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Biographies of the Speakers



**Steffen Westergard
Andersen**

Steffen Westergard Andersen has worked as Director of Operations at the Danish Accreditation Institution since 2009. He has a long track record in management consulting, working with Danish ministries and municipalities, and as project director of EU and World Bank contracts dealing with organisational development in public administration. He was previously responsible for NGO strategy making at a European level for a leading international NGO.



Michel Cosnard

Michel Cosnard received his computer engineering degree from Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Informatique et de Mathématiques Appliquées de Grenoble, his master's degree in applied mathematics from Cornell University (USA), and his Doctorat d'Etat degree in computer science from the Université de Grenoble (France). Michel is currently the Chairman and CEO of the French High Council for Evaluation of Research and Higher Education (HCERES), on leave from the Université de Nice – Sophia Antipolis. From May 2006 to September 2014, he served as Chairman of the Board and CEO of Inria. He has been chairman of the ERCIM board of directors, European host of World Wide Web Consortium, and chairman of the French Alliance for Digital Sciences and Technologies from 2009 to 2014. He has been member of the FP6 IST Evaluation Committee, member of ISTAG (Information Society Technologies Advisory Group) of the European Commission, and member of the advisory committees of many international research institutes. He was member of the High Level Expert Group for FP 7 evaluation. In 2007, he was awarded the title of Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur and in 2013 Officier de l'Ordre National du Mérite.



Helka Kekäläinen

Helka Kekäläinen holds a PhD from the University of Helsinki. She led the FINHEEC (Finnish Higher Education Evaluation Council) secretariat from June 2008 – April 2014. Since May 2014 she has been the Head of the Higher Education Evaluation Unit in FINEEC (Finnish Education Evaluation Centre). In 2009 Helka Kekäläinen became an ENQA Board member, and in 2010 she was elected to the position of Vice-President. She was an Executive Board member of the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR) from 2011-2012, and she has led two Twinning-projects in the Southern Caucasus. Helka Kekäläinen is an international member of QAA Scotland Committee 2013-2017, Editorial Board Member of Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan, and was Member of the Appeals Committee of AQ Austria.



Øystein Lund

Øystein Lund is NOKUT's Deputy Director General. He holds a doctoral degree from the Norwegian School of Theology and is a specialist on the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible. Previously he worked as a researcher and lecturer at the Norwegian School of Theology, before becoming Dean of Studies and Vice Rector in 2009. Since 2014, Lund has been head of NOKUT's Department of Quality Assurance and is also a board member of the Swiss Accreditation Council.



Taya Louise Owens

Taya Louise Owens, PhD, is a core member of the Global Education Monitoring Report, an authoritative annual high level UNESCO report that provides a scientific evidence base for education development and improvement around the world. Taya specialises in monitoring and evaluating global higher education, sustainable development performance indicators, and higher education governance, finance and quality. Prior, she worked with the State University of New York (SUNY) system on academic programme development, accreditation, and quality assurance. Her overall professional goal is to facilitate higher education sector development so that nation states, campuses, and students can meet the challenges of our world.



**Una Strand
Viðarsdóttir**

Una Strand Viðarsdóttir is a senior adviser on higher education and science at the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture in Iceland. She holds a BSc in anthropology and geography and a PhD in evolutionary anatomy from University College London. Prior to her appointment to the Ministry she worked as an academic at the University of Durham, UK, where she taught and researched in evolutionary anthropology for 15 years. While at Durham she wore multiple hats, including Director of Undergraduate studies, Chair of the Board of Examiners, Director of Joint Degree Studies, and MSc Director. Since leaving academia, Una has been heavily involved with the Bologna Process and other international collaboration in higher education and science policy. She co-chaired the Bologna Follow Up Group leading up to and during the Ministerial meeting in Yerevan in 2015, she co-chairs the BFUG Advisory Group on how to deal with non-implementation, and she is an active member of the Advisory Group following up the Belarus Roadmap. She chaired a group revising the Nordic Declaration on the recognition of degrees (the Reykjavik Declaration) and is the Ministry's expert on quality assurance both in a national and international context.