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Speakers' Bios



Jean-Charles de Lasteyrie

Vice-President, Federation of European Accountants and Member, IIRC

Jean-Charles de Lasteyrie is a graduate of ESCP Paris and holds a PhD in Tax Law. He began his career with René Ricol for the firm of Calan-Ramolino where he was a partner from 1977 to 1986. Together, they founded with Gilles de Courcel, Ricol Lasteyrie in 1987. He has been elected to the Conseil Supérieur de l'Ordre des Experts Comptables and was an active member from 2000 to 2004. During that period he was also President of the Club Fiscal des Experts Comptables. As vice-president of the FEE (Federation of European Accountants), he heads its Integrated Reporting Task Force. He is a founder members of the Association Professionnelle des Experts Indépendants (Apei) of which he has been elected president in May 2011.



Richard Howitt

MEP

First elected to represent Essex South, Richard Howitt MEP has represented the whole of the East of England since 1999 and is now senior serving Member of the European Parliament for the region. Richard is the Labour Spokesperson on Foreign Affairs in the European Parliament, the Socialist & Democrat Group Human Rights Spokesperson, the European Parliament Rapporteur on Corporate Social Responsibility, and the President of the All-Party Disability Rights Group of MEPs. By working with Labour colleagues, and progressive parties from across Europe, Richard has strived to promote a fairer society, create and support jobs for his region and promote causes close to his heart, such as human rights, internationalism, disability rights, greater accountability for big businesses, and improved social and employment protection.



Hugo Hollander

Integrated Reporting Solutions Global Leader, EY

Hugo heads a worldwide team of professionals whose expertise combines services related to Integrated Reporting and assurance solutions. He also leads the Assurance team in the Sustainability practice in the Netherlands, which serves leading sustainable multinational companies around the world. In addition, he is responsible for ISO certification and verification using specific sustainability schedules, as well as serving companies in the Netherlands and abroad. During his time at EY, Hugo was Regional Assurance Leader for the Western part of the Netherlands and Office Managing partner for one of the major cities in the Netherlands. He is on the board of a number of charity foundations and a technical member of the jury of the King Willem 1 Award for Sustainability, which is presented for outstanding performance by companies in the field of sustainability. Hugo has dedicated a large part of his professional career to working on financial audits and sustainability and climate change issues. He has written a book on the topic entitled Guidance on Inspired Leadership, which will be published in November.



Michael Nugent

Technical Director – Framework Development, IIRC

Michael is at the IIRC on secondment from the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC). Major projects he has worked on with IFAC include the International Framework for Assurance Engagements and related assurance standard for non-financial engagements (ISAE 3000), and a standard for assurance engagements on GHG disclosures. Michael is a member of the technical committees of the Global Reporting Initiative and the Climate Disclosure Standards Board. He is a Fellow of Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and a member of CPA Australia.



Roger Simnett

Associate Dean of Research, Australian School of Business, The University of New South Wales

Roger Simnett teaches and researches in auditing and assurance services, with his research covering international auditing/assurance issues, aimed at improving audit/assurance quality and making policy recommendations. Roger is heavily involved in standard-setting as a member of the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board for two terms and was the first elected academic on the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board from 2002-2005. He is currently Chairman of the Sustainability Expert Advisory Panel of the International Federation of Accountants and Co-chair of the task force producing an assurance standard on Carbon Emission disclosures for the IAASB. Roger is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia.



François Passant

Executive Director, EUROSIF

François joined Eurosif (European Sustainable Investment Forum) in September 2011. François brings nearly twenty years of experience in the financial services industry with deep expertise in asset management. In his past roles, he has occupied various senior level positions in general management, strategy, marketing and product development for leading financial institutions. A former Executive Director of Vanguard, he has ample experience in servicing European institutional investors, including pension and sovereign funds, multi-managers and wealth managers. Since joining Eurosif, he has been a member of various groups and platforms formed by the European Commission such as the non-financial reporting Expert Group or the Multi-stakeholder platform on CSR. François holds a Business Degree from the Reims Management School and a Master's degree in Management and Technology from Ecole Centrale de Paris.



Sonja Simon

Head of Group Accounting and Reporting, SAP SE, Germany

As Head of Group Accounting and Reporting, Mrs. Simon is responsible for SAP's financial reporting – the annual report as required in Germany as well as the Form 20-f required to be filed in the US due to SAP's dual listing in Europe and the US. Prior to joining SAP in 2008, Sonja spent 7 years in public accounting with Ernst & Young in Mannheim, Germany. She is a qualified German Chartered Accountant (Wirtschaftsprüfer) as well as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).



Ralf Frank

Managing Director, DVFA

Ralf Frank, M.A., MBA is Managing Director with DVFA – Society of Investment Professionals in Germany and Delegate for ESG with EFFAS – European Federation of Financial Analysts Societies. Ralf joined DVFA in 2002. He held several senior management positions at a US-American capital goods manufacturer and was Senior staff at a pan-European management consulting firm. He studied in Brussels, Essen, Manchester and holds an M.A. in Communications from Essen University/Germany and an MBA from Sheffield Hallam University/UK. Ralf's mission is to improve the usability of financial reporting and financial communication for professional investors and financial analysts through research of the interaction between financial data, reports and reporting instruments and their respective professional consumers.



Chiara Mio

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Chiara is a Chartered Accountant, Full Professor at the Department of Management (Ca' Foscari University of Venice), teaching "Management Control" and "Strategic Planning and Sustainability Management" at master degrees. She has been Dean Delegate to Environmental Sustainability and Social Responsibility from 2009 to 2014. She is Director of the "Mega" master in ethical company management and Director of the "Sustainability and Carbon Footprint" master as well. She is author of several articles and books on integrated reporting and sustainability issues, in international journals and publishers; she contributes to scientific research on sustainability with several national and international appointments, among them she is member of WCOA Scientific Committee, International IFAC congress 2014 and has been a member of the Expert Group established by the European Commission, Directorate General Internal Market and Services, Accounting and Financial Reporting (2011).



Olivier Boutellis-Taft

Chief Executive, FEE

Olivier Boutellis-Taft joined FEE in October 2006 as CEO. Prior to this, he benefited from a diversified professional experience, having been a Director with PricewaterhouseCoopers, a Director of the European Policy Centre (a leading multi-constituency think-tank in Brussels), a lecturer on EU affairs at Toulouse Business School, a public prosecutor in France and a consultant serving in particular the banking and media industries. A lawyer and economist by training, Olivier also held several board positions as a non-executive director. He started his professional career in equestrian sports (jumping). Olivier was nominated as one of the 50 most influential people worldwide in accounting by the magazine The Accountant, one of the oldest and most prestigious trade magazines in 2012 and 2013.