

## Short bios – World Thought Leaders Forum 6th of June 2015, Milano Expo



### **PIER MARIO BIAVA**

Pier Mario Biava graduated in Medicine at the University of Pavia in 1969, specialised in Occupational Medicine at the University of Padova in 1972 and in Hygiene at the University of Trieste in 1977. He worked at the Institute of Occupational Medicine of University of Trieste, where he taught “Industrial Toxicology”, “Industrial Technology” and “Epidemiology of Occupational Diseases”. He has been studying environmental carcinogens since 1974. He has performed many epidemiological researches particularly about the relationship between asbestos and cancer. He has been studying the relationships between stem cell differentiation and cancer since 1982 and he has isolated the stem cell differentiation stage factors able to delay tumor growth, to prevent neurodegeneration and very effective in the treatment of psoriasis.

Head of Occupational Medicine at the Hospital of Sesto S.G. (Milano) and Professor at the Post-Graduate School of Occupational Medicine of University of Trieste from 1984 until 2003, he works now at the Scientific Institute of Research and HealthCare (IRCSC) Multimedica of Milano. He is author of more than hundred scientific publications and of some books: "L'Aggressione Nascosta. Limiti Sanitari di Esposizione ai Rischi" published by Feltrinelli 1982, "Complexity and Biology" published by B. Mondadori 2002, “ Il Cancro e la Ricerca del Senso Perduto” edited by Springer 2008, (this last book was published also in USA by North Atlantic Books 2009 (Cancer and the Search for Lost Meaning"), and by Verlag Via Nova in Germany 2011) and " Il Senso Ritrovato" (with Ervin Laszlo) published by Springer in 2012. With Ervin Laszlo and Diego Frigoli " he published Dal Segno al Simbolo. Il Manifesto del Nuovo Paradigma in Medicina, edited by Persiani in 2014. He is member of Editorial Advisory Boards of some Scientific Journals.



### **FIORELLO CORTIANA**

Graduate of the Università degli Studi of Milan in Modern Literature.

Regional Administrator in Lombardy 1992/1994  
Member of Italian Parliament as Senator 1996/2006  
Member of the Italian Delegation, as Senate representative, at the WSIS (World Summit on the Information Society) of the United Nations, Geneva/Tunis.

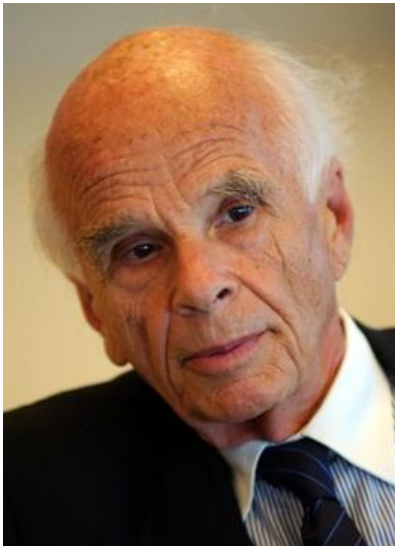
Member of the Italian Advisory Committee on the Internet Governance and of the Italian Delegation at the IGF (Internet Governance Forum) of the United Nations, and OLPC Goodwill Ambassador.



### **CSILLA ANDREA HEINEMANN**

Supreme Court Judge Heinemann was born on 23 of July, 1965. She graduated from University of Pécs in 1988, and started working as a clerk at the Municipal Court of Pécs in 1989. She became an appointed judge in 1991, and from 1999 she worked at the Court of Baranya County. She specializes in administrative cases, especially the law of tax, but had environmental related cases. She actively participates in the preparation of the Hungarian judges for the European Union law application in Hungarian practice. She initiated several preliminary rulings, regarding tax field, commercial matters.

From 2013 she is the member of the Hungarian Curia (Supreme Court). From 2015 she teaches financial law at the Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest.



### **ERVIN LASZLO**

Ervin László is the President and Co-Founder of The Club of Budapest. He received the Sorbonne's Doctorat ès Lettres et Sciences Humaines in 1970. He lectured at various U.S. Universities including Yale and Princeton. Following his work on modeling the future evolution of world order at Princeton, he was asked to produce a report for the Club of Rome, of which he was a member. In the late 70s and early 80s, László ran global projects at the United Nations Institute for Training and Research at the request of the Secretary-General.

The author, co-author or editor of 89 books that have appeared in a total of 23 languages, László has written several hundred papers and articles in scientific journals and popular magazines. He is a member of numerous scientific bodies, including the International Academy of Science, the World Academy of Arts and Science, the International Academy of Philosophy of Science, and the International Medici Academy. He was elected member of the Hungarian Academy of Science in 2010.

The recipient of various honors and awards, including Honorary Ph. D.s from the United States, Canada, Finland, and Hungary, László received the Goi Award, the Japan Peace Prize in 2001, the Assisi Mandir of Peace Prize in 2006, and was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 and 2005.



## **FERENC MISZLIVETZ**

Ferenc Mészlivetz is a Jean Monnet professor, head of the European Centre of Excellence in Kőszeg. His research interests include the theory and praxis democracy, civil society, regional and European Studies, globalization and sustainability. He is scientific advisor at the Institute for Political Sciences of the Hungarian Academy. He has taught, lectured and done research at several European and American universities (UC Berkeley, Harvard, EUI Firenze). He is a permanent professor at the University of Bologna. In 2012, he was a István Deák Visiting Professor at Columbia University in New York. He is also the founder and director of the Institute for Social and European Studies Foundation (a Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence) and holds a UNESCO Chair in Cultural Heritage and Sustainability in

Kőszeg. He was recently appointed university professor at the University of Pannonia and the Catholic University of Ruzomberok, Slovakia. His major work includes *Illusions and Realities: The Metamorphosis of Civil Society in a New European Space*, *Közép-Európa a kapuk előtt (Central Europe ante Portas)*, *Az európai konstrukció (The European Construction)* and *Reframing Europe's Future: Challenges and Failures of the European Construction (co-edited with Jody Jensen)*, Routledge, 2015.

Professor Mészlivetz has been regularly cooperating with the Club of Budapest and has been the co-founder of several civil initiatives such as 'Reinventing Hungary', Reinventing Central Europe and the New Reform Age.



## **LADY FIONA MONTAGU OF BEAULIEU**

Lady Fiona Montagu of Beaulieu, born in Zimbabwe, is a Director of Beaulieu Enterprises Ltd and a Trustee of the Countryside Education Trust. She was appointed as first Global Ambassador to the Club of Budapest. She is an International Advisor to Nobel Peace Laureate Betty Williams World Centres of Compassion for Children and is Patron of The Relational Thinking Network.

Lady Fiona is Co-Founder of Universal One and Centre for Intuitive Broadcasting (Education), launching at Beaulieu in 2016. She is a philanthropist who believes that the goal of Evolution is to live in Right Relationship

with all of Humanity, all of Life, through Harmlessness and Wisdom.



### **MARIA SÁGI**

Mária Sági holds a Ph.D. in psychology at the Eötvös Lóránd University of Budapest and is an Associate Member (“Candidate”) of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Currently she serves as Science Director of the Club of Budapest.

Mária Sági is the author and co-author of eleven books and about hundred and fifty articles and research papers published in Hungarian, English, French, German, Italian and/or Japanese, on social and personality psychology, the psychology of music and art, as well as on healing and information medicine. She developed the Information-Medicine method pioneered by Viennese scientist Erich Körbler as an encompassing method for diagnosing and treating health issues and has an active healing practice. Drs. Sági lectures frequently in Hungary, Austria, Germany, as well as in Switzerland.



### **GÉZA SZÓCS**

Poet, Civil Rights Activist Géza Szócs was born in Transylvania, Romania in 1953. He graduated from the Babes-Bolyai University, Faculty of Humanities.

Editor-in-chief of several periodicals, and, together with Romanian poet Mircea Dinescu is the co-founder of a poets’ republic, which was conceived as a virtual refuge based on traditional European values, shelter and home for artists, environmentalists and thinkers faced with an increasingly mechanized world. (The 2482 km Project).

In 1982 he was arrested for publishing anti-Ceausescu literature and later expelled from the country. He was allowed to return in 1990, when he took up politics. Between 2010 and 2012 he served as Minister of State for Cultural Affairs in the Hungarian Government. In 2012 he became the First Advisor to the Prime Minister and the Hungarian Government Commissioner in charge of EXPO Milano 2015.

He is a writer, playwright, journalist, literary translator, publisher. His works have been translated to several languages. He is the President of the Hungarian PEN Club since 2011. From 2012 he is Chairman of the Board of Trustees to the Janus Pannonius Poetry Grand Prize Foundation

Géza Szócs is the recipient of many prestigious awards, including Kossuth Prize of Hungary, the Republic of Hungary Laurel Wreath, and was also awarded by several international prizes: Grand Prize of the European Academy, Leopardi Poetry Prize in Italy, and The Order of Knight Cross of the Austrian Defence Force.



### **MASAMI SAIONJI**

Masami Saionji is the Chairperson of three organizations: Byakko Shinko Kai ([www.byakko.org](http://www.byakko.org)), The World Peace Prayer Society ([www.worldpeace.org](http://www.worldpeace.org)), and The Goi Peace Foundation ([www.goipeace.or.jp](http://www.goipeace.or.jp)). A native of Japan and a descendant of the Royal Ryukyu Family of Okinawa, she continues the work of her adoptive father, Masahisa Goi, who initiated a movement for world peace through the universal prayer May Peace Prevail on Earth. She travels globally on speaking tours, and has led peace ceremonies in many countries as well as at the United Nations and other international organizations. Masami Saionji is the author of over twenty books including *The Golden Key to Happiness*, *You Are the Universe*, *The Earth Healer's Handbook*, and *Vision for the 21st Century*. An honorary member of the Club of Budapest, she was awarded the Philosopher Saint Shree Dnyaneshwara World Peace Prize of India along with her husband Hiroo in 2008 and is the recipient of the 2010 WON Award honoring distinguished women leaders.



### **HIROO SAIONJI**

Hiroo Saionji is the President of The Goi Peace Foundation ([www.goipeace.or.jp](http://www.goipeace.or.jp)), a Foundation dedicated to supporting the evolution of humanity toward a sustainable and peaceful planetary civilization by promoting consciousness, values and wisdom for creating peace, and by building cooperation among individuals and organizations across diverse fields, including education, science, culture and the arts. Hiroo Saionji is President of The World Peace Prayer Society ([www.worldpeace.org](http://www.worldpeace.org)), and serves as a member of the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO. In 2005, he launched the initiative for 'Creating a New Civilization' enrolling various global organizations as well as youth. He travels the world promoting dialogues and initiatives for peace. Mr. Saionji is the great-grandson of Prince Kinmochi Saionji, who was twice Prime Minister of Japan during the Meiji Period. In 2007, he was awarded the Cultural Prize of the Dr. Lin Tsung-i Foundation of Taiwan, in recognition of his contributions to world peace. He also received the Social Education Distinguished Service Award from the Ministry of Education, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan in 2010.



## **GEORGE SMOOT**

George Smoot was co-awarded the 2006 Nobel Prize in Physics "for discovery of the blackbody form and anisotropy of the cosmic microwave background radiation." He received Bachelor degrees (1966) in Mathematics and Physics and a Ph.D. (1970) in Physics from MIT. He has been at the University of California Berkeley and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory since 1970.

Professor Smoot is an author of more than 200 science papers and is also co-author (with Key Davidson) of the popular scientific book *Wrinkles in Time* (Harper, 1994) that elucidates cosmology and the COBE discovery. Another essay entitled "My Einstein Suspenders" appears in *My Einstein: Essays by Twenty-four of the World's Leading Thinkers on the Man, His Work, and His Legacy* (Ed. John Brockman, Pantheon, 2006).

Professor Smoot pursues research in cosmology and is currently involved in the Planck and SNAP missions. (The Planck mission is the third generation mission to exploit the CMB fluctuations discovered by COBE DMR. SNAP is a mission to understand the Dark Energy causing the acceleration of the expansion of the Universe.) He lives in Berkeley, California.



## **ISTVAN TEPLAN**

Dr. István Teplán is an economic historian, sociologist and educator, advisor to the Hungarian Government Commissioner for EXPO Milano 2015 (EXPO Milano Hungarian Program Office). Educated in Hungary and the United States, he was one of the founders of the Central European University (CEU). As Executive Vice President he served CEU between 1992 and 2007. István Teplán served as Director General of the Government Center for Public Administration of Hungary, was a board member of the European Institute of Public Administration, and served as chief advisor of the State Minister for Environment of Hungary between 2010 -2014. During the Hungarian Presidency of the EU he chaired two EU Council Working Parties on International Environmental Issues and played a key role in Hungary's preparation for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). He is the founding Director General of the Hungarian National Institute for Environment and served as the Ministerial Envoy for the Budapest Water Summit, held in October 2013 in Budapest. A Board member of the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe since 2009, Istvan Teplan is a recipient of the Officers Cross of Merit of the Hungarian Republic.



## **MICHAEL CHARLES TOBIAS**

Michael Charles Tobias is an ecologist, author and filmmaker, and President of the Dancing Star Foundation. He has served on numerous university faculties, and his research has taken him to every continent on the planet. Dr. Tobias is an Honorary Member of the Club of Budapest. He has published more than 200 books and films and is a recipient of numerous prizes, including the Courage of Conscience Award. He is married to ecologist, author and filmmaker Jane Gray Morrison.



## **STEFANO ZAMAGNI**

Stefano Zamagni was born on January 4, 1943 in Rimini, Italy. He graduated from Catholic University in Milan in 1966 and from 1969 to 1973 he spent a research period in Oxford at Linacre College. In 1966 he became Assistant Lecturer at the Catholic University, a post he held until 1969. Later, from 1973 to 1979 he was a Professor at the University of Parma. Since 1979, Stefano Zamagni has been Professor at the University of Bologna. Additional career-related activities in which he has been involved include serving as a Visiting Professor at the University of Bocconi (Milan) from 1985 to 2007, and as an Adjunct Professor at Johns Hopkins University (Bologna Center) since 1983. He has been Director of the Department of Economics at the University of Bologna from 1985 to 1993. He was Dean of the Faculty of Economics from 1993 to 1996, and a Visiting Professor at the State Victoria Bank of Deakin University in Australia.

Professor Zamagni was member of the Executive Committee of International Economy Association (1989-1999) and of the Steering Committee of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences. Since 1991 he is a member of the Pontifical Council on Justice and Peace. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Sciences of Milan, the Academy of Sciences of Bologna and the Academy of Sciences of Modena and of the New York Academy of Sciences. He is the author of several books, including *Microeconomic Theory and Civil Economy and Paradoxes of Growth*, both published in 1997. *The Economics of Common Good*, 2008, *Avarice*, 2009.