

NCD Alliance Board of Directors 2017-2019

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Jose Luis Castro, The International Union Against TB and Lung Disease (President)



With 25 years' experience in public health management, JL Castro is Executive Director of The Union and responsible for building today's worldwide network of country offices, experts and programmes serving more than 100 countries. In this role JL Castro helped grow the budgets of both The Union and Vital Strategies from US \$4 million to \$120 million annually and has been instrumental in the success of key projects such as the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use, CRVS, Obesity, Prevention, Road Safety. As Executive Director, he has strengthened the organisation's financial base, internal and external communications and human resources. Prior to this, JL. Castro advised WHO and the

Government of India on the implementation of the Revised National TB Control Programme and was Director of Operations for New York City's Bureau of TB Control during the 1990s MDR-TB crisis. The programme he helped build is still used for tuberculosis control in the city.

JL. Castro currently serves as Chair of the NCD Alliance and is President & CEO of Vital Strategies, a Union affiliate.

Tezer Kutluk, Immediate Past President, Union for International Cancer Control



Graduated from Hacettepe University Medical School in 1981. Professor of Pediatrics & Pediatric Oncology. Postdoc & Fulbright scholar at MDACC, USA. Member of SIOP, ASCO, AACR, AAP, International Children's Center, UNICEF National Committee. He had served as a leading healthcare executive at Hacettepe University between 1997-2011; Director of Oncology Hospital, Director of Children's Hospital, President of Institute of Child Health, President of Institute of Oncology, Board Member of Institute for Health Sciences, Member of Senate & CEO of Hacettepe University Hospitals. He also has a long-term NGO experience; UICC Board Member, President of TACRC," "President of European Cancer Leagues,

"President of Turkish Pediatric Oncology Group". Chair of Turkish UNICEF national committee. He is named as honorary fellow by American Academy of Pediatrics. He is Associate Editor of the Journal of Global Oncology, ASCO. He was the President of UICC for 2014-2016.

Luis Gardete-Correia, Vice President, International Diabetes Federation



Dr Luis Gardete-Correia from Portugal is a Vice President of the International Diabetes Federation for 2016-17. He has been President of the Portuguese Diabetes Association (APDP) since 2008 and was previously President of the Portuguese Society of Diabetology (2005-7).

Dr Gardete-Correia graduated in Medicine and Surgery at the Faculty of Medicine of Lisbon University in 1969 and later specialised in Endocrinology, Diabetes and Nutrition at the Portuguese College of Physicians. He has been a senior lecturer in Endocrinology at the Lisbon Civil Hospitals since 1991 and a specialist in endocrinology for APDP since 1979, where he has been involved in courses on diabetes prevention and

control for doctors and nurses. Dr Gardete-Correia was also coordinator of the 1st Portuguese Diabetes Prevalence Study – PREVADIAB - in 2009 and Chair of the Local Organising Committee of the Annual Meeting of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes, held in Lisbon in 2011. He will Chair the Committee again for the 2017 meeting.

Jean-Luc Eiselé, CEO, World Heart Federation



Jean-Luc Eiselé, PhD, has worked in medical professional association management for 11 years. He earned a MSc in Natural Sciences from Lausanne University, Switzerland. He received a PhD in Microbiology from Basel University, Switzerland. Part of his PhD work was conducted at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory in Heidelberg, Germany. After completing a post-doc at the Institute Pasteur in Paris, France, he was offered a permanent position. In 1999, Jean-Luc joined the European Respiratory Society (ERS) in Lausanne as Scientific and Educational Activities Manager. In 2001, he was promoted to Deputy Executive Director and in 2007 appointed Executive Director of ERS. Jean-Luc has extensive international experience in the field of association management, public health and advocacy. Previous roles include Director of Les Ligues de la santé, which focuses on primary prevention and health promotion, and Executive Director of the FDI World Dental Federation. In this latter role, he was responsible for developing global and national advocacy activities, and successfully launching and developing World Oral Health Day. Jean Luc Eiselé was appointed World Heart Federation's Chief Executive Officer, effective from 1 May 2017.

Ehsan Latif, Senior Advisor NCDs, The International Union Against TB and Lung Disease



Dr. Latif is The Union's Senior Advisor on NCDs and leads The Union's efforts on NCDs prevention and control. Ehsan is a medical doctor with Master's in Public Health and has worked on NCDs, tobacco control and lung health for more than 20 years starting as a researcher moving on to public health policy development. His main focus of work has been on policy development supported by advocacy campaigns at grass root level including national health policies. Dr. Latif was a co-author in the first ever strategy written for NCDs in Pakistan. Having worked in government and civil society, he possesses vast experience of public health and has published in peer reviewed journals. He has served as the Board Member of The Framework Convention Alliance, Global Smoke Free Partnership and is a member of various international groups for public health and expert committees setup under the FCTC Conference of Parties.

George Alleyne, Director Emeritus, Pan American Health Organization



George Alleyne, a physician, is a graduate of the University of the West Indies (UWI). He was appointed Professor of Medicine in UWI in 1972 and Chair of the Department in 1976. He joined the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in 1981, was elected Director in 1995 and served 2 four year terms. In 2003 he was elected Director Emeritus of PAHO. From February 2003 until December 2010 he was the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1990 for his services to medicine in the Caribbean and in 2001 was awarded the Order of the Caribbean Community. He is recognized internationally as a leading advocate and writer for the prevention and control of NCDs. He is chair of the Expert Advisory Council of the NCD Alliance and is currently an adjunct Professor in the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and Chancellor of the UWI.

Paola Barbarino, CEO, Alzheimer's Disease International

Paola is the CEO Designate of ADI and will take her position on 15th May 2017. She currently is the Managing Director of Opaline Limited, a consultancy company specialising in strategy and governance. Until September 2016 she was the CEO of LIFE, a London based international membership organisation of Lebanese financiers based in the diaspora. At LIFE Paola also ran LIFE's educational charity and LIFE's NGO focus on supporting entrepreneurship and job creation. Paola joined LIFE from Cass Business School, where she was the Director of Development & External Relations. Prior to that, Paola headed the Individual Giving Department at the Tate. Other organisations she has worked for include: the British Library, the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), the Institute of International Visual Arts (inIVA) and the Museum of London. Paola is a Trustee of The Postal Museum and Lauderdale House. Previously she was a Trustee of Shelter, the UK housing and homelessness charity and of MLA London. She holds a degree cum laude in Classics from the University of Napoli Federico II, an MA in Field and Analytical Techniques in Archaeology and an MA in Library and Information Science both from University College London. As well as English and Italian Paola is fluent in French and has a working knowledge of Spanish and German.

Deborah Chen, Executive Director, Heart Foundation of Jamaica

Deborah Chen has successfully transformed the Heart Foundation of Jamaica (HFJ), an NGO, from a small-scale operation with 6 employees to an internationally recognized organization with over 50 full time employees. Deborah was the pioneer for the HFJ's significant growth and influence beyond local shores through its membership with the World Heart Federation (WHF) based in Geneva, Switzerland, and the InterAmerican Heart Foundation, (IAHF) based in Dallas, USA. Deborah has served as Vice President of the board of the WHF and President of the board of the InterAmerican Heart Foundation and served on both boards for 6 years.

Todd Harper, CEO, Cancer Council Victoria

Todd Harper is CEO of Cancer Council Victoria. He has over 20 years' experience in public health advocacy and implementation as a former CEO of VicHealth, Executive Director of Quit Victoria, Director of the VicHealth Centre for Tobacco Control, and Executive Director of the Tasmanian Council on AIDS and Related Diseases. He has a degree in economics, a postgraduate diploma in health promotion and a master in health economics.

Ms Paula Johns, Executive Director, ACT+



Born in Brazil, Paula Johns obtained a Master of Arts Degree in English and International Development Studies in Denmark, at Roskilde University Center. She is the co-founder and director of the ACT Health Promotion (former Alliance for the Control of Tobacco Use), a Brazilian coalition of over a thousand members, created in 2003 to support the process of ratification and implementation of the WHO FCTC in Brazil. Since 2011, ACT has expanded its work to include the broader NCD agenda. Johns has been a presenter at conferences and other events on tobacco control, other risk factors for NCDs, Advocacy and civil society mobilization issues nationally and internationally. She is also a former chair of the Board of Directors of the Framework Convention Alliance, an elected member of the Brazilian National Health Council, a Board Member of the NCD Alliance, a Board Member of the Interamerican Heart Foundation, and a Board Member of the Global Alcohol Policy Alliance.

Gerald Yonga, Chair, East Africa NCD Alliance



Gerald Yonga is Professor of Medicine and Head of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) Research to Policy Unit at Aga Khan University, East Africa and former Chair of Department of Medicine, Aga Khan University. He is National Chair, NCD Alliance Kenya and also Chair, East Africa NCD Alliance and interim Chair, Africa NCD Alliance. Prof. Yonga is a medical graduate of University of Nairobi and trained as cardiologist at International Heart School in Bergamo, Italy and Tel Aviv University-Israel. He also has an MBA in healthcare management from Durban, South Africa. He is a Fellow of Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh (FRCP-Edin), European Society of Cardiology (FESC) and Fellow of American College of Cardiology (FACC). He has several research projects in health systems strengthening for prevention and care of NCDs. He has published over 50 articles in scientific peer review journals, has supervised over 50 thesis and dissertations.

Mahendra Arunashanthi Wijesuriya, Executive Director, NCD Alliance Lanka



Dr. Mahen Wijesuriya was born on 30th April 1947 in Sri Lanka. His tertiary education was at the University of Ceylon, Colombo where he obtained his MBBS in 1970 and MD in 1976. The Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians London was awarded in 1994 followed by Ceylon College of Physicians in 1976. He practices as a Consultant Physician and Diabetologist in Colombo. His work in the UK with a senior Diabetologist strengthened his interest in this field. On his return, he conducted the First National Prevalence study in 1988. As the Principal Investigator of Diabrisk-SL, risks of diabetes in urban young [5-40yrs] were identified and significant risk reduction obtained over 4 years. He Initiated the NCD Alliance Lanka with four Associations in 2016 and is the Executive Director. Being a person with diabetes, he continues to work tirelessly to prevent NCDs through principals of Health Promotion.

Ibtihal Fadhil, Adviser, EMRO NCD Alliance

Dr Fadhil has held various academic and clinical positions during the last 36 years on national and international levels. From June 2008-to December 2016. Served as Regional Adviser, NCD at WHO/EMRO. Developed the Regional cancer control and NCD agenda. Prior to joining WHO, Dr Fadhil held several positions in Iraq, Jordan, United Kingdom, New Zealand, and Bahrain. She served as Lecturer in the Department of Community Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Basrah (1980-1982), and from the period 1980-1982 as Project Manager, WHO Primary Health Care Services in Southern Iraq, and from the period 1988-1991, as Assistant Professor, Community Health Department, Medical College, and

from the period 1991-1995, as Assistant Professor, Community Health Department, Faculty of Medicine, University of Jordan, from 1995-2002, as an Assistant Professor & Leader for the Post graduate programs, Health Studies Department, Manukau Institute of Technology, Auckland, New Zealand. From the period 2002-2003, Dr Fadhil participated at the General Practitioner, Training Programme at the Auckland Medical School and Auckland Hospital. From November 2003 till 2008, held a position of consultant epidemiology, Ministry of Health, Bahrain and part time Assistant Professor, Arabian Gulf Medical College and RCSI-MUB, Bahrain. Member in: Dr FADHIL served as member of several national and international medical committees and public health associations, founder of the regional network on Non-communicable research and Regional NCD Alliance. Researches & Recent Publications: Dr. Fadhil research interest in Non-Communicable diseases epidemiology and risk factors, including cancer., cancer screening and palliative care service implementation. Published as main author and co-author in several scientific journals.