctive strength lies in its close connection with four teaching hospitals and a specialized medical company, creating a real-world environment for translational medicine, clinical research, and data-driven healthcare. This ecosystem provides a strong foundation for research inspired by patient needs and aimed at improving diagnostics, therapies, and healthcare organization.

PUMS is entering a new stage of international research development, focusing its scientific agenda on six priority areas: precision oncology and cancer medicine; cardiometabolic and cardiovascular medicine; neuroscience and mental health; One Health, including infection, immunity, microbiome, and environment; advanced therapeutics, biomaterials, and drug delivery; and digital health, artificial intelligence, and data-driven medicine.

The university combines clinical expertise, pharmaceutical sciences, public health, biomedical technologies, real-world data, and AI-based approaches. PUMS researchers participate in international projects and partnerships across Europe and the United States, including joint publications, research stays, doctoral supervision, and shared scientific agendas.

PUMS is particularly interested in building high-intensity international partnerships based on joint research questions, mobility of young researchers, co-supervised doctoral projects, European grant applications, and translational impact.

Faculty of Medical Sciences of the University of Kragujevac, Serbia

The Faculty of Medical Sciences of the University of Kragujevac is a young and modern institution, intertwined with the traditional spirit and climate that created it. Its precious cultural and educational heritage from the heart of Serbia breathes a ruthless management practice in which quality is the only criterion: the quality of teachers, the quality of teaching content, the quality of communication with the environment.

Taking into account the standards of the National Higher Education Commission, Kragujevac University embraces the values and principles of contemporary European university education. The University is committed to establishing an institutional quality management system, as well as building a quality organizational culture, including basic academic, basic professional, integrated academic, academic master's and doctoral studies of 12 faculties.

The University is committed to continuously and actively participating in the process of change, providing students with a modern and effective education and contributing to the development of the University into a modern institution of higher education, which will be integrated into a single European higher education field, as well as the more developed European universities, as equally valuable and respected members of the University community. Furthermore, the university aims to introduce new study programs in its composition according to the needs of the labor market.

ESERP Business & Law school, Spain

ESERP Business & Law School is a private academic institution with campuses in Barcelona, Madrid, and Palma de Mallorca. For more than 30 years, it has offered undergraduate and postgraduate programs in business administration, law, marketing, communication, and international relations. ESERP is recognized for its practical, career-oriented approach to education, strong ties with the business community, and emphasis on innovation and internationalization. Its programs combine academic rigor with applied professional training, preparing students to thrive in a global, competitive environment.

Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Spain

The Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC), or BarcelonaTech, is a premier public university in Spain, specializing in engineering, architecture, and technology. Established in 1971, UPC serves 31,433 students with the support of 3,703 teaching and research staff and 2,279 administrative staff. The university offers an impressive array of 67 bachelor's degrees, 101 master's degrees, 46 doctoral programs, and 180 lifelong learning programmes.

UPC is recognized for its strong research focus, generating €108 million in R&D in 2023 and filing 23 patents last year. UPC is the #1 Spanish University in the EU's Horizon Europe programme. The university's 2025 budget stands at €410.7 million, enabling it to maintain its position as a leader in innovation and scientific advancement. With 18 specialized schools across multiple campuses in Barcelona and Catalonia, UPC is a hub for technological development and academic excellence.

The university has a global impact through international collaborations and a network of 100,781 alumni. By prioritizing sustainability, research, and innovation, UPC continues to shape the future of engineering, architecture, and technology, preparing students to tackle global challenges and contribute meaningfully to society.

Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain

The Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM) is the leading technical university in Spain and Spanish-speaking countries, a benchmark in engineering, architecture, sports science, and fashion design. UPM boasts the longest tradition in engineering and architecture, having been created through the merger of pre-existing engineering and architecture schools, the oldest of which was founded in 1777.

In 2026, UPM ranked 82nd globally in Engineering and Technology, according to the QS World University Rankings by Subject. UPM also enjoys high recognition in the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), frequently appearing among the top 100 in the world for Civil Engineering, and has historically held the 5th position globally in this discipline.

The institution's ranking can be broken down by discipline and criteria:

- ARWU Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (GRAS): UPM consistently ranks among the best internationally, standing out particularly for its high volume of publications and the impact of its research citations.
- National ranking: UPM is the number 1 university in Spain for Civil Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, and Transportation Engineering.
- Related disciplines (ARWU and QS): In addition to Civil Engineering, the university's related disciplines, such as Architecture and the Built Environment and Transportation Science and Technology, consistently rank among the top 100 in the world.

For more information on its exact global and European ranking, you can visit the official Shanghai Ranking - Civil Engineering page or the overall Shanghai Ranking.

The UPM is Spain's number one university in patent applications, securing European research funding, securing research and development contracts with industry, and creating new technology companies and fostering entrepreneurship.

The UPM has a strong focus on internationalization, with over 20% of its students having international experience upon graduation. The UPM leads the EELISA Alliance of European Universities (EELISA), where 10 of Europe's top universities from 8 different countries collaborate to develop a new model for the European university, aiming to become a single, unified university in the future. The UPM also has agreements with leading technical universities in Europe, the Americas, and Asia. It maintains two permanent delegations outside of Spain: one in the United States (Harvard University) and another in China (Tongji University).

University of Valencia, Spain

The University of Valencia is located in Valencia, Spain. Founded in 1499, is one of Spain's oldest and most distinguished institutions of higher education in the country. As a leading public university, it combines a long academic tradition with a strong commitment to innovation, research, and internationalization. According to the university rankings provided by the Chinese Ministry of Education, the University of Valencia ranks second among Spanish public universities. Its world-renowned majors include Agricultural Sciences and Food Science and Technology, with Agricultural Sciences ranking 17th in the world. The University has 108 teaching and research offices, 18 faculties and schools, with strong scientific research capabilities, as well as a wealth of human resources: with 4696 teachers and researchers, 2223 management and service staff, and more than 50,000 students. The staff ratios at the University of Valencia are as follows: on average there is one teacher per 10.6 students and one administrative and service staff per 22.4 students. Through the signing of bilateral agreements, participation in international programmed and university alliances, the University of Valencia has established links with the world's universities. Through international exchanges, students from different nationalities and cultural backgrounds gather here.

The Technopark of the University of Valencia has not only scientific research institutions, but also a business sector, where more than 70 companies are gathered, mainly focusing on biotechnology or ICT. Research institutions in the Science Park include the Materials Science Institute, the Molecular Science Institute and the Image Processing Laboratory. Another university research facility is the Botanical Garden and the century-old observatory, which houses three telescopes and two all-sky cameras.

University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland

The FHNW University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland is an education and research institution that enjoys strong regional ties. It is composed of ten Schools covering Applied Psychology, Architecture, Construction and Geomatics, Art and Design, Computer Science, Life Sciences, Music, Education, Social Work, Engineering and Environment as well as Business. The FHNW campus occupies a number of sites in its four sponsor cantons, Aargau, Basel-Landschaft, Basel-Stadt and Solothurn.

The FHNW provides education to approximately 14 000 students. Around 1 380 lecturers impart practical and market-oriented knowledge in 34 bachelor's and 25 master's programmes as well as in numerous continuing education courses. The FHNW's graduates are in demand as professionals.

Aside from the education and training offering, high priority is placed on applied research and development. The FHNW participates in research projects alongside national and international partners from industry, business, culture, administration and institutions, and is involved in numerous programmes. The University promotes the transfer of knowledge and technology to industry and institutions.

The School of Business is one of the leading business schools in Switzerland and is accredited as a member of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

The School of Business is practical and international-oriented and has established partnerships with about 170 universities around the world and has carried out exchange programmes with more than 190 universities. In addition, the school has close cooperative relationships with the academic and business world in China, offering management courses as well as exchange programmes for students and lecturers. Two former directors of the school are laureates of Friendship Award of Chinese government, the highest honour to foreign experts who contributed substantially to the exchange and cooperation between China and the world.

Singularity Academy, Switzerland

Singularity Academy, based in Zurich with campuses in the Netherlands, Germany, and Switzerland, is a hybrid research and educational institute designed to provide a unique platform for knowledge sharing and learning across various disciplines. It brings together world-class experts, mentors, and thought leaders to share their insights both online and offline. The academy supports members in integrating educational knowledge, cutting-edge research, and best practices with a focus on humanity and sustainability. It champions a non-traditional education model aimed at fostering positive change in education and healthcare. Singularity Academy encourages members to discover their unique potential for sustainable and limitless growth.

Throughout its history, Singularity Academy has been a frontier in reimagining education to meet future needs. Its approach focuses on helping students realize their true potential, with a strong emphasis on humanity and sustainability, all aimed at achieving the greater good. The academy is renowned for its innovative strategies and commitment to transformative learning.

Breaking away from traditional education methods, Singularity Academy integrates advanced technology into its programs, offering personalized and holistic learning experiences. Its comprehensive approach covers a wide range of personal and professional development options, including consulting, education, research, publications, incubation, wellness, legal counsel, compliance, and healthcare services. This interdisciplinary framework bridges teaching, research, and real-world application across various educational levels, including K-12 consulting, bachelor's and master's programs, executive and continuous education, micro-learning initiatives, and Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) programs in various fields.

By adopting a holistic and integrated view of education, Singularity Academy is shaping a new paradigm of learning that prepares individuals to excel in a fast-changing world.

Maastricht University, The Netherlands

Maastricht University (UM), located in the vibrant city of Maastricht in the Netherlands, is a distinguished institution recognized for its innovative and collaborative approach to education and research. Founded in 1976, UM pioneered the problem-based learning (PBL) model in the Netherlands, emphasizing active learning, critical thinking, and real-world application of knowledge. This framework enhances students' learning experiences and fosters interdisciplinary cooperation among students, faculty, researchers, and industry partners.

UM offers a wide array of international programs, positioning itself as a hub for education that attracts learners from diverse backgrounds. The university's emphasis on interdisciplinary studies encourages partnerships across various fields, making it an appealing destination for organizations seeking collaboration in research initiatives or educational projects.

With a strong commitment to research excellence, UM has achieved significant milestones in various domains, particularly in health, sustainability, and technology. The university is home to renowned research institutes, such as the Maastricht University Medical Center and the Institute for Data Science, driving groundbreaking studies and innovative solutions to complex societal challenges. UM's research output consistently ranks highly in international assessments, reflecting its impact on global knowledge and practice. This dedication provides students with opportunities to engage in cutting-edge projects alongside leading experts, equipping them with the skills necessary for future success.

Maastricht's multicultural environment enriches the educational landscape, as over 60% of the student body hails from abroad, bringing diverse perspectives and ideas into the classroom.

Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University, The Netherlands

Rotterdam School of Management (RSM) is the business school of the prestigious Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR). Founded in 1913, Erasmus University Rotterdam is home to the first Nobel Prize winner in economic sciences, Jan Tinbergen. Today, the university is ranked in the top 3% of best universities in the world and is esteemed worldwide for its medical, economics, law and business segments. In addition to RSM, it hosts institutes such as the Erasmus School of Economics and the Erasmus MC University Medical Centre.

RSM provides ground-breaking research and education furthering excellence in all aspects of management and is based in the international port city of Rotterdam – a vital nexus of business, logistics and trade. RSM's primary focus is on developing business leaders with international careers who can become a force for positive change by carrying their innovative mindset into a sustainable future.

As a member of the China-Europe Business School Alliance, RSM has consistently ranked first in Europe in terms of the number of papers published in top international business school journals and has been ranked among the world's top 30 business schools in major global rankings over the years. In 2021, RSM's ranked 1st in the world for business administration in Academic Ranking of the World Universities.

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands

VU VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

31,704 students,

5,190 international students,

133 different nationalities

Since its foundation, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam has stood for scientific and value-driven education, research and knowledge transfer. VU Amsterdam works on building a better world for people and the planet.

The world is facing major challenges, while in society you see increasing polarization and growing inequalities. This calls for science with a conscience. With our expertise, open mindedness, enterprising spirit and multidisciplinary approach, we work on developing sustainable solutions that impact society. We focus on four profile themes: Connected World, Governance for Society, Human Health and Life Sciences, and Science for Sustainability.

VU Amsterdam is a unique university with faculties in the humanities, STEM, social sciences and medical sciences. Our education and research are closely linked. We combine our top position in research with a strong societal orientation, which has resulted in an excellent international reputation. Our education and research are distinctly multidisciplinary. This is reinforced by the fact that our faculties are all located on one campus. We are a true campus university in the heart of the Zuidas Knowledge District, sharing its excellent national and international position and accessibility.

In the 2021 CWTS Leiden Ranking, VU Amsterdam is listed as 79th in the world, 24th in Europe and 4th in the Netherlands. In the ARWU/Shanghai Ranking, VU Amsterdam is consistently ranked among the top 150 universities worldwide.

Belgian-Chinese Chamber of Commerce (BCECC), Belgium

BELGIAN-CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 比中经贸委员会

The Belgian-Chinese Chamber of Commerce or BCECC is the leading Belgian business association for companies engaged in doing business in or with China, regrouping about 550 Belgian and Chinese company members. We are a non-profit organization established in the 1980s following China's open-door policy and we are located in Brussels, the heart of Europe.

The BCECC is supported by the Belgian federal government and regional authorities (Flanders Investment & Trade, AWEX, and hub.brussels). Since 2004, BCECC has been granted the status of Accredited Chamber of the Federation of Belgian Chambers of Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce of Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Our objectives are to promote the commercial, cultural, scientific and academic co-operation between Belgium and the People's Republic of China; to enhance information exchange; to develop contacts between Belgian and Chinese enterprises, and between Belgian and Chinese trade and economy related government official institutions. In order to reach these goals, we organize seminars and webinars on a broad range of topics, networking events, lunches with high-level officials, company visits, etc.

Belgian Chinese Students and Scholars Association (BCSSA)

BCSSA

The Belgian Chinese Students and Scholars Association (BCSSA) is a legally registered non-profit, autonomous mass organization in Belgium, composed of Chinese students and scholars from Belgian universities and research institutions. Its headquarters are in Brussels.

BCSSA upholds the mission of "serving Chinese students and scholars in Belgium, strengthening connections, and safeguarding legal rights." Guided by the values of "solidarity and dedication, pragmatism and perseverance, collective wisdom and innovation," it actively supports members in addressing issues related to study, work, daily life, and innovation & entrepreneurship, while fostering mutual assistance.

The association enriches the cultural and social life of Chinese students and scholars, strengthens collaboration among local and university-based associations across Belgium, participates in Sino-Belgian cultural and educational exchanges, contributes to the friendly development of the two countries, and genuinely represents and serves the Chinese student and scholar community in Belgium.

cHESS, Belgium

Established in 2010, cHESS Management Pte. Ltd., was a pioneer in developing and managing Sustainable Business Models for Family owned companies.

Today the focus is on addressing the challenges resulting from climate change through Science and Technology.

cHESS Management is creating Innovative Collaborative Ecosystems bringing together scientists, researchers, tech entrepreneurs, impact investors, governments and other stakeholders.

Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce (FCCC), Belgium

MISSION

The Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce is an action platform initiated by the business community for the promotion of economic, trade and scientific relations with the People's Republic of China.

With a clear European perspective, it aims to achieve its objectives through information and interaction, and by supporting projects in cooperation with government and other public authorities.

OBJECTIVES

The Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce (FCCC) is a private institution. It promotes economic, commercial and scientific relations between Flanders and the People's Republic of China (PRC).

The FCCC assists Flemish companies in doing business with China and supports Chinese companies wishing to invest in Flanders.

The FCCC is a lobby organisation acting with the authorities in Flanders, Belgium and the European Union, as well as with official authorities in the People's Republic of China.

The FCCC organises China conferences, workshops, networking lunches and meetings with high-ranking Chinese delegations. It organises missions to China, working in close cooperation with official government bodies.

The FCCC disseminates business advice from China experts and also issues a China Business Weekly Newsletter.

The FCCC is in charge of the secretariat-general of the EU-China Business Association (EUCBA). This is the umbrella organisation for all China associations in Europe. The EUCBA promotes economic and trading relations between the EU and China, working closely with the European Commission and the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China. The EUCBA also acts as a privileged interlocutor of the PRC's diplomatic representation in Brussels.

Professional Women International Brussels (PWI Brussels), Belgium

Professional Women International Brussels (PWI) is a multinational association dedicated to helping professional women grow, succeed, and advance gender-balanced leadership. As a non-profit, PWI equips women with the tools and mindset to lead, creates a safe space to both learn and perform, opens up opportunities to contribute and create, and champions female empowerment in all its forms. To bring these goals to life, PWI hosts a rich calendar of events — from social networking drinks to educational seminars and workshops — alongside dedicated programs that help people build new connections, meet inspiring women, and learn from one another.

Globally connected, PWI is the Belgian chapter of the international Professional Women's Network (3,500 members) and is affiliated with the International Alliance of Women (35,000 members worldwide). Joining PWI Brussels means becoming part of an extraordinary community of inspiring women, with access to 28 other PWN city networks and a vast pool of international connections and opportunities. PWI also offers mentorship and coaching programs that pair experienced professionals with those seeking guidance — designed to deliver meaningful insight and genuine support for career growth.

At PWI Brussels, we believe in giving back. Members have the chance to volunteer and contribute to initiatives that make a real difference, leaving a lasting mark on the advancement of women and on society as a whole. We are guided by our core values: respect, courage, collaboration, excellence, and inclusiveness.

United Chinese Professional Associations in Europe (UCPAE), Belgium

The United Chinese Professional Associations in Europe (UCPAE) is officially registered in the China-Belgium Technology Center (CBTC) in Belgium, the registration number is 1024.909.225. UCPAE's mission is to foster communication and collaboration among its member associations, strengthen connections and interactions among scholars, and promote close cooperation with universities, research institutions, and professional associations in both Europe and China. Its core purpose is to advance China-Europe collaboration and development in fields such as science and technology, education, culture, and industry.

UCPAE brings together Chinese professional associations and organizations from 14 European countries, with the presidents and councils of these associations forming the leadership core. UCPAE actively organizes a wide range of collaborative activities. To date, UCPAE has organized over 100 delegation visits to China, co-hosted dozens of high-level international academic conferences in Europe and China and facilitated numerous public welfare initiatives. It has also successfully held 15 editions of the "Europe Forum" in cities such as Paris, Copenhagen, Brussels, Vienna, The Hague, Frankfurt, Helsinki, Dublin, and Hamburg. These events have drawn strong interest and active participation from institutions across Europe and the world, including the EU and the United Nations.

UCPAE member associations are spread across key European countries, including Germany, the United Kingdom, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Austria, Italy, Ireland, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, and Hungary. Together, they represent tens of thousands of Chinese professionals across a wide range of industries in Europe.

UCPAE's organizational structure is inspired by the European Union model, with a rotating presidency shared among different national associations each year. However, unlike the EU, the rotation is not based on a fixed sequence but is decided through democratic elections at UCPAE's annual general meeting.

EURAXESS China, EU

EURAXESS China is part of EURAXESS Worldwide, an initiative of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation and has had an office in Beijing since 2009. It is a networking tool for European researchers active in China and for Chinese and international researchers wishing to collaborate and/or pursue a career in Europe.

EURAXESS China provides information about research in Europe, European research policy, opportunities for research funding, for EU-China and international collaboration and for trans-national mobility. It supports all research fields and researchers from all career stages.

Visit us at china.euraxess.org and join the EURAXESS China community.

EURAXESS Worldwide has dedicated teams in the following countries and regions ready to assist researchers: ASEAN (focus on Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Vietnam), Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC, focus on Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Mexico, and Colombia), China, India, Japan, North America (USA and Canada), Korea, Australia and New Zealand, and as of 2022 EURAXESS Africa hub was officially launched.

Association of Women Entrepreneurs in Germany, Germany

Association of Women Entrepreneurs in Germany (VdU) was founded in 1954. Since its inception, the VdU, as a cross-industry trade association, has been representing the interests of women entrepreneurs. For more than 65 years, the VdU has been fighting for more women in entrepreneurship, more women in management positions, and better conditions for women in business. Corporate interests representing women in politics have been a concern of the VdU.

VdU currently represents more than 1,800 women-led companies, especially medium-sized companies from industry, trade, commerce and services. The members of the VdU together generate an annual turnover of 85 billion euros and employ 500,000 people.

VdU strengthens women's entrepreneurship, supports the promotion of women in management positions, encourages women to start their own businesses, comes up with new entrepreneurial ideas and cultivates business connections. With more than 200 events each year, VdU has created a solid and extensive foundation to truly support its members. As a business association, VdU is a key partner for political institutions at the federal and state levels and is at the heart of communication between and across generations of women facing entrepreneurial challenges. Every year more than 300 women entrepreneurs gather at the VdU Annual Conference.

VdU is very active internationally in various projects to promote women, such as the promotion of women-run companies in various parts of Africa, among other places. In addition, the VdU has the mandate of the German federal government at the G20 (W20) summit to represent the positions of women in business in Germany together with the German Women's Council at the G7 Dialogue. Since its foundation, VdU has been a member of the Global Network of Women Business Leaders FCEM (Femmes Chefs d'Entreprises Mondiales), representing the interests of gender equality nationally and internationally.

SilkRoad Cooperation, Germany

The SilkRoad Cooperation (SRC) is trying to redefine the modern landscape. We are a dynamic boutique consultancy specializing in driving advisory services, communications, commercial dialogues, research, and sustainability initiatives. Our focal point revolves around advancing knowledge dissemination, trade dynamics, innovation, and cultural appreciation through collaborative engagements along the historic Silk Road pathway.

Our vision entails the establishment of a cutting-edge advisory intricately linked with the business realm. Our efforts are dedicated to nurturing synergistic relationships that will shape the future of Europe's vital engagements in a positive light.

Our core values center on championing innovation as we facilitate interchanges and collaborations across Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, encompassing nations participating in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).

At SRC, our core mission revolves around harnessing the entrepreneurial potential of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) by constructing an Innovation Pathway along the Silk Road and building an Innovation Bridge that directly connects Europe to Greater China.

Embedded in our philosophy is the seamless fusion of creativity, scientific understanding, and operational efficiency. We ardently cultivate international dialogues and exchanges, underscoring our relentless dedication to pioneering breakthroughs in research, streamlined trade, multicultural communication.

Recognizing the diverse perspectives brought forth by different companies, we embrace the enriching spectrum of innovative solutions they offer. This range of thought and approach strengthens our collaborative initiatives, making them comprehensive and uniquely impactful in our resolute mission to bridge the gap between Europe and Greater China.

Portugal-China Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCILC), Portugal

The Portugal–China Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCILC) was established in 1978 as a private, non-profit association with recognized public interest status. Its mission is to promote and strengthen economic, commercial, and institutional relations between Portugal and the People's Republic of China.

CCILC brings together some of the most prominent industrial, financial, and business groups active in Portugal–China relations. Its governing bodies and membership include organizations such as Haitong Bank, REN / State Grid, Huawei, China Three Gorges, Caixa Geral de Depósitos, Fidelidade / Fosun, EDP, Millennium BCP, Estoril Sol, Novo Banco, Bison Bank and Quinta da Marmeleira, among a network of more than 200 member companies. Headquartered in Lisbon, the Chamber also operates a regional office in Guimarães and has maintained a permanent delegation in Macao since 1992. In 2025 the first Delegation in mainland was established in Changsha, with jurisdiction for Hunan Province.

Notably, CCILC was founded prior to the formal establishment of diplomatic relations between Portugal and China, becoming the first European business association dedicated exclusively to promoting bilateral trade and economic cooperation with China. Since its inception, the Chamber has played a central role in supporting companies and institutions through the organization of business missions, the provision of high-level technical assistance, and the delivery of strategic market intelligence, helping members operate more effectively, securely, and competitively across both markets.

CCILC's core mission is to represent and advance the interests of its members, provide timely and relevant information to support their activities, and maintain close engagement with public authorities and institutional stakeholders in order to facilitate solutions and unlock new bilateral opportunities. This mission is implemented by the General Secretariat in coordination with an extensive network of strategic partners in both Portugal and China.

Over the years, CCILC has built a strong reputation for delivering specialized support services tailored to the needs of companies engaged in Portugal–China business relations.

Its activities include:

- Identification and promotion of business opportunities
- Dissemination of trade statistics and regulatory updates
- Organization of trade fairs, exhibitions, conferences, and networking initiatives
- Preparation of market studies and customized research projects
- Support for official and business delegations
- Provision of interpretation, translation, legal, tax, and commercial advisory services

Through these activities, CCILC has established itself as a leading platform for companies and institutions seeking to expand and deepen their engagement in Portugal–China relations.

Sociedade Portuguesa de Inovação (SPI), Portugal

Sociedade Portuguesa de Inovação (www.spieurope.eu/) is a private consulting company created in 1996 as an active centre of national and international networks connected to the research and innovation sectors. SPI has become a leading promoter of linkages between national and international public and private organisations/companies/S&T institutes. SPI has coordinated and provided expert support on projects based in Europe, China, North Am a, South America, Southeast Asia and Africa. Currently, SPI has 80 full-time staff located in the various offices of the company in Portugal, Spain, USA, Belgium, with an affiliated office through the European Business & Innovation Centre Network (EBN), and China since 1999. SPI also has established extensive professional and business networks in Brazil and Angola.

Alibaba Cloud, China

Established in 2009, Alibaba Cloud (www.alibabacloud.com) is the digital technology and intelligence backbone of Alibaba Group. It offers a complete suite of cloud services to customers worldwide, including elastic computing, database, storage, network virtualization services, large-scale computing, security, management and application services, big data analytics, a machine learning platform and IoT services. Alibaba maintained its position as the third leading public cloud IaaS service provider globally since 2018, according to IDC. Alibaba is the world's third leading and Asia Pacific's leading IaaS provider by revenue in U.S. dollars since 2018, according to Gartner.

WFEO – ECBAP, China

The Engineering Capacity Building for Africa Programme (ECBAP) was initiated by the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO), the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST), UNESCO, and other partner organizations. Grounded in the era of global digital transformation, ECBAP focuses on the applications of artificial intelligence in the engineering field, with the aim of enhancing engineering education in Africa, providing continuing professional development trainings, and promoting international technical cooperation and innovation. ECBAP has been officially endorsed as a Programme of the UN International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development (IDSSD).

China Association of Productivity Promotion Centers (CPPC), China

China Association of Productivity Promotion Centers (CPPC) was officially registered with the Ministry of Civil Affairs in 1995. As a 4A-rated national non-profit organization, it is voluntarily constituted by productivity promotion centers, enterprises, institutions, and individuals dedicated to boosting the productivity of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) across China. CPPC serves as a vital bridge linking government, market entities, and industrial sectors.

Committed to enhancing the technological competitiveness of SMEs and advancing sustainable, high-quality productivity growth, the Association coordinates the national network of productivity promotion institutions. It delivers comprehensive services spanning policy consulting, professional training, technology transfer, sci-tech finance, and industrial innovation. By facilitating the integration of science, technology, and the economy, CPPC accelerates the commercialization of research outcomes and drives industrial upgrading. Upholding the values of Learning, Innovation, Service, and Dedication, the Association continues to support innovation-driven development and is committed to fostering new quality productive forces for the future.

The Third Xiangya Hospital of Central South University, China

Rooted in the elegance of Yuelu Mountain and endowed with the vitality of Xiangjiang River, the Third Xiangya Hospital of Central South University, formerly named the Third Affiliated Hospital of Hunan Medical University, was founded in 1989. Known as the "New Xiangya", it is situated in the Xiangjiang New Area of Changsha, a nationally renowned historical and cultural city in Hunan Province. As a large comprehensive Class A tertiary hospital under direct supervision of the National Health Commission, it is an affiliated hospital of Central South University, an institution included in the "Double World-Class Initiative" under the Ministry of Education.

Inheriting the century-old Xiangya medical legacy, the hospital embraces a people-centered approach to healthcare. It has pioneered a distinctive "One Body, Three Wings" development model, with medical services as the core, talent cultivation, scientific research, and scientific management of modern hospitals as the three wings. Today, it stands as a national Grade A tertiary general hospital that integrates clinical care, teaching, research, prevention, health management, and rehabilitation.

ZJU Hangzhou Global Scientific and Technological Innovation Center (HIC ZJU), China

The ZJU-Hangzhou Global Scientific and Technological Innovation Center (HIC-ZJU), established in 2019, is a major innovation platform jointly developed by Hangzhou and Zhejiang University. Focusing on integrated circuits, synthetic biology, advanced materials, and instrumentation, it integrates frontier research, disruptive technologies, and industrial application. HIC-ZJU operates a multi-level platform system and has achieved major breakthroughs, including the world's first 8-inch gallium oxide crystal, advanced automated scientific facilities, and record-setting quadruped and humanoid robots. With partnerships across 20+ countries, it drives global collaboration through joint labs, research projects, and international conferences, while advancing a sustainable ecosystem that connects science, industry, and real-world impact.

Zhejiang Association of Young Professionals, China

The Zhejiang Association of Young Professionals (ZAYP) is a provincial, collaborative, and non-profit association voluntarily established by institutions including universities, research institutes, and enterprises, as well as young professionals from various fields across Zhejiang Province.

In May 2020, the Zhejiang Association for Science and Technology joined forces with eleven founding institutions, including Zhejiang University, Westlake University, China Academy of Art, Zhejiang Lab, Yangtze Delta Region Institute of Tsinghua University, Zhejiang, the Second Institute of Oceanography of the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ningbo Institute of Materials Technology and Engineering of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Wenzhou Medical University, Wenzhou University, Alibaba Group, and DBAPPSecurity, to initiate the establishment of ZAYP.

ZAYP is dedicated to empowering young high-caliber professionals in their career development. By building platforms for exchange and interaction and by promoting interdisciplinary integration, the association carries out its work across a range of areas, including academic exchange, technology transfer, policy advice, talent nomination, international exchange, education and training, and science popularization.

ZAYP brings together young high-caliber professionals from all eleven prefecture-level cities across Zhejiang Province. Their expertise spans major academic fields such as natural sciences, engineering and technology, biomedicine, and humanities and social sciences, and extends to diverse professional areas including technological innovation and industrial investment. ZAYP currently has 607 individual members, primarily young professionals under the age of 45 who have been selected for national or provincial talent programs or have received major science and technology awards. In addition, the association also admits institutional members from enterprises and public institutions active in science and technology, talent cultivation, and education, as well as from organizations engaged in technological innovation, technology transfer, and venture capital. Together, these individual and institutional members form a cross-disciplinary, high-caliber collaborative network.

BioVitalAge, Italy

BioVitalAge is an innovative longevity-medicine company built on a simple but transformative conviction: that aging can become a measurable clinical parameter, and that personalized care should be guided by objective data rather than guesswork. Born at the intersection of clinical practice, data science, and preventive medicine, the company develops a clinical-grade intelligence platform that enables clinics, laboratories, and multidisciplinary care teams to measure, monitor, and improve the biology of aging.

Designed for real clinical work and real teams, BioVitalAge translates complex biological data into clear, actionable insight—giving providers intuitive dashboards and evidence-based guidance, and giving patients simple visuals, concrete targets, and the motivation to sustain their progress over time. Rather than offering a single number, the platform supports a complete view of an individual's aging trajectory and the personalized interventions that can improve it.

Today the company has grown into more than a software vendor: BioVitalAge has become the technology backbone of an integrated model of longevity medicine, powering diagnostics and personalized intervention pathways inside real care settings and connecting conventional medicine, regenerative therapies, and preventive longevity programs within a single ecosystem.

BioVitalAge's vision is to establish a new standard for everyday longevity care—one in which aging is treated as a measurable clinical parameter and every decision is informed by objective evidence. By turning that data into healthier, longer, and higher-performing lives, the company aims to make longevity medicine not an exception reserved for a few, but a concrete and scalable part of how care is delivered.

BioERGOtech, Italy

BioERGOtech is a foundation, and an ecosystem of researchers, founders, clinicians and partners, building Engineered Living Systems through synthetic biology and AI-driven automation that move from the lab to real patient impact.

The healthcare industry faces a critical gap: while groundbreaking research happens in laboratories worldwide, too many life-saving innovations never reach the patients who need them. Promising technologies remain trapped in academic settings instead of transforming lives.

BioERGOtech was founded to close that gap. We advance Engineered Living Systems, turning cells into predictable, manufacturable, and controllable living medicines, through four integrated scientific pillars: digital twin therapeutics, synthetic biology, automated biomanufacturing, and multi-omics analytics. We believe breakthrough science must become breakthrough medicine.

"We founded bioERGOtech because we saw too many life-saving innovations trapped between the lab bench and the patient bedside. Our mission is not to make research incrementally better. It is to make it fundamentally smarter, so that breakthroughs reach the people who need them most.

Guido Putignano

President & Founder, bioERGOtech Foundation"

International Association of Advanced Materials IAAM, Sweden

The International Association of Advanced Materials (IAAM) is a global, non-profit scientific organization dedicated to advancing materials science, engineering and technology through research, innovation and international collaboration. Headquartered in Sweden, IAAM works across academia, industry and policy to accelerate the transition toward sustainable and green materials.

IAAM is accredited to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as a civil-society observer organization within the Scientific and Technological Community Major Group, giving the materials community a voice in international environmental and sustainability dialogue.

The Association's activities span international congresses, thematic summits, assemblies and training initiatives that bring together researchers from early-career scientists to established leaders. Its flagship gatherings — the Advanced Materials Congress and the IAAM Fellow Summit — serve as annual meeting points for the global community.

Through its Awards & Recognition Programme, IAAM annually selects a limited number of outstanding scientists in each major disciplinary area of materials science, engineering and technology. To date the Association has recognized more than 4,500 distinguished researchers from over 90 countries. All participation is governed by the IAAM Code of Conduct, ensuring academic integrity, ethical research practice and professional conduct.

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China-Europe Green Technology Industry Alliance, The Netherlands

The China-Europe Green Technology Industry Alliance is an international organization established in the Netherlands in 2025, marking the 50th anniversary of China-EU diplomatic relations. Supported by China's Ministry of Science and Technology's China International Talent Exchange Association, the China Association for Science and Technology, and the World Youth Scientists Alliance, the organization has grown from a preparatory initiative into a fully operational platform advancing five core pillars: technology, talent, education, trade, and culture. The Alliance is chaired by Prof. Ton Bisseling, an academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering and the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences. Its leadership includes academicians from the Norwegian Academy of Engineering Sciences, the European Academy of Sciences, the Royal Belgian Academy, and other leading institutions, supported by a Secretariat drawn from more than 30 overseas Chinese student and scholar associations worldwide.

The Alliance has built a talent database of nearly 5,000 overseas young scientists and technologists — over 90% holding doctoral degrees — alongside almost 300 innovation and entrepreneurship projects spanning agriculture, biomedicine, health, new energy, and new materials. Through initiatives such as its cultural "Panda IP" pop-up program and its "PhD placement matching" mechanism, the Alliance connects global talent with industry and research partners, fostering China-Europe cooperation in green technology, talent mobility, and cultural exchange.

IOP Publishing, UK

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IOP Publishing (IOPP) is a society-owned scientific publisher, delivering impact, recognition and value to the scientific community. Its purpose is to expand the world of physics, offering a portfolio of journals, ebooks, conference proceedings and science news resources globally. IOPP is a member of Purpose-Led Publishing, a coalition of physics publishers with a promise to always put purpose above profit.

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The UK Asia Grant Foundation, UK

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The UK Asia Grant Foundation is a London-based educational foundation, established by members of the East Asian diaspora working in business, law, science and the universities.

It exists to advance academic collaborations and mutual understanding between Britain and Asia, focusing on 3 areas:

* Technology for good — in any form: digital services, hardware that achieves societal impact

* The natural environment — energy, land and resources, and the environment

* Healthy ageing — the life sciences, care and demography

We convene the Asia Summit each June during London Tech Week, which in 2026 heard from delegations across South-East Asia, Korea and Greater China. We also convene the Korea Symposium, which gathers the UK institutions already working with Korea across research, the creative industries and finance. We also hold free publicly available workshops educating on topics related to our missions. A conference on "AI Beyond English" is planned for 2027.

ABOUT WYSS, EVENT LOGISTICS & ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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WORLD ASSOCIATION OF YOUNG SCIENTISTS

The World Association of Young Scientists (WAYS) was founded in November 2024. Operating under the professional guidance of the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST), it was launched by the CAST Center for Professional Training and Services, the Wenzhou World Young Scientist Growth Foundation, Venture Cup Denmark, and the Young Earth Scientists Network. It is an international, nonprofit social organization formed voluntarily by international and regional youth science and technology organizations, higher education institutions, professional research bodies, and individuals.

WAYS is dedicated to building a platform for exchange and mutual learning among young scientists from around the world, forging consensus around "technology for good," and advancing science and technology innovation in the service of sustainable development—contributing the wisdom and strength of young scientists to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and to building a community with a shared future for humanity. It has been certified to the ISO 37301 compliance management system international standard, and carries out international science and technology exchange and cooperation in accordance with the law.

WAYS currently has 113 institutional members, 56 of them from outside China. Its member institutions span 31 countries and regions across five continents and include universities, research institutions, and businesses across the natural sciences, engineering, medicine, interdisciplinary fields, and more.

Official WeChat Account of WAYS

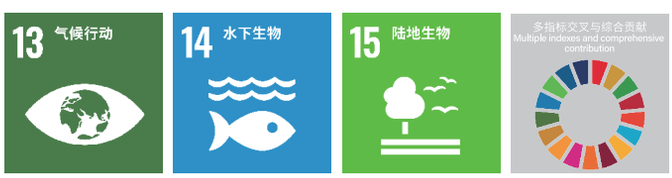
YOUNG SCIENTIST SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AWARD

The Young Scientist Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Award centers on the SDGs, honoring young scientists who have made outstanding contributions to sustainable development and to the advancement of human society and civilization through major original innovations and breakthroughs in key core technologies—and inspiring more young scientists to contribute their talent and energy to sustainable development.

As of 2025, the Award has been presented in three editions, producing a total of 11 recipients from countries including China, the United Kingdom, the United States, France, Italy, and Switzerland.

2026 Young Scientist SDGs Award: Global Applications Open





WENZHOU WORLD YOUNG SCIENTIST GROWTH FOUNDATION

The Wenzhou World Young Scientist Growth Foundation was jointly initiated by Li Xiaokun, a member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering and President of Wenzhou Medical University, along with Tsingshan Holding Group, CHINT Group Co., Ltd., and Semir Group. The initial donation of RMB 60 million was contributed by the Tsingshan Charity Foundation, the Commonweal Foundation of CHINT, and the Wenzhou Semir Education Foundation, with each donating RMB 20 million.

The Foundation is a non-profit civil society and operates on a non-public fundraising basis. Its mission is to gather scientific forces from various sectors, promote international scientific and cultural exchanges, foster youth development, drive global scientific innovation collaboration, and aspire to serve as a bridge for friendship among young scientists in China and worldwide.

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ONE HUB, FIVE VALLEYS

The "One Hub, Five Valleys" initiative, a crucial science and technology innovation platform in Wenzhou, has been instrumental in nurturing new quality productive forces, propelling the industrial economy to surge ahead powerfully, and leading the efforts to deeply integrate innovation chains and industrial chains in Wenzhou.













EVENT LOGISTIC INFORMATION

How to get to the venue?

The Steigenberger Wiltcher's is ideally located in the heart of Brussels city with easy access to public transport and direct connections to the airport.

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  E-mail:

  reservations.brussels@steigenberger.com

From Brussel's airports:

The main airports for Brussels are Brussels Zaventem Airport (BRU) and Brussels South Charlerloi (CRL).

- A taxi from Brussels Zaventem Airport to the Steigenberger Wiltcher's takes about 22 minutes driving time and costs around 33 euro during the day and 48 euro during the night.
- A taxi from Brussels Charleroi Airport to the Steigenberger Wiltcher's takes about 55 minutes driving time and costs around 152 euro.

From Brussels' Train stations:

- A taxi from Brussels Central station to the Steigenberger Wiltcher's takes 5 minutes and costs around 8 to 10 euro.
- A taxi from Brussels station North to the Steigenberger Wiltcher's takes 10 minutes and costs around 13 to 15 euro.
- A taxi from Brussels station South to the Steigenberger Wiltcher's takes 8 minutes and costs around 9 to 12 euro.



By metro:

The metro (STIB) is a fast and easy way to get around in Brussels. For your convenience we advise to use the online Journey Planner provided by STIB or to download their mobile app via your app store. Go to online journey planner, the nearest station is Stefania (line 8 and 93). Walking distance from metro to the Steigenberger Wiltcher's is approx. 1 minute.



By car:

- Coming from Walloon or E314, follow the E40 towards the N23 in Schaarbeek. Take the exit in direction Centre-Centrum/Institutions Européennes/Meiser/Europese Instellingen. At the roundabout take the exit N3A towards Wetstraat, all the way until the R20, at the R20 go left and follow until the roundabout Louiza and take 3th exit. Follow straight until Stefania and stay on the right, the parking is 100m passed the hotel main entrance on the right side.
- Coming from the E19, take exit 17 Brussels-centrum, follow the N266 all the way till the N265 and turn left on the Fonsnylaan. Follow this until the R20 and turn right, follow the R20 till roundabout Louiza and take the 1st exit. Follow straight until Stefania and stay on the right, the parking is 100m passed the hotel main entrance on the right side.
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- Parking: During the conference, the parking is free of charge for our guests. At entry to the underground parking (Interparking), take your ticket and have it validated at end of the event with the hotel. For this you can ask WYSS staff for a parking coupon.

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