

UNICA DOCTORAL EDUCATION WEBINAR

The impact of international experience in the academic careers of Doctoral candidates

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Biographies and abstracts of the speakers

Luciano Saso | UNICA President



Prof. Luciano Saso (Faculty of Pharmacy and Medicine, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy) received his PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences from Sapienza University in 1992. He is author of more than 220 scientific articles published in peer reviewed international journals with impact factor (SASO-L in www.pubmed.com, total impact factor > 500, H-index Google Scholar 45, Scopus 37). He coordinated several research projects in the field of pharmacology and has been referee for many national and international funding agencies and international scientific journals in the last 30 years. Prof. Saso has extensive experience in international relations and he is currently Vice-Rector for European University Networks at Sapienza University of Rome. In the last 15 years, he participated in several projects including IMS2020, EGRACONS, IMOTION, BUCUM, UZDOC, TRAIN and has been speaker and chair at many international conferences organised by UNICA and other university networks. He coordinates the Sapienza team in the European University CIVIS (www.civis.eu). Prof. Saso has been Member of the Steering Committee of UNICA for two mandates (2011-2015) and in November 2019 he has been re-elected President of UNICA for the second mandate (2019-2023).

Carmela Calés Bourdet | Member of UNICA Steering Committee



Prof. Carmela Calés Bourdet is former Vice-Rector for Internationalization of Universidad Autónoma of Madrid. She is full Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the Department of Biochemistry, School of Medicine, Universidad Autónoma of Madrid. Her research has evolved from classical biochemistry to molecular and cell biology and is currently focusing on biomedical approaches at the Instituto de Investigaciones Biomedicas Alberto Sols (IIBAS), a joint center from the “Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) and the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM) and currently one of the most important Biomedical Research Centers in Spain. In her position

as Vice-Rector, Prof. Carmela Calés Bourdet has been developing the UAM internationalization strategy since July 2017 and has been involved since the very beginning in CIVIS, the European University Alliance that has been selected for funding in the first pilot call. Since 2018, she is one of the three elected vocal members of the CRUE (Spanish Rectors Conference) Executive Board for Internationalization and Development. From 2010 to 2017, she was the Director of UAM Scientific Culture Unit. From 1999 to 2001 she was Vice-Dean for Research of the School of Medicine, and Vice-Director at the IIBAS from 2001 to 2003.

 Alexander Hasgall | Head of the EUA Council for Doctoral Education (EUA-CDE)



Dr. Alexander Hasgall is Head of the EUA Council for Doctoral Education (EUA-CDE). He is responsible for the largest European network in this field, covering 36 countries and bringing together a community of academic leaders and professionals from 265 Universities awarding doctoral degrees and institutions working on issues related to doctoral education and research training. Before assuming this position, he coordinated the Swiss University Rectors conference's "performances de la recherche en sciences humaines et sociales" programme on research evaluation in the social sciences and humanities and was based in the University of Geneva. Alexander Hasgall studied philosophy and history at the University of Zurich and the Free University of Berlin. He wrote his Doctorate at the University in Zurich on the topic «Regimes of Recognition. Struggles over truth and justice in dealing with the last military dictatorship in Argentina» and completed a research residence at the "Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento" in Buenos Aires. Outside of the higher education sector, Alexander acquired different working experiences in the NGO-Sector incl. being a human rights observer in Guatemala, in market research and as a freelance journalist. Internationalisation as a strategic priority of doctoral education and its impact of early-stage researchers.

Internationalisation as a strategic priority of doctoral education and its impact of early-stage researchers will address the question of what role internationalisation plays for universities, why it is relevant for doctoral candidates and their careers, and what impact this has on doctoral education. Different instruments (e.g. co-tutelles) will be examined and the question of what sustainable internationalisation looks like will be addressed.

 Joana Moscoso | Chaperone



Joana believes in science and innovation for the benefit of humankind. This is what led her to become a scientist and a social business innovator. Joana is the co-founder and an advisor at Chaperone, the world's first online marketplace for scientists to access high-quality and personalised career support. She is also the co-founder and director of Native Scientist, an award-winning European-wide non-profit organisation that connects children and scientists to promote science literacy and reduce inequalities. For 15 years, Joana had an international academic career. She did research in Sweden, Australia, the UK, Portugal, Germany, Switzerland and France. For 10 years she studied how bacteria cause infections, holding a PhD from Imperial College London (UK, 2013) and a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship (Portugal, 2016-2018). She is the author of 10+ international peer-reviewed publications and founded Native Scientist while doing her PhD. She made crucial contributions to three professional associations, the European Network of Postdoctoral Associations (2018), i3S Postdoctoral Association (Portugal, 2017), and the Association of Portuguese Researchers and Students in the UK (UK, 2012-2014). Joana's work has been distinguished multiple times by several institutions and she holds the titles of Top 100 Women in Social Enterprise (2021) and MIT Innovator Under 35 (2017). Joana loves spending time with her family, friends and food. She dreams of having her own restaurant one day.

What does internationalization, or the lack of it, mean to academic research and researchers?
Reflection on the impact of internationalization, or the lack of it, on academic research and researchers. A collection of views and impressions from a range of researchers at all levels of their careers.

Agnieszka Żyra | Eurodoc



MSc Agnieszka Żyra is President of the European Council of Doctoral Candidates and Junior Researchers (Eurodoc), former Eurodoc Secretary, Eurodoc Open Science Ambassador, former Polish National Association of Doctoral Candidates (KRD) vice-president (2018) and Plenipotentiary for international cooperation (2019). Doctoral candidate in the field of mechanical engineering and the lecturer at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at the Cracow University of Technology in Poland. Scientifically deals with unconventional machining methods, especially with electrodischarge machining processes.

 Ayla De Paepe | Karolinska Institutet



Ayla has a background as Bioscience Engineer from Ghent University (Belgium) after which she moved to Sweden and got her PhD at KI. During both under-grad and doctoral studies she was very active as Student and PhD student representative, fuelling her interest in the behind-the-scenes work of Universities, and the drive to support change. Currently, Ayla is Career Programme Manager at KI Career Service and a Professional Coach. Fun fact: Ayla is married to a researcher from Australia, and they met on a PhD winter-conference. So yes, international!

International experience: What's in a name? Big and small opportunities.

What makes an experience international? Which experiences are we talking about? How international? Some things take a lot of money and years to set up, but even some small structural changes can make a big difference on individual level. Be it strategic high-level agreements or relatively small requirements in a doctoral student's individual study plan, here are some examples of how Karolinska Institutet promotes international experience during doctoral education and beyond.