

World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics

Board of Directors: 2018 Candidates

The WFCP Board of Directors is a working Board, charged with managing the Federation through the Federation's bylaws. The Board meets monthly to:

- set and steer the goals of the Federation,
- manage the Federation's budget and staff, and
- control and conduct the activities and affairs of the Federation.

Seven seats are open, as the terms of the seven Directors elected in 2015 or appointed to replace Directors elected in 2015 are now expired. The candidates for the Board of Directors are:

- Australia: Craig Robertson, TAFE Directors Australia (see Mr. Roberston's biography on [page 2](#))
Basque Country: Jon Zarraga, TKNIKA (see Mr. Zarraga's biography on [page 3](#))
- Brazil: Dr. Wilson Conciani, National Council for the Federal Network of Vocational, Scientific and Technological Education Institutions (Conif) (see Dr. Conciani's biography on [page 4](#))
- Canada: Denise Amyot, Colleges and Institutes Canada (see Ms. Amyot's biography on [page 5](#))
- Chile: Rodrigo Nuñez, Duoc UC (see Mr. Nuñez biography on [page 7](#))
- China: Shen Xuesong, China Education Association for International Exchange (see Ms. Shen's biography on [page 8](#))

Australia

**Craig Robertson, TAFE Directors Australia
Chief Executive Officer**

Craig Robertson commenced as CEO of TAFE Directors Australia in April 2017. The organisation promotes nationally and internationally the critical role that TAFEs play in tertiary education in Australia. In this role he is also the Chair of the World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics which is a global network of associations and institutions committed to high quality professional and technical education and training.

Prior to joining TDA Craig worked in the Victorian Government in 2015 and 2016 with responsibilities for the operation of vocational education and working with Victorian universities.

Craig also worked for over 30 years in the Commonwealth Government with responsibilities in national policy and program delivery relating to employment services, funding for schools and most aspects of vocational education and training. Craig was also an inaugural member of the Australian Qualifications Framework Council formed in 2011.

During his career involved in professional and technical education Craig has engaged in many international meetings, including as Sherpa for G20 Labour and Employment Ministers and the Australian education representative in OECD meetings as well as numerous engagements across countries to discuss and advise on developing skills in workforces.

Craig holds an Executive Masters in Public Administration and Bachelor of Education (Primary).



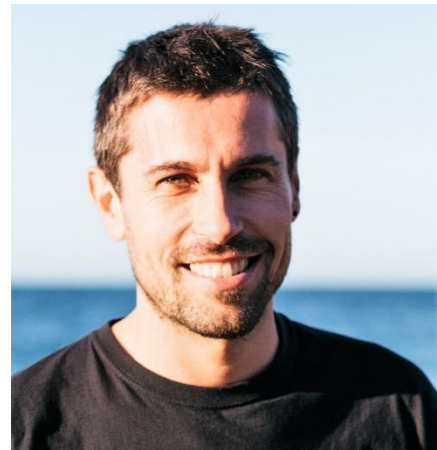
Basque Country
Jon Zarraga, Tknika, Basque Centre of Research and
Applied Innovation in VET
International Management

Jon was born on 7th July 1981, in Bilbao. He is graduated in Law at the University of the Basque Country.

Today he is a Manager of Internationalization at the Internationalization Area in Tknika, Errenteria, Gipuzkoa. Currently he is involved in several European projects dealing with leadership, entrepreneurship and innovation.

He has taken part in several workshops and seminars organized by national, European and international institutions: European Commission, TA3-Transatlantic Technology and Training Alliance, EURASHE- European Association on Institutions in Higher Education, UTFS-Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María de Chile.

Previous jobs: Partner in different European projects: Beehives, IncuVet, EuroSTEAM, Tracktion. Advisor for some companies about the internationalization process to other countries in Africa. Member of the Steering Committee of some internationalization networks such as TA3.



Brazil

**Dr. Wilson Conciani, National Council for the Federal Network of Vocational, Scientific and Technological Education Institutions (Conif)
Rector/Professor**

Dr. Wilson Conciani has a degree in Civil Engineering from the Federal University of Mato Grosso (1985), a Master's degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the Federal University of Campina Grande, Paraíba (1989), and a doctorate in Geotechnics at the University of São Paulo - São Carlos (1997).

He is currently professor of vocational education at the Federal Institute of Education, Science and Technology of Brasília, visiting professor at the Graduate Program and Urban Engineering of UFMT and Rector of the Federal Institute of Education, Science and Technology of Brasília. He has experience in the area of Civil Engineering, with emphasis on Geotechnics, working mainly on the following subjects: unsaturated soil, foundations, field test, construction instrumentation and professional education.



List of Previous Board Experience:

WFCP Board, since 2016;

Board of Brazilian Council of Engineers section Mato Grosso, from 2004 – 20012 (director from 2008 – 2012);

Board of Brazilian Association of Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering from 2006 up to now (president from 2014-2016);

Board of CONIF – National Council for Federal Network of Vocational, Scientific & Technological Education Institutions, from 2010 up to now (director during the year of 2016);

Board of the Federal Institute of Education, Science and Technology of Mato Grosso from 2017 – up to 2019;

Board of the Federal Institute of Education, Science and Technology of Mato Grosso do Sul from 2014 – up to 2016;

Board of the Federal Institute of Education, Science and Technology of Rondônia from 2014 – up to 2016;

Board of the Goiano Federal Institute of Education, Science and Technology of Mato Grosso do Sul from 2014 – up to 2016;

President of Board of the Federal Institute of Education, Science and Technology of Brasília from 2010 – up to now.

Canada

Denise Amyot, Colleges and Institutes Canada President and CEO

I have experience working in or with federal or provincial/territorial government departments including science/social and economic departments, as well as professional associations and non-profit organizations and the industry.

Governance

I received my designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors in 2009.

I have been on different local, provincial/territorial/ national and international boards since I have been in high school either as a director on a board or in chairing committees or being chair of boards, the current ones being:

Board member:

- Member of the CIGan Corporate Board of Essential Skills for Social Finance (2015-present)
- Board member of the Ontario Trillium Foundation (2014-present)
- Board Member of Canada Science Policy Conference (2018-present)
- Past Chair of World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics (Nov. 2017-present)

Advisory Committees:

- Chair of the Advisory Committee of the Institute of Science, Society and Policy
- Member of the Advisory Council of the Center of Excellence in Public Management Schulich School of Business, York University
- Canadian Government Executive Magazine Executive Committee (2008-present)
- Human Resources Committee of Canadian Chamber of Commerce (2016-present)

I recently completed my role as:

1) A board member:

- Chair of the World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics (June 2013- Nov 2017)
- Member of the Board of the Ottawa Bayview Innovation Hub (2014 - Oct 2017)
- President of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada and past Chair of Governance Committee and past Chair of Service to Members Committee;
- Chair of Governance Committee and Board of Governors of Algonquin College for four years
- Board of Governors, University of Ottawa for four years
- Chair and member of the board of Association of Professional Executives of Canada (Public Service)

2) a member of Advisory Committee





- Leadership Advisory Committee over a period of six years - Guelph University
- Advisory Committee on Public Management programs - Western University
- College Leadership PhD Cohort Advisory Committee, OISE

Chile

**Rodrigo Nuñez, Duoc UC
Director of International Affairs**

Rodrigo Nuñez is an actor that obtained his major degree at the Department of Theatre of the Catholic University in Santiago, Chile in 1987.

Once he finished studies worked both as professor of Acting and as Head of Teaching Affairs in the same university.

In 1993, the University appointed him as the Vice Executive for the Professional Theatre of the Catholic University.

In 1997 he moved to the newly created Department of Theatre of Duoc UC, where he was the Director of the Program until March 2014.

In 2000 was awarded with a Fulbright Grant to pursue studies in Theatre in the United States of America.

In 2002 he obtained his Master degree at Binghamton University, State University of New York, where he also was the recipient of the Chancellor Award for Student Excellence.

For the Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 academic year, he was appointed as Visiting Assistant Professor at the Theatre Department of Binghamton University.

Since 2002 he has been working in many international collaborations between the department of Theatre of Duoc UC and Binghamton University, Tisch School of the Arts at NYU and the University of Illinois.

He has also been the producer of Theatre Festivals in Santiago, Chile.

He has directed, produced, adapted and translated many plays.

He teaches acting classes since 1985.

Since April 2014 he is the Director of International Affairs where has led the process on internationalization of Duoc UC.

Since 2017 is also the coordinator of Duoc UNEVOC centre.



China

**Shen Xuesong, China Education Association for International Exchange
Deputy Secretary-General**

Ms. Shen Xuesong received her Bachelor's Degree of Arts and Master's Degree of Education from Beijing Normal University (China), and Master's Degree of Public Administration from Ball State University (USA).

Ms. Shen joined China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIDE) in 1996. She worked as Program Officer of the International Liaison Department, Senior Officer of the Academic and Information Exchange Department, and Executive Director of the International Cooperation Department until 2006. From 2006 to 2012, Ms. Shen worked as Liaison Officer and Education Officer in UNESCO New York Liaison Office and then as Education Program Specialist in the Education Sector at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. She was appointed Director of the Executive Office after she returned to CEAIE in 2012, and also Director of the Project Development and Marketing Department one year later.

Ms. Shen was appointed Deputy Secretary General of CEAIE in October 2014. She supervises the International Cooperation Department, Secretariat of China Annual Conference for International Education, Program Development and Marketing Department, as well as the TVET and Professional Training Department.

