



Awards
on the Occasion of the
10th Anniversary
of the
Euro-Mediterranean University
(EMUNI)

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Somewhere between small steps and significant changes are remarkable individuals. They are marked by courage and devotion to ideas that are bigger than their interests. They inspire others, acting as catalysts of change, they positively impact a wider space around them.

The Euro-Mediterranean, a region in constant making and remaking, is not short of these individuals. They are the reason we feel more comfortable about speaking of this diverse space as the – region, for they have contributed to better assimilation of its cultures and association of its people. In one way or another, they have enabled people on both shores of the Mediterranean to work towards a shared vision to address common challenges and attain a better future.

The Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI), established in Slovenia in 2008, is itself a product of inspired individuals and a shared vision; a staunch belief in Euro-Mediterranean partnership and inter-cultural understanding. It is thus only appropriate that at the occasion of celebrating our first decade of existence, we acknowledge the fruitful work done towards those goals and the devoted individuals behind them.

This booklet presents the individuals awarded for their lifelong contribution to the development of the Euro-Mediterranean region and the EMUNI as its specific product. They have been selected by a distinguished Commission with diverse backgrounds and balanced affiliations. They are by no means the only individuals in the region worthy of such honouring, but they are definitely an inclusive representative sample deserving our appreciation and respect. We regard the celebrated individuals as role models for others to follow. As such, we would like to highlight their endeavours and achievements and provide a sense of future optimism for a thriving Euro-Mediterranean region.

We invite you all to celebrate a decade of Euro-Mediterranean University's existence and a life-long of Euro-Mediterranean individuals' achievements.

The Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI).

AWARDS and AWARDEES

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Mr. André Azoulay
Prof. Faouzia Charfi-Rekik
Ms. Elisabeth Guigou

EMUNI Seal for Science Diplomacy

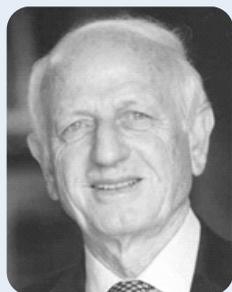
Prof. Mouïñ Hamzé
Mr. Cosimo Lacirignola

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Prof. Ilan Chet
Prof. Hany Helal
Prof. Dušan Lesjak
Prof. Marko Pavliha

PRESENTATION OF AWARDEES

André Azoulay **EMUNI Seal for Cultural Diplomacy**



Born in Essaouira-Mogador (Morocco) in 1941, André Azoulay was educated in Paris where he studied economics, journalism and international relations. Previously to his current position as Counsellor to His Majesty the King of Morocco, A. Azoulay, had a long career with the Paribas Bank in Paris (1968-1990) where, as Executive Vice-President, he covered the Middle East and North Africa Regions as well as heading the bank Public Affairs department. As Counsellor of His Majesty the late King Hassan II (1991-1999), and since then of His Majesty Mohammed VI, André Azoulay has largely contributed to the implementation of economic reforms which have been applied throughout the Kingdom since their inception in the early 90s. He emphasized the need for sustaining the role of the private sector and encouraging the international investment to sustain economic growth in Morocco. A. Azoulay is also known for his historical input in the follow-up of the peace process in the Middle East and the many initiatives he has been involved in the perspective of deepening the logic of reconciliation between Jews and Muslims. In addition to his professional responsibilities André Azoulay has always fought for peace and dialogue between the Arab Muslim World and that of the Jewish communities in Europe, the United States, Morocco as well as the Arab and Jewish diasporas worldwide. For over 40 years A. Azoulay has taken an active part in supporting the activities of different movements and associations whose vocation is the two states solution (Palestine-Israel) and to help the process of better understanding and mutual respect between Islam and the Western World. Co-President of the Executive Committee of the Foundation of the Three Cultures and the Three Religions based in Seville (Spain) he is one of the founders of the Aladin Group (Paris) created to promote mutual knowledge and intercultural relations among Islam and the Others. In August 2005 A. Azoulay was also nominated member of the "High Level Group" for the "Alliance of Civilizations, set up by the United Nations. He served as the President of the Euro-Mediterranean Anna Lindh Foundation from 2008 to 2014.

He has been honoured with the titles of "Commandeur dans l'Ordre du Trône" (Morocco) and he has received many awards and titles of honour in France, Spain, Italy, Germany, U.K., Portugal, Brazil, Mexico and Argentina.

Elisabeth Guigou
EMUNI Seal for Cultural Diplomacy



Founding President of Europartenaires

President of the Anna Lindh Foundation for the Dialogue of Euro-Mediterranean Cultures

Previously:

Former President of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the French National Assembly,
Vice-President of the French National Assembly;

Minister for Employment and Solidarity (2000-2002);

Minister for Justice (1997-2000);

Member of the European Parliament (1994-1997);

Minister Delegate for European Affairs (1990-1993);

Policy Officer to the President of the Republic (1982-1990)

Advisor to Jacques Delors, Minister of Finance (1981-82)

Secretary General of the Club de Paris;

Administrator at the Ministry of Finance.

Publications :

L'Europe. Les défis à venir de la première puissance mondiale (2014 – Le Cherche Midi)

Pour une Europe juste (2011 – Le Cherche Midi)

Rallumer les étoiles (2006 – Calmann-Lévy)

Je vous parle d'Europe (2004 – Le Seuil)

Une Femme au cœur de l'Etat (2000 – Fayard)

Etre Femme en politique (1997 – Plon)

Pour les Européens (1994 – Flammarion)

Mouïñ Hamzé
EMUNI Seal for Science Diplomacy



M. Hamzé obtained his “Doctorat d’Etat - Es Sciences” from the University of Montpellier, France. He started his academic career at the Lebanese University where he established the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and acted as its Dean from 1985-1997. He was concurrently acting as Chairman of the Lebanese Agricultural Research Institute. In 1998, M. Hamzé was appointed Secretary General of the CNRS-L, where he has given special attention to the launching of research and capacity building programmes including: the Ph.D. Scholarship Program, the Grant Research Program, the Associated Research Units Programme, and the Research Excellence Award in Lebanon. Since 2006, he has developed and implemented a fundamental science policy programme for Lebanon, while in 2016 he has lead an initiative to develop the Charter of Ethics and Guiding Principles of Scientific Research in Lebanon, which was recently confirmed as the basis for a regional Arab charter. M. Hamzé has authored several books and scientific papers; lead EU and international projects, chaired numerous international and regional meetings; and has been actively involved in several international organizations, including: CIHEAM, IAEA, COMEST-UNESCO, ICARDA, ESCWA Technology Centre (ETC), AUF, PRIMA-EU... In recognition of his work, M. Hamzé received two Doctor Honoris Causa from the University of Haute Alsace and from the University of Montpellier and was distinguishly awarded by France and Italy.

Cosimo Lacirignola
EMUNI Seal for Science Diplomacy



He worked on issues related to Mediterranean agriculture, food security and rural development for over 30 years. He was the Secretary General of CIHEAM since the 1st October of 2013. Cosimo Lacirignola was an agricultural economist and graduate of the University of Bologna. After serving as official of the European Commission from 1982 to 1983, he became administrator at the CIHEAM General Secretariat from 1983 to 1987. He was appointed director of the CIHEAM-Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari in 1987. This professional background allowed him to gain extensive experience in the field of scientific and technical cooperation in the Mediterranean, developing numerous training and research projects and being at the heart of high-level regional diplomacy. Cosimo Lacirignola also acted as advisor for international relations to the Ministers of Agriculture of three different Italian governments. He was also head of the International Relations Office of the Italian Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (MIPAAF) from 1998 to 2000, and from 2002 to 2006. He was the president of Fiera del Levante in Bari from 2006 to 2011. Cosimo Lacirignola was the author of numerous articles and several books on agricultural, water and Euro-Mediterranean issues. He was also Commander of the Italian Republic, Commander of the National Order of the Cedar of the Republic of Lebanon and Laurea Honoris Causa of the Agricultural University of Tirana in Albania. Born on 31 May 1957, Cosimo Lacirignola passed away on 02 January 2018. He was married and had three children.

Ilan Chet
EMUNI Seal for Euro-Mediterranean Partnership



Prof. Ilan Chet completed his doctoral work in microbiology at the Faculty of Agriculture of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Rehovot. Prof. Chet's research predominantly deals mainly with environmental friendly microorganisms that contribute to reduce the use of pesticides. He has published more than 395 articles in international scientific journals, edited five books in his field of research, held 38 patents, and trained more than 30 Ph.D. and 55 M.Sc. students. Among his positions and awards are: Founding Director of the Otto Warburg Minerva Center for Agricultural Biotechnology (1983–86), Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture in Rehovot (1986–89), Vice President for R&D, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1991–2001); 2001–06, nominated President of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot; Chairman of the Health & Environment Fund since 2008; invited as a visiting professor to the universities of Harvard, Colorado State, Cornell, and Rutgers in the USA; held the position of Senior Scientist at DuPont in Delaware, USA; member of the Scientific Advisory Committees of both the European Union and NATO; member of the Scientific Advisory Committees of both the EU and NATO; his scientific achievements are: The Rothschild Prize in Agriculture (1990), the Max-Planck Award for Distinguished Research (1994), the Israel Prize (1996), the Japanese Arima Prize for Applied Microbiology (1996), the Wolf Prize (1998), the EMET Prize (2004), the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany (2001), and recently the French Legion of Honor award.

Hany Mahfouz Helal
EMUNI Seal for Euro-Mediterranean Partnership



Hany Helal is currently Professor of Rock Mechanics and Engineering Geology, Faculty of Engineering, Cairo University. He is an expert in Higher Education Reform, Science & Technology, Innovation policies and Entrepreneurship. He has a long experience in international cooperation, management and cultural activities. He is the Secretary General of the Steering Committee of Egypt-Japan Education Partnership (EJEP). He is the President of Senghor University in Alexandria and was the chairman of the board of trustees of the French University in Egypt, June 2013 – September 2017. He used to be the Minister of Higher Education and State for Scientific Research, January 2006 - February 2011 and former President of Senghor University, March 2004 - June 2010. In July 2005, he was appointed the Secretary General of the Education Development Fund, Egypt until September 2009. He worked as the Egyptian Cultural and Scientific Counselor in France, Belgium, Luxemburg and Switzerland, and the Director for Cultural, Educational and Scientific Office in the Egyptian Embassy, Paris, France, from June 1998 to September 2002. He was the National TEMPUS Coordinator (EU Higher Education Enhancement program), October 2002 – December 2005. He acted as UNESCO Consultant / Interim Administrative Director, International Centre for Synchrotron-Light for Experimental Sciences and Applications in the Middle East (SESAME), Jordan, from October 2002 to December 2005. He was a Program Specialist and National Professional Officer, Earth Sciences, UNESCO Regional Office for Science and Technology for Arab States, September 1993 – June 1998. Hany Helal was graduated from mining engineering department, Faculty of Engineering Cairo University, in 1974. He got his 'Diplôme de Docteur Ingénieur', Earth Sciences (Rock Mechanics and Engineering Geology) from 'Ecole des Mines de Nancy, Institut National Polytechnique de Lorraine', Nancy, France, September 1979 – March 1982. He is member of several committees and associations and has several publications in the fields of rock mechanics, engineering geology, cultural heritage preservation and restoration. He has developed strategic reform plans for Higher Education and Science and Technology in Egypt. Hany Helal has received several awards, including the "Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany", June 2008 and, the "Grade d'Officier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques", from France, November 2005.

Dušan Lesjak
EMUNI Seal for Euro-Mediterranean Partnership



Dr. Dušan Lesjak, a professor of Management information system (2000) and Management of Education (2010), began teaching at the University of Maribor, Slovenia in 1985, now employed at the University of Primorska, Faculty of Management and International School for Social and Business Studies. He has been an active researcher, scholar and manager for the past 30 years focusing mainly on Management and Funding of Higher Education, e-Learning and e-Business. He was a Fulbright Scholar, conducting Ph.D. research at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, New York University and Boston University in early nineties. In recent years he is engaged in many international research projects dealing with education, higher education and e-learning mainly in EU, Western Balkans and Middle East. He was a State Secretary at the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology from 2006 until 2008 and a special advisor to the minister, responsible for education, science, sport and culture from 2012 till 2013. He was an acting president of EuroMediterranean University – EMUNI from 2013 till 2014. He is a editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Management in Education and member of editorial board of the Expert Systems with Applications, Industrial Management and Data Systems, Journal of Computer Information Systems, International Journal of Mobile Communications, Journal of International Technology and Information Management, International Journal of Innovation and Learning, Journal of International Information Management, etc...He was awarded »Computer Educator of the year 2003« by the International Association for Information Systems and received a Golden plate from the University of Primorska in 2005.

Marko Pavliha **EMUNI Seal for Euro-Mediterranean Partnership**



Professor Marko Pavliha studied law in Ljubljana (Slovenia), Split (Croatia) and at McGill Faculty of Law in Montreal (Canada) where he obtained doctorate under the supervision of legendary Professor William Tetley, one of the world leading experts in maritime law. He also passed the Slovenian Bar Exam and practiced law for over ten years in various companies, including a Canadian law firm and Slovenian shipping and reinsurance corporations. He has been Full Professor of Commercial, Transport and Insurance Law at the University of Ljubljana since 2004 and he taught law in Belgium (KU Leuven Faculty of Law), Luxemburg (European Commission) and Australia (University of Queensland, TC Beirne School of Law). Prof. Pavliha has been a Visiting Fellow at the IMO International Maritime Law institute in Malta (IMLI) since 1998/99 where he is also active as an external examiner, member of the Board of Governors and member of the Academic Committee. In 2003 he was elected Secretary General of the Comité Maritime International (CMI), until he became a member of the Slovenian Government as Minister of Transport (2004) and later as Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Slovenia (2004-2007). He was chosen fifteen times by the Ius Software Poll as one of the Ten Most Influential Slovenian Lawyers and won inter alia the 2001 Lawyer of the Year Award, the 2011 Award for Outstanding Voluntary Work granted by the Slovenian Federation of Lawyers' Associations and the 2016 Prize for the Best Slovenian essay awarded by the KUD Sodobnost International and Sodobnost, the oldest Slovenian literary journal. He participated in drafting most of the Slovenian modern transport and insurance legislation. Prof. Pavliha is past President of the Maritime Law Association of Slovenia, past President of the Slovenian Association of Parliamentarians, past member of the Judiciary Council of the Republic of Slovenia and he is still a member of the Strategic Council for Foreign Affairs, to mention a few. He is one of the founding members of the Slovenian civic movement Global Ethic Slovenia (Weltethos). He was also an honorary ambassador of the Green and Blue Book on Integrated EU Maritime Policy. His initiative lead to the establishment of the Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI) in 2008. He is married and has two children.



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