

Short Biographies of the Advisory Group Members of the BILAT-USA and Link2US Projects

Jan Andersen is the Chief Executive Advisor at University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Life Science, Research and Innovation. Currently he is the Chair of the EARMA (European Association for Research Managers and Administrators). He has a wide range of experience in research administration including establishment of research support units with a special focus on balancing between the research level, strategic policy level and the administrative level; EU Framework programmes with a focus on long term research planning with global networking initiatives, and setting up research information systems. He was a Board member and one of the founders of the Danish Association of Research Managers and Administrators (DARMA) and was Chair of the Nordic Association of University Administrators Working Group for Research Administrators and Industrial Liaison Officers.

Prof. Linda Katehi is the chancellor of the University of California, Davis. As chief executive officer, she oversees all aspects of the university's teaching, research and public service mission. Chancellor Katehi also holds UC Davis faculty appointments in electrical and computer engineering and in women and gender studies. A member of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering, she chairs the President's Committee for the National Medal of Science and is chair of the Secretary of Commerce's committee for the National Medal of Technology and Innovation. She is a fellow and board member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a member of many other national boards and committees. Previously, Chancellor Katehi served as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; the John A. Edwardson Dean of Engineering and professor of electrical and computer engineering at Purdue University; and associate dean for academic affairs and graduate education in the College of Engineering and professor of electrical engineering and computer science at the University of Michigan.

Prof. Christoph Kratky is the president of the Austrian basic research funding agency (FWF) and professor at the Karl Franzens University in Graz. He is a professor of Molecular Biology. He is the Austrian member in Eurohorcs, the European Heads of Research Councils.

Lajos Nyiri is a consultant specialized in strategic planning, evaluation and monitoring of R&D and innovation activities. Recently he is involved in the following activities: OECD, Background report on the National System of Innovation in Hungary (2007/08); "National research & development infrastructure roadmap" foresight program in Hungary, National Office for Research and Technology in Hungary (NKTH); 2008-2009; Technology Audit of the Hungarian ICT RTD system, and Capacity building and institutional strengthening of Science and Research in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Technopolis funded by the EU Delegation in Sarajevo. (2009/10) His previous occupations include Science & Technology Attaché (1986-1990) at the Embassy of Hungary, Washington D.C. USA; President (1994-1998) of the OMF (National Committee for Technology Development); partner and senior consultant on STI policy (1998-2005), ZINNIA Group L.P.; Senior visiting scientist (2005-2007), IPTS (Institute of Prospective Technological Studies), Sevilla; partner and senior consultant on STI policy (2007-) ZINNIA Group L.P. He has a university degree in electronic engineering.

Prof. Cristina Pedicchio is the President of CBM – Cluster in Molecular Biomedicine, the institution managing the Technology District in Molecular Biomedicine of Region Friuli Venezia Giulia. She is a professor of Algebra, Category Theory and Topology. She is member of ERAB (European Research Area Board) as well as several Board of Directors, including International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA); United World College of the Adriatic; International School of Trieste; National Centre for Biological resources (CNRB); Association of Italian Technology Districts (ADITE); Technical Scientific Committee – National Agency for the Promotion of European Research (APRE), Regional Committee of Unicredit Bank.

Anthony F. Rock currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC), a global organization represented in 45 countries and dedicated to furthering public engagement with science among increasingly diverse audiences worldwide. Prior to joining ATSC, Mr. Rock served as Vice President for Global Engagement at Arizona State University (ASU). Mr. Rock came to ASU after a 30-year career in the U.S. Foreign Service, attaining the rank of Minister-Counselor and retiring as acting Assistant Secretary of State responsible for science, technology, environment, and health affairs. Mr. Rock also served for four years as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State and, simultaneously for two years, as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science and Health. His assignments abroad included serving as Minister for Science, Technology, Environment, Health, and Non-Proliferation Affairs in the U.S. Embassy in Paris, France, and Counselor for Environment, Science, Technology, and Health at the U.S. Mission to the EU in Brussels, Belgium. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Mr. Rock was employed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) of the Department of Commerce, first as a physical scientist, and ultimately, as Coordinator for International Research. He also held the position of International Director of the National Sea Grant College Program. Mr. Rock received his undergraduate academic training and research at Georgetown University and Johns Hopkins University in life sciences and psychology. His graduate training and research were at George Washington University in science and technology policy and Columbia University's Lamont Earth Observatory in marine geophysics. He is a graduate of the 43rd Senior Seminar, the federal government's highest-level civilian/military joint training program. Mr. Rock served in the United States Merchant Marines.