

Marko Pavić, MSc; President

Scientist, oceanographer and an advocate of science currently working at the Faculty of Science in Zagreb. He was born in 1979 in Zagreb and graduated at the Department of Geophysics at the same faculty in 2004 where he has also been working since 2005. He obtained a master's degree at the same department in cooperation with the National Oceanography Centre in Southampton in 2009 where he also completed his Chevening scholarship in 2005, working on the project connected to the transport of carbon dioxide in the ocean. He won a rector's prize during his studies and received many scholarships aside from Chevening, mostly related to the cooperation with the NOC group (The British Scholarship Trust, National science foundation, City of Zagreb scholarships...). Besides scientific work, he is also promoting science. He wrote a series of articles for *Novi list* and was the scientific advisor on the set of the documentary "Renewable energy sources and regional development – experiences of Great Britain" in coproduction with Croatian Radio Television and British Embassy in Zagreb. His other interests fall into the area of applied sciences, especially energetics, regional and sustainable development and ecology and environmental protection. He is the president of the Young Scientists Network. He likes travelling and went on several bigger expeditions, including the visit to the Antarctic in 2007.

Wendy Zečić, M.A.; Vice President

Wendy Zečić was born in Zagreb where she graduated journalism at the Faculty of Political Sciences. She gained postgraduate education at the University of Zagreb, the Department of Marketing at the Faculty of Economics and Business, within the specialist study of Managing Marketing Communications and at the Faculty of Political sciences within the specialist study *Advanced Master of European studies*. She stayed in Birmingham, England in 2007 at the Institute for European Research as a scholar. After finishing postgraduate study at the University of Malta in November 2010, she obtained the title Master of Art in Contemporary Diplomacy. Wendy is one of the Board members of the SOS Children's Village Croatia (www.sos-dsh.hr) and a Board member of the association "Anatomy of Islands – Centre for Research and Development" (www.anatomija-otoka.com). In 2012, Wendy was awarded a special recognition by the Organisational Board of the PRO.PR conference in Maribor, due to her contribution to the development of the profession of communication management in Eastern Europe. She is currently working as a senior advisor to the President at the City Assembly of the City of Zagreb.

Silvije Čipčić-Bragadin, LL.M.

Silvije was a Chevening scholar in 2004 when he attended European Young Lawyers Scheme at the College of Law of England and Wales in London. He is an attorney at law specializing in Company Law (M&A, corporate finance, private equity investments) and has a degree in English

Commercial Law. Before his return to Croatia, he gained experience as a member of the corporate finance team of Deutsche Bank in London. He is currently working as a partner in Čipčić-Bragadin law firm, one of the leading law offices in Croatia. Many international legal guides such as Chambers Europe, Chambers International, IFLR1000, PLC Lawyer, Legal 500, Martindale Hubble and others frequently recommend Silvijski as one of the leading attorneys at law. He is a regular spokesperson and lecturer at various conferences, seminars and workshops. He is the author or co-author of several publications related to business law and the contribution to the book *Financing of small and medium enterprises* (CVCA; Binoza Press Ltd) should be emphasized. He is one of the founders of the Croatian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (HVCA), as well as of the Croatian Business Angels Network (CRANE). He is a honorary member of both institutions. He spends his free time doing sports, especially tennis, skiing, boardsailing and sailing; he also advises on matters related to investing in developing projects and is an investor himself.

Mirta Kapural, Ph.D. LL.M.

Mirta Kapural was born in Zagreb where she graduated in law on the Faculty of Law at the University of Zagreb in 1998. She won a rector's prize during her studies. Upon finishing her studies, she received a scholarship from the Government of the Republic of Croatia and Great Britain for postgraduate study in Great Britain. She obtained a master's degree at the University of Sussex, European Institute, Brighton, Great Britain and gained the title *Master of Arts in Contemporary European Studies*. In 2012, she obtained her Ph.D. at the Faculty of Law in Zagreb and gained the academic title of the Doctor of Sciences in the scientific branch of law, Commercial Law and Competition Law. She started her professional career in 1999 at the then active Office for European Integration, in the Department for managing legal systems where she worked until 2001. She worked in the Office for Human Rights at the Government of the Republic of Croatia from 2001 to 2004. She gained international experience while working as the representative of the Republic of Croatia at the United Nations' Office of Senior Official for Human Rights in Geneva, as well as working for the European Commission in Bruxelles, in general administration for environmental protection and general administration for competition. She participated in negotiations on Croatia's accession to the EU, as the member of two groups, Chapter 15 "Energy" and Chapter 2 "Freedom of Movement for Workers" during 2006 and 2007. She was also involved in the negotiations with the EU in Chapter 8 "Competition Policy". She has been working for the Competition Protection Agency since 2004 and since 2007 for the Department for International and European Cooperation mostly regarding the cooperation with the European Commission and national agencies of the EU Member States. There, she also worked on the implementation of EU projects, cooperation within International Competition Network (ICN), as well as for the Commission for competition at the International Chamber of Commerce at the State School for Public Administration and on seminars for state

officials, judges, entrepreneurs and students. During 2010 and 2011, she worked as the external associate on the Faculty of Economics and Business in Zagreb at the Department of Law where she held seminars on commercial, company and contract law to first year students. She is the author of a number of professional and scientific articles in the area of Croatian and European competition law published in national and international professional journals and books. She regularly participates at international education and conferences about competition rights as a passive or active participant. She speaks English, German, Spanish, French and Portuguese.

She has been actively involved in Chevening Alumni Croatia since the beginning in 2009 as a Board member.

Ljubica Petrović Baronica, MPhil

Ljubica studied English language and literature and Bohemistics in Zagreb. She started teaching as a student, and taught English language in both Croatia and England where she prepared foreign students for schooling in Great Britain. As a *Chevening/Open Society Institute scholar*, she studied at the University of Cambridge where she obtained a master's degree and the title of *MPhil in Educational Leadership and School Improvement*. She participated in several research projects while studying there, and upon the return to Croatia participated in an international project of the University of Cambridge that dealt with empowerment of teachers, as well as making changes in schools. She received British Council's scholarship for professional training in the Government Office for London. She has worked at the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes as the head of the department of Higher Education where she participates on the implementation of European educational programmes.

Margita Soldo, MPhil

Margita Soldo was born in Split where she studied English and Italian Language and Literature. Upon graduation, she worked in the educational sector before continuing her postgraduate study abroad. She finished her postgraduate study as a Chevening scholar at the University of Cambridge during the academic year 2008/2009 and obtained the title of MPhil in English and Applied Linguistics. Upon the return to Croatia, Margita spent some time working in an NGO, and afterwards she started working as self-employed and has worked as a translator and court interpreter for English and Italian. End of 2014, she founded a company and spread her business to online courses with the goal of popularizing modern ways of learning foreign languages. In June 2015, she founded the first language school in Supetar on the Island of Brač, with the view of combining traditional approaches to learning foreign languages and new educational technologies. Her aim is to follow and apply the trends in the language learning industry and add an interdisciplinary value to the field.