

# EM-iDEA Ghent Conference

## Plenary Session 2 and Workshop Speaker's Biographies

### Plenary Session 2

#### ***Prof. Roel Baets***

##### *EMA1 Coordinator, Ghent University*

Professor Roel Baets received MSc degrees in electrical engineering from Ghent University and Stanford University and a PhD from Ghent University in 1984. Since 1989 he has been a professor in Ghent University's engineering faculty.

Roel Baets leads the Photonics Research Group. With about 300 SCI journal publications and 20 patents he has made contributions to research on photonic integrated components and ICs in III-V semiconductors and in silicon. He has been coordinator of large -scale European research projects, among which the NoE ePIXnet. He initiated the joint MSc programme in photonics with VUB and the Erasmus Mundus Master Course in Photonics. He is a Fellow of IEEE. He is currently the Director of The Center for Nano- and Biophotonics of Ghent University and is a holder of an ERC Advanced Grant.

#### ***Dr. Artur Schmitt***

##### *EMA2 Coordinator, University of Granada*

Dr. Artur Schmitt is a Senior Lecturer of Applied Physics at the University of Granada and, since 2008, Director for International Networks and Projects at the Vice-Rectorate for International Relations and Development Cooperation. His sound expertise in international cooperation is not only a result of his duties as a representative of his university at international events and working groups but also of his participation in international, mostly EU funded projects such as Eumedis - ODISEAME, Erasmus Mundus Action 4 – CPCNASCE, Alfa III - VertebrAlcua, etc. He is a speaker, panellist and moderator at local, national and international events (conferences, meetings, info days, etc.).

As person in charge for the local coordination of all Erasmus Mundus projects in which the University of Granada is involved, he gained experience in this Programme almost from its beginning. He also coordinates the Erasmus Mundus - External Cooperation Window partnerships for Lot 17 - Monesia (Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay; <http://www.monesia.eu>) and for Lot 19b – Ánimo, ¡Chévere! (Cuba, Chile, Ecuador and Venezuela; <http://www.animo-chevere.eu>). Recently, he set up the Erasmus Mundus - Al Idrisi partnership for Action 2 Strand 1 Lot 1 (Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia; <http://www.al-idrisi.eu>).

## ***Dr. Raymond Nijmeijer***

### *EMA1 & 2 Coordinator, Twente University*

Raymond Nijmeijer is lecturer in the [Department of Natural Resources](#) at the [Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation](#) (ITC) of the [University of Twente](#) in the Netherlands.

He is Erasmus Mundus course coordinator for the Iran, Iraq, Yemen ([Lot 7/8](#)) Action 2 programme. He also coordinates the University of Twente's participation in the EM programme for [Regional Asia](#) and is technical advisor for one of the partnerships selected under the Intra-ACP academic mobility scheme ([Lot 1 - Africa](#)).

He does coursework teaching in [Natural Resources Management](#) and [Geo-information Science & Earth Observation for Environmental Modeling and Management](#) (Action 1 - Erasmus Mundus Master Course). Finally, Raymond Nijmeijer has undertaken wide-ranging consulting and advisory service work in Europe, Africa and Asia.

## **Workshop 1**

### ***Andries Verspeeten***

Since early 2007 Andries Verspeeten has worked as International Relations Officer at Ghent University's central IRO. Within Erasmus Mundus Action 1 he provides follow-up to the operational Master and PhD Courses at Ghent University and acts as a liaison towards other entities involved, both internal and external to the University. Using the experience gained he advises and assists candidate Erasmus Mundus Action 1 promoters at Ghent University during the development of their project proposal. As a representative of his University he presented this experience in conferences and workshops (EAIE, EM Action 3 etc.). In 2008 he contributed to the start-up of the first EM Action 2 project coordinated at UGent, Basileus. Since 2009, Andries Verspeeten is also secretary to the Ghent University Policy Board for Internationalisation.

### ***Elisabeth Axell***

Elisabeth Axell is a Project Manager at the International Relations Office at Lund University, Sweden. She currently coordinates three different Erasmus Mundus Action 2 projects (Asia Regional and China). She has previously worked as an international coordinator at the Faculty of Social Sciences at Lund University and has been involved in several research projects and teaching within social sciences. Elisabeth holds an MSc in Political Science from Lund University and an MSc in Social Policy from London School of Economics.

### ***Ulrika Qvist Mathiesen***

Ulrika Qvist Mathiesen is regional manager for cooperation with Australia and New Zealand at the International Relations Office, Lund University, Sweden. She is former coordinator of the EM2 partnership group, handling all Erasmus Mundus Action 2 partnerships where LU is involved. In this position, Ulrika Qvist Mathiesen was leading an implementation project which resulted in an internal Erasmus Mundus Handbook.

## **Workshop 2**

### ***Prof. José María Peiró***

Jose M. Peiró is Professor of Work and Organizational Psychology and Director of the Research Institute of Human Resources Psychology, Organizational Development and Quality of Working life (IDOCAL) at the University of Valencia (Spain). He is President elect of International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP). He is Fellow member of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (SIOP) and the European Academy of Occupational Health Psychology (EAOHP). He is the coordinator of the Erasmus Mundus Master Program of Work, Organization and Personnel Psychology taught by a consortium of seven Universities.

## **Workshop 3**

### ***Prof. Pierpaolo Faggi***

Pierpaolo Faggi (1949) has been Professor of Human Geography at Padua University since 1994. He has carried out research on relationships between humans and the environment in dry areas, mainly in the Sahelo-Sudanese zone and Central Asia, with the principal focus on desertification and hydraulic territorialization.

He was Director of the Department of Geography at Padua University (2003 - 2010), Rector's Delegate for University Cooperation (2000 - 2008), and Chair of the ACP Task Force of the Coimbra Group (2004 - 2008). He is the coordinator of the Erasmus Mundus Master in Sustainable Territorial Development, with the Catholic University of Leuven, Paris 1 University and Universidade Catholica Dom Bosco, Campo Grande (Brazil).

### ***Dr James Otieno JOWI***

James Otieno Jowi is the founding Executive Director of the African Network for Internationalization of Education (ANIE), an African network focused on the international dimension of higher education in Africa. He heads the ANIE Secretariat based at Moi University, Kenya and is responsible for the implementation of ANIE activities. He is also teaches Comparative and International Education at the School of Education, Moi University, Kenya.

He holds a Bachelor of Education and Masters in Linguistics from Moi University (Kenya), a Masters in Comparative and International Education from University of Oslo, Norway. He is finalizing doctoral studies in Leadership and Governance of Higher Education. His interests are in internationalization of higher education and governance and management of higher education. He has been part of the IAU Task Force for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Survey on Internationalization.

### ***Dr Panambi ABADIE***

Panambi Abadie is Head of Programmes and Projects for the Grupo Montevideo association of Universities. She is a qualified lawyer (Universidad de la Republica, Uruguay) and holds a Master of Higher Education (University of Minnesota, USA) and a Doctorate in Higher Education Management and Policies (University of Southampton, UK).

She has held positions at the Uruguayan Ministry of Education and at the Universidad de la Republica and has worked in various areas of Higher Education in MERCOSUR, including recognition of qualifications, quality assurance and evaluation of doctoral programmes.

## **Workshop 4**

### ***Prof. Boas EREZ***

Professor Boas Erez is the EM-iDEA project coordinator. He is also coordinator of the ALGANT consortium, which offers an Erasmus Mundus Master programme (created in 2004 and which again received the EM label in 2009) and a Joint Doctoral programme (created in 2009). He has organized numerous international conferences of which CIUEN 2008 has been the largest, with 1000 participants.

He has been a professor in Mathematics at Bordeaux 1 since 1993 and is also a former vice president of the university, in charge of the board of administrators between 2005 and 2008.