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Speaker Biographies

Mr Wolfgang Burtscher



Wolfgang Burtscher is Deputy Director-General of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, responsible for Open Innovation, Open Science, Open to the World.

An Austrian national, Wolfgang Burtscher acted before joining DG Research and Innovation as a Director in DG Agriculture of the European Commission since 2000.

Before joining the Commission in 2000 Mr Burtscher was representative of the Länder at the Austrian Permanent Representation to the EU. From 1992 to 1996 he was Director of European Affairs in the Vorarlberg administration. Previously, from 1990 to 1992, he was a legal advisor at the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) in Geneva, at the time of negotiations on the European Economic Area (EEA). He focused particularly on the free circulation of goods and capital and on competition issues.

Between 1983 and 1990 he was a lecturer in International and European Law at the University of Innsbruck.

Wolfgang Burtscher holds a doctorate in law and also has a qualification from the Institut Européen des Hautes Etudes Internationales in Nice.

Ms Kimberly Cornfield



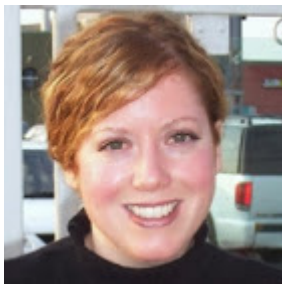
Kimberly is Head of Proposal Management at UCL's European Research and Innovation Office (ERIO). Her work is dedicated to assisting UCL in maintaining its position at the forefront of European collaboration in science and technology, as well as sustaining its place as one of the leading universities in the Horizon 2020 programme.

She joined UCL ERIO five years ago, first managing a portfolio of large-scale UCL-led FP7 projects, and then collaborating on the development of the innovative in-house proposal planning team. Kimberly now leads this team while maintaining a portfolio of four large-scale UCL-led Horizon 2020 and FP7 projects.

As Head of Proposal Management she is responsible for the day-to-day operations, as well as the strategic development of the service to ensure it is in line with the EU Framework Programme developments and in support of UCL's European Research and Innovation activities. Kimberly works closely with her team of three European Proposal Managers, in developing internal and external networks and mapping funding opportunities to UCL's research areas. She also works closely with the Head of European Research and Innovation, Head of Project Management and Head of Innovation Management, ensuring proposals meet initial funding requirements to obtain EU funding, and subsequently achieve long-term project success and post project impact.

Kimberly is a 2015-2016 Candidate for the M.Sc. in Strategic Management of Projects at UCL. She also holds a graduate diploma in International Project Management from Rovaniemi University of Applied Sciences, Finland.

Ms Joy Davidson



Joy Davidson is Associate Director of the Jisc funded Digital Curation Centre (DCC). Joy was also PI for the Jisc funded Data Management Skills Support Initiative – Assessment, Benchmarking and Classification (DaMSSI-ABC) project and is also a core member of the EC-funded Collaboration to Clarify the Costs of Curation (4C) and the Facilitate Open Science Training for European Research (FOSTER) projects. She is involved in several international working groups including the Knowledge Exchange Research Data, Research Data Canada (RDC) Education & Training Subcommittee, and Research Data Alliance (RDA).

Ms Cathy Souto Enriquez



Cathy Souto Enriquez, Project Advisor, joined the Research Executive Agency of the European Commission (REA), Unit A1 Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions "Innovative Training Networks" in September 2012. She is responsible for managing calls for proposals, including the evaluation process, preparation of the grant agreements, monitoring projects' implementation and contractual obligations. Moreover, she participates in several committees and working groups at the REA, e.g. for ethics and project monitoring. Previous experience in project management was at the EU's Executive Agency for Education, Audiovisual and Culture (EACEA) and at the European Commission (Directorate General International Cooperation and Development).

Mr Matthew King



Matthew King is the Head of Unit for Open Innovation in the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission. In that capacity he looks at issues surrounding the improvement of the EU's innovation performance. Prior to that he was head of Unit for Maritime Policy in the Atlantic, Arctic and Outermost Regions in the European Commission, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries. That Unit is responsible for developing and implementing a strategy for the Atlantic region, and has developed an Action Plan for the Atlantic to take this forward, in partnership with Member States and regional authorities. In his function, he also held responsibility for the wider 'blue growth' agenda, which seeks to improve the rate of job creation and growth from sustainable use of the seas, such as ocean energy. Most of Mr King's career prior to that was spent in the Financial Services Directorate-General, in units dealing with the regulation of financial markets, and in the Commission's Delegation in the United States. Mr King joined the European Commission in 1994, having graduated from Oxford University.

Ms Sophie Laurie



Sophie Laurie is Associate Director of Innovation and Translation at the Natural Environment Research Council. NERC is one of the seven UK Research Councils which collectively have responsibility for £3bn pa of funding to help support the UK academic community to research and innovate. As well as funding research in Higher Education Institutions NERC supports six Research Centres covering the breadth of the environment from the deep ocean to the inner atmosphere, and innovation and translation activities in NERC serve to encourage funded academics to realise the economic and societal benefits of their world-leading environmental research.

Prior to joining NERC in 2015, Sophie was Head of International in the Research Councils UK Strategy Unit. RCUK is a partnership of the seven UK Research Councils and the International team works strategically with key contacts in target countries such as Japan and Brazil and with the RCUK Overseas teams in the US, China and India, to deliver the RCUK ambition for excellent international research partnerships. Sophie represented the UK Research Councils in a number of advisory bodies and policy fora in UK and overseas, including on various aspects of the European Framework Programmes and Horizon 2020.

Sophie came to the Research Councils in 2003 following 18 years of academic research in plant biology, working at University College London and the former BBSRC Institute for Arable Crops Research (now Rothamsted Research).

Ms Elisabeth Lipiatou



Elisabeth Lipiatou is Head of Unit ' Open and Inclusive Societies ', in the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission.

The Unit deals with social and economic research with emphasis on migration, employment, inequalities, cultures, citizenship and global justice. She was previously Head of Unit ' European Neighbourhood, Africa and Gulf ' contributing to the EU international cooperation policy objectives through research and innovation. Prior to that, she led the Unit on ' Climate Change and Environmental Risks ' where she was involved in climate science negotiations and international climate policy interface.

Elisabeth Lipiatou has more than twenty years of experience in managing science-policy interface at the European Commission. Primary areas of responsibility include: research policy and international negotiations, social and economic sciences, sustainable development, climate change, environment and health, natural hazards and risks, marine sciences and technology, cooperation with Member States and international stakeholders, communication and dissemination.

She has ten years of academic experience in various universities and research centers, including the Centro de Investigacion y Dessarollo in Barcelona, Spain, the École Normale Supérieure in Paris, France, and the University of Minnesota, USA.

She received her Diploma in Chemistry from the University of Athens, her Master in Oceanography and Meteorology from the University Pierre and Marie Curie in Paris, and her Master in Computer Sciences applied in Chemistry and Biology from the University Paris VII. She became a Doctor of Sciences in Chemical Oceanography at University Pierre and Marie Curie, Paris, 1989.

Ms Line Matthiessen



Dr Line Matthiessen leads the Unit responsible for Fighting Infectious Diseases and Advancing Public Health in the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation. The unit promotes and supports EU research and innovation activities in the area of global health issues with emphasis on HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis, emerging epidemics, neglected infectious diseases and antimicrobial drug resistance, health promotion, health systems and services. The unit also supports the implementation of the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) and the Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness (GLOPID-R). Line Matthiessen is member of the management board of the European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC) and member of several advisory boards.

Dr Matthiessen was Head of Unit for horizontal aspects and coordination in the Directorate for Biotechnologies, Agriculture and Food Research from 1 July 2007 to December 2010.

Line Matthiessen joined the European Commission in 1992. She has been responsible for strategic and policy issues in biotechnology and held the position as principal scientific officer responsible for research in Neurosciences for several years. She has also been scientific officer in the area of somatic gene therapy, animal cell technology and *in vitro* testing as alternatives to animal experiments.

Dr Matthiessen was trained as an MD at the University of Odense, Denmark and received her PhD in Neurosciences from the University of Paris VI, France in 1993.

Ms Angela Noble



Angela is currently Manager, Europe within the Research Support Office of the University of Edinburgh. Her main role is implement an EU research funding strategy to ensure Edinburgh maximises its share of funding from EU research-related programmes by coaching and supporting academics and research support staff. Angela has worked in European research support environment since the start of Framework Programme 6, before that supporting national funders and working in an academic department.

Ms Maria-Filipa Ferraz De Oliveira



Since 2004, Ms Ferraz De Oliveira has been a Scientific Officer at the European Research Council Executive Agency (ERCEA). Her role involves planning, launching, managing and coordinating the ethical procedures at the ERCEA, as well as Organising and assisting the ethical screening and review panels and all ethical procedures in the unit. She also provides statistical data or any other input for commission drafts, directives or communications concerning the programme IDEAS and H2020.

Before joining the ERCEA, she was a professor at Lisbon School of Health Technologies and head of the health sciences department. At the School, she had both teaching and research activities (notably defining the relevant research lines, as well as designing, implementing and monitoring research programmes) related to the following courses: Epidemiology I and II, Environmental health, Community health. She also undertook the general coordination of the department, including 4 thematic units: Anatomy and Physiology, Pathology and Diagnosis, Medical Sciences and Public Health.

Prior to this, she also held a visiting professor position in the public health department of the New University of Lisbon and also was a medical doctor in a clinical internship.

Mr Theodore Papazoglou



Theodore Papazoglou was born in Athens, Greece in 1963. He graduated with honors from the Physics Department of the University of Crete in 1985 and followed his post-graduate studies at the University of Southern California (PhD in Biomedical Engineering in 1989). After his post-doctoral training (1989-1990, Laser Research Laboratory, Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles), he worked as independent researcher at the Institute of Electronic Structure and Lasers of the Foundation for Research and Technology-Hellas (FO.R.T.H-IESL). He lectured in parallel at the University of Crete (teaching undergraduate laser and Medical Physics courses, supervising 6 doctoral, 4 master's students in their respective theses and guiding several undergraduate students during their diploma project). In 1994 he was elected at a tenure-track position at FO.R.T.H-IESL (assistant researcher) and in 1999 he attained his tenure (associate researcher). During the same period he served as technical

manager of the UV Laser Facility at FO.R.T.H (activity funded on a competitive basis by the European Commission as a Large Scale research facility).

The outcome of his research work in that period has been published in over 70 articles in international peer-reviewed journals (ca. 500 citations in over 460 citing articles by others), 2 patents and 3 chapters in books. He has also co-edited 4 books of proceedings of international conferences (SPIE, OSA etc.) and had over 60 presentations in international conferences, including 13 invited scientific talks. His research work attracted ca. € 1.5 M in competitive research grants over a period of 11 years (1992-2003).

In 2001 he was seconded to the European Commission (DG RTD) and worked at the *Marie Curie Fellowships* program as scientific officer (Physics). He was then recruited as temporary agent in the Directorate General for Research of the European Commission and served for 5 years in several posts including a 5-months-term as assistant to the Director General, RTD. In 2006-2007 he was involved in the preparatory work for the creation of the European Research Council (ERC) and had supported the ERC Scientific Council in the establishment of the ERC annual work programs during the period 2006-2010. Since the beginning of 2009, he is working in the ERC Executive Agency (ERCEA) and in December of 2010 he was appointed as Head of Unit for the Support of the ERC Scientific Council.

Mr Jakub Ramocki



Jakub Ramocki is the IP Advisor of the European IPR Helpdesk – a service of the European Commission providing advice in Intellectual Property related issues to European SMEs as well as beneficiaries of EU-funded projects. Now based in Luxembourg, Jakub began his professional career in Ecuador as a legal consultant with the Polish Consulate in Quito where he provided assistance to European citizens on a wide range of legal issues. Jakub later worked as an examiner of the Trade Mark Department in the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (currently EUIPO) in Alicante (Spain).

In September 2013, Jakub moved to Jakarta (Indonesia) to assume the role of IP business advisor to the ASEAN IPR SME Helpdesk – a project co-funded by the European Commission. The enquiry service, which he managed, was supporting European SMEs in IP related issues in the region of South-East Asia.

Jakub graduated from the European University “Viadrina” (Germany) and from the University of Adam Mickiewicz (Poland). He is fluent in Polish, English, Spanish and German.

Mr Diego Sammaritano



Diego Sammaritano is Policy Officer at Directorate General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission. He is responsible for cooperation with China on science, technology and innovation, coordinating S&T policy dialogue, the Innovation Cooperation Dialogue, and the development of joint research programmes.

In his career in the European Commission he has focused on international relations and the knowledge triangle. From 1996 to 2003, he was Project Manager in DG External Relations in charge of the *Executive Training Programme in Japan* - a programme training young European executives in the Japanese language and how to do business in Japan - and then Project Manager of the *Gateway to Japan Export Promotion Campaign* in support of European SMEs. From 2004-2009 he served in DG Education and Culture where he was in charge of Higher Education cooperation with the US. This included promoting bilateral Erasmus-like cooperation and launching a new scheme on joint and double degrees with the US (EU-US Atlantis programme). He also served as the European Commission representative in the Fulbright Commission for Belgium and Luxembourg and promoted the development of a new Schuman-Fulbright scheme in support of EU and Transatlantic studies.

In 2009 he joined DG Research and Innovation where he has worked on policy development for international cooperation. He holds master's degrees in Economics and Business Administration from the University of Palermo (Italy) and in European Economic Integration from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium).

Ms Philippa Shelton



Philippa is a Senior Research & Business Development Manager for the University of the West of England (UWE Bristol). Her role is to advise and support academics on all European funding programmes to deliver successfully funded applications. Philippa is responsible for ensuring UWE is strategically placed and fully prepared for Horizon 2020, Erasmus for All and other internal funding programmes. Philippa has spent the past eight years working in the grant funding sector, having previously worked in Industry. Starting as a Grants Advisor for the Arts and Humanities Research Council, she then moved to UKRO as a European Advisor. Returning to the UK Philippa worked at the University of Bath on an EPSRC networking grant, advising on such things as developing partnerships and networking in Brussels before moving to UWE Bristol.

Mr Graham Willmott



After obtaining his degree in Physics from Bristol University in 1982, Graham Willmott worked as an engineer at a number of U.K nuclear power stations until 1995. In 1995 he joined DG Environment at the European Commission where he was responsible for the development of assistance programmes to nuclear regulator authorities in Central and Eastern Europe. From 2000 until 2004, still in DG Environment, he moved to the REACH team which aims to improve the protection of human health and the environment through the better and earlier identification of the intrinsic properties of chemical substances. Graham Willmott held the position of Deputy Head of REACH Unit, now in DG Enterprise, between 2004 and 2008 and ultimately became Head of REACH Unit in July 2008 where he remained until 2013. He has since been Head of Unit for Policy and Research in Security and now in his currently position, which he took up in January 2015, he is Head of Unit for Innovation and Industry for Security.