

IAU Committee Biographies

Harvey Charles is Professor of International Education, Department of Educational Policy & Leadership, University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY).



Dr. Harvey Charles is Professor of International Education in the Department of Educational Policy & Leadership. He has served as the Chief International Officer at several universities across the United States, including most recently, at the University at Albany where he was the Dean for International Education and Vice Provost for Global Strategy. In this capacity, he introduced comprehensive internationalization to the university, established a number of strategic international partnerships, and launched key initiatives such as Global Distinction Milestone and Collaborative Online International Learning, among others, to support the preparation of globally competent graduates.

Dr. Charles is an internationally recognized expert on international education leadership. As co-editor, he has published *Leading Internationalization: A Handbook for International Education* and is currently co-editor of the second edition of the *Sage Handbook of International Higher Education*. He has also served as President of the Association of International Education Administrators, the world's only organization for senior international officers. In addition to publishing on issues including leadership in international higher education, internationalizing the curriculum and comprehensive internationalization, he serves on several national and international boards, consults, and gives addresses on international education issues around the world. Dr. Charles earned his doctoral degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs with an emphasis in International Education from Ohio State University in 1991.

Eva Egron-Polak is Senior Fellow and the Former Secretary General, International Association of Universities (IAU).



A Czech-born Canadian, Eva Egron-Polak studied in Canada and France. She was Secretary General of the International Association of Universities from 2002 to 2017. Prior to becoming IAU Secretary General, she held various positions at Universities Canada, including as Vice President, International.

She continues to serve as member of many Boards and International Advisory Committees of organizations such as the Magna Charta Observatory, the Global Access to Postsecondary Education initiative, the Global Centre for Higher Education, StudyPortals, the European University Institute, the University of Granada and the ARQUS European University Alliance. She has consulted for the OECD, the European Commission, the Qatar Foundation, the World Bank and UNESCO.

Eva initiated and co-authored the IAU Global Survey Reports on Internationalization of Higher Education (2010 and 2014), participated in the study on Internationalization of Higher Education for the EU Parliament (2015), and served on the drafting group of the 2020 Magna Charta Universitatum. She has undertaken reviews of higher education in many countries including Spain and Egypt and published many book chapters on various higher education topics. She is the recipient of the Palmes academique from the Government of France and holds a Doctorate honoris causa from Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania and McMaster University, Canada.

Giorgio Marinoni is the Manager of Higher Education and Internationalization at the International Association of Universities (IAU).



Giorgio Marinoni has been Manager of Higher Education and Internationalization at the International Association of Universities (IAU) since February 2015. He oversees Internationalization as one of the four strategic priorities of the Association.

Among his responsibilities at IAU are research projects, the coordination of the ISAS (2.0) programme of advisory services for advancing internationalization, and external representation of the Association in internationalization. He has recently published the report on the 5th Global Survey on Internationalization of Higher Education. In addition, he is the coordinator of the Network of International Education Associations (NIEA).

Before his current position at IAU, Giorgio worked for UNICA (Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe) in the field of internationalization and higher education policy and reform at the European level and beyond. He has been an active member of the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) at the local, national and international levels, and served the ESN as its President in 2007 – 2008. He has ample experience in the coordination of multilateral international projects involving a variety of higher education stakeholders, including public and private higher education institutions (HEIs), networks of HEIs, student associations, and national

Alessandra Scagliarini is a Professor in the Department of Experimental, Diagnostic and Specialty Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Bologna. She recently served as Vice Rector for International Relations.



Dr. Alessandra Scagliarini holds a degree in Veterinary Medicine and a PhD in Epidemiology and Zoonoses Control. Her scientific interests lie in the inter and transdisciplinary approach of One Health to deepen the interactions between humans, animals and ecosystems that underlie the occurrence of health emergencies and the effective management of endemic diseases with high social economic impact.

Dr. Scagliarini currently serves as Scientific Manager for a multidisciplinary research group called ELEPHANT, part of the Erasmus+ Capacity Building initiative, coordinated by the University of Utrecht (Netherlands) and partnering with six universities in South Africa. The project aims to empower universities' learning and research capabilities in the One Health approach.

Dr. Scagliarini previously served as Vice Rector for International Relations at the University of Bologna, and was involved in a number of international networks such as the [Coimbra Group](#), [Scholars at Risk](#) and the IAU. She is a Member of the Board of the [Observatory Magna Charta Universitatum](#).