Abbass ABBASS
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Al-Manarah Association for Persons with Disabilities, Israel

Jake ABMA
Jake Abma is Accessibility Lead for ING Netherlands. For the last five years he has set up a raft of initiatives to make sure products and services are accessible to people with the widest range of capabilities. Having a background in visual design, user experience and as a front-end developer he now is the product owner of a dedicated accessibility team where Co-Creating, Training and Productizing Inclusive Design are the core activities. Besides being a passionate promoter of accessibility both inside and outside the Bank, Jake is also a UN CRPD Ambassador and active participant in the WCAG Working Group (AG WG) at the W3C.

ING, Netherlands

Shadi ABOU-ZAHRA
Shadi Abou-Zahra works with the W3C Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) as the Accessibility Strategy and Technology Specialist. He coordinates accessibility priorities in the W3C Strategy team, as well as international promotion, coordination, and harmonization of web accessibility standards. Shadi also maintains WAI liaisons with key stakeholders including disability, research, and standards organizations, as well as coordinates WAI outreach in Europe, accessibility evaluation techniques, and European-funded projects on accessibility.

W3C – Web Accessibility Initiative of the World Wide Web Consortium, Austria

Ola ABU ALHAIB ALGHAIB
Ola Abu Alghaib is head of influencing, impact and learning at Leonard Cheshire Disability, based in London. Ola is a disabled person and has almost two decades of experience in the field of disability, development, and inclusive social policies in LMICs. Her responsibilities have encompassed policy analysis, program design, management and evaluation, formulation of advocacy strategies, capacity development, extensive use of qualitative methods, and research with the World Bank, UN agencies (WHO, ILO, UNESCO), NGOs (including disability organisations) and INGOs. She has been a member of advisory bodies to support governments in social policy reform. Recently Ola was involved in providing technical expertise around effective reforms towards inclusive social protection policies. She is completing her PhD on social protection and disability in LMICs.

Leonard Cheshire Disability, United Kingdom

Monica ACKERMANN
Monica has a career long passion for creating accessible digital spaces and for the inclusion of people with disabilities in the workforce. She works with the Disability Rights Promotion International AWARE project to improve labour-market participation of people with disabilities in India, Nepal and Bangladesh. She is an engineer with a Masters in Critical Disability Studies where she explored the intersection of workplace accommodation and accessible technology infrastructures on employment outcomes for persons with disabilities. She is a board member of ARCH Disability Law Legal Aid clinic and a member...
Monica currently works at Scotiabank, Canada promoting accessible and inclusive digital design in her role as the Digital Accessibility Lead.

**DRPI Aware, Canada**

**David ADI**

David Adi, Make-Sense Founder & CEO Serial entrepreneur with proven track record: Founder of SourceIT (acquired), Co-Founder of AppSource and Former CEO adMingle Israel

**Make Sense, USA**

**Lejla AGIC**

Lejla graduated with a degree in psychology in 2004 from the University of Sarajevo. Since the beginning of 2005, she has been employed at the Zenica City Museum as a museum educator. Lejla has been actively involved in the project of accessibility of the museum since 2006-7, sponsored by Cultural Heritage without Borders (CHwB), and she has also been an active member of the Balkan Museum Access Group since its establishment. Lejla designed and implemented a lot of creative and educational workshops for children (Through play to yourself, Detective in the museum, From sheep to carpet, Stories from the past), accompanying publications, tactile replicas for permanent exhibitions, and legends in Braille.

**Balkan Museum Network, Bosnia and Herzegovina**

**Omair AHMAD**

Omair Ahmad is a graduate of The University of the South – Sewanee, with a Bachelors of Arts in Economics. He has previously worked at SNL Financial, a financial analytics company headquartered in Virginia, on their global expansion initiatives. Since March 2013, Omair Ahmad has served as the Director of NOWPDP and is responsible for the overall management of the organization, strengthening and increasing the impact of its projects, which promote access to education and employment opportunities for persons with disabilities, and creating an inclusive Pakistan.

**NOWPDP - Network of Organizations Working with People with Disabilities, Pakistan**

**Anna ALISJAHBANA**

Anna Alisjahbana was a Pediatrician and Neonatologist at a Teaching Hospital in Bandung in the early 70's. At the time only 20% of infants were born in health facilities, in rural and underserved areas home birth was the norm. Her concern was “How’s the babies’ quality of life after survival?” knowing how low birth weight, birth complication, and poor parenting are related to developmental delay/disability. Thus, Anna established Suryakanti Foundation – Center for Development of Child Potentials in 1984, serving children with developmental delay/disability. Late 2000's, her concept of Early Childhood Development Center was adopted nationwide.

**Suryakanti Foundation, Indonesia**

**Nadja AL-MASRI-GUTTERNIG**

Nadja Al-Masri-Gutternig studied art history and education with a special emphasis on inclusive art and cultural mediation. She is now active in this field and works at the Salzburg Museum, where she drives the development of new approaches in making cultural institutions more accessible. She has published a book on barrier free communication in this field and has used her research to make the Salzburg Museum a place which appeals and can be used by able and disabled alike. Additionally, she teaches in a special education school for adolescents with behavioural problems. She is also a trained goldsmith.

**Salzburg Museum, Austria**
Mevette AL-SHIHABI

Mervette M. Al-Shihabi, works for Zain Jordan, currently assuming the position of a Sr. Manager-Strategy & Project Management Office at the marketing department, planning the management of the release of new products. Previously, Mervette served as the Senior Manager, Business Planning at the CEO Office of Zain Jordan. Mervetter has also been appointed for the Merger Integration Project between operators in different countries to lead and mobilize the launch of all the strategic initiatives between the countries where the operators operate in. Additionally, Mervette assumed the position of the International Roaming Business Development Manager at Zain Jordan during which she was able to streamline the division towards increased profits and sustained improvements. She is currently listed in the inaugural Dubai Based CommsMEA Power-List one of the ‘Top 50 Influential Female Telecom Executives’ across the region, ranked 26.

Zain Jordan, Jordan

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Dr. Alshafiei is currently an independent senior urban planning advisor and adjunct professor of urban planning at the Master of Urban Planning Program, American University of Sharjah. He obtained his Ph.D. in Urban Planning from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom in 2007. He has over 24 years of professional urban planning, design and development experience within the local governments of Dubai and Abu Dhabi. His specific areas of expertise and research interest include transportation planning and policy, sustainable and livable communities, transit-oriented development, inclusive cities, universal design and urban planning and development governance systems.

The General Secretariat of the Executive Council of Dubai, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates

Mukhtar ALSHIBANI

Alshibani is President of AlModon Engineering Consultancy and the Immediate Past President of the Global Alliance on Accessible Technology and Environments (GAATES). He is a GAATES Member of Board of Directors and Member of Council of trustees. Alshibani is also part of Experts on Universal Design and Universal Accessibility and Member of the ISO TC59/SC16.

GAATES – Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies and Environments

Ivor AMBROSE

Ivor studied Environmental Psychology in the UK and for over 30 years he has worked on accessibility in the areas of building research and design, new technologies, policy and – since 2001 – Accessible Tourism and destination management. His current work includes consultancy, training and project management for EU and international programmes and clients in the tourism industry. He is one of the founders of ENAT, the European Network for Accessible Tourism, a non-profit association, registered in Brussels in 2008, which was born out of an EU funded project on “mainstreaming disability in the tourism sector.” As ENAT Managing Director, together with the Board of Directors, he coordinates the network’s European and global partnerships and projects, and manages Pantou.org – The Accessible Tourism Directory.

ENAT – European Network for Accessible Tourism, Belgium

Natalia AMELINA

Professional activity of Natalia Amelina, Ph.D., is connected with studying, analyses and development of training materials and recommendations on various trends of ICT use in educational process, including adaptation and use of ICT for people with disabilities, ICT in preschool and primary school education, ICT for skills development, ICT for TVET, etc. She has experience of more than 20 years in pedagogics. Mrs. Amelina is an author of more than 30 publications in the field of education. Working in the UNESCO Institute for information technologies in education for more than 15 years, Mrs. Amelina participated in the international projects and being the expert and the coauthor of training materials; she took part and organized many international and national conferences, carried out a large number of meetings and the training seminars on promoting ICT in education.

UNESCO – IITE Institute for Information Technologies in Education, Russia
Neha ARORA
Neha Arora, is the founder of Planet Abled, which provides accessible travel solutions for people with disabilities. Neha worked with companies like Nokia & Adobe before taking the plunge to start Planet Abled. Born to parents with disabilities she experienced challenges in travelling. One such experience, became the tipping point for her to leave her career and start the inclusive travel journey based on Universal Design. Neha is a graduate of Nasdaq Entrepreneurial centre MMI program and recipient of India Inclusion Summit fellowship for her work at Planet Abled. Neha also conducts workshops in corporate and various forums for amalgamation of people with disabilities in mainstream via travel and delivers sessions on Social Entrepreneurship at various universities.

Planet Abled, India

Carmen ARROYO DE SANDE
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EASPD – European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities, Belgium

Karin ASTEGGER
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Lebenshilfe Salzburg, Austria

David BANES
David Banes is Director of his company David Banes Access and Inclusion Services and was formerly CEO, at Mada, Qatar Assistive Technology Centre addressing all aspects of access and inclusion through technology. He currently is working across the Middle and Far East Europe and into Africa with a focus upon building access infrastructure from policy to practice. Recent projects include the development of a response to disruptive innovation in the access industry, identifying solutions to meeting the needs of refugees with a disability, and building a business case for public investment in assistive technology, whilst supporting entrepreneurs to bring products and services to market.

AIS Access and Inclusion Services, United Kingdom

Mary BARTOLOMUCCI
Mary joined the Accessibility Directorate in 2015. The Directorate supports the vision of an accessible Ontario by 2025 under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 by developing, implementing and enforcing accessibility standards that apply to over 400,000 broader public sector, non-profit and private sector organizations. Mary previously held executive positions at Ontario Government's ministries, as Director of Policy in the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, and as Director, Corporate and Business Operations in the Ontario Heritage Trust.

Accessibility Directorate of Ontario, Canada
Daniela BAS
Ms. Bas, Italian, is a political scientist who graduated Magna Cum Laude with a major in International Politics. She is also a certified Business / Life Coach and journalist. Ms Bas had previous experience as a young professional in the United Nations from 1986 to 1995 before moving onto work in her native Italy from 1996-2011. Her wide range of experience includes, inter alia, CEO in the private sector, adviser for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and adviser for the Presidency of the Council of Ministers on human rights and social affairs. Designated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy, she was a member of the Board of Directors of the European Union Agency of Fundamental Rights; Special Adviser to the Vice President of the European Commission (On. Frattini). At the European Union, she was representative on the topic “Tourism for All” on behalf of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of Italy.

UN DESA - United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, USA

Amanda BASI
Amanda Basi is the Manager of Accessibility Certification at the Rick Hansen Foundation in Canada. Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility CertificationTM (RHFAC) is a LEED-style rating system that measures the accessibility of commercial, institutional, and multi-unit residential facilities. She joined the Foundation in 2016 as Manager of the Access4All Canada 150 Signature Initiative, working with 55 communities across Canada to implement accessibility improvement projects in celebration of Canada’s 150th birthday. For over 10 years, Amanda has led high-level programs and events in philanthropy, finance, and energy. She has worked extensively in Europe, Africa, Asia, and North America. She currently resides in Vancouver, Canada.

Rick Hansen Foundation, Canada

Ogulcan BASKAN
Ogulcan was born in Istanbul and studied Industrial Engineering. While he was studying he started working as a volunteer at YGA. YGA is an international non-profit, non-governmental organization founded in Turkey in 2000. It aims to cultivate double winged youth – meaning both socially conscious and competent. Considerate of the problems of society they live in, YGA students develop international projects that can offer solutions. He led YGA’s field projects and organized science sessions with more than 200 blind, orphan and Syrian children. He has been managing YGA’s awarded My Dream Companion mobile application since 2016 and developing blind technologies with YGA volunteer teams.

YGA, Turkey

Magnus BERGLUND
Magnus Berglund is the Accessibility Director at Scandic Hotels. Scandic Hotels is the largest hotel operator in the Nordic region with over 230 hotels and 45,000 hotel rooms in seven countries. Since Magnus Berglund took on his role at Scandic in 2003, he has created a unique accessibility program for the hotel chain which has put Scandic in a world-leading position, offering great hotel experiences for everyone. Scandic has received numerous awards both in Sweden and internationally for its successful accessibility work, and Magnus has become an internationally known ambassador within the area of accessibility.

Scandic Hotels, Sweden

Vashkar BHATTACHARJEE
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a2i-Access to information, Bangladesh
Jose Luis BORAU

Jose Luis Borau is Head of Built Environment Accessibility Department at Fundación ONCE. He earned his degree in Architecture from Polytechnic University of Madrid. His 20 years of experience working in different accessibility fields within Fundación ONCE and its corporate group has spanned through different stages. He has been consultant for different public and private entities in the implementation of actions in urban, architectural and natural areas. He has also been a member of different European standards committees as well as coordinator and speaker in several conferences and seminars on Accessibility (heritage sites, protected natural areas, Design for All,...). He worked on several accessibility and Smart Human City projects (Colombia, Ecuador Qatar, etc.), and in a multitude of projects on accessibility in urban planning, building, transport, tourism, Smart Human City, and social policies among others.

*Fundacion ONCE, Spain*

Yonat BURLIN

Yonat Burlin, CEO, joined the GalaPrompter team at its launch two years ago and is deeply committed to the company's mission to make the performing arts accessible to everyone. Prior to this, Yonat held managerial positions in marketing organizations both in the US and Israel including her work at Os-<br>car4B, where she managed the largest and highly regarded international high-tech DLD Tel Aviv Innovation Festival. Throughout Yonat's career, she has worked with innovative companies and harnessed her leadership roles to ensure accessibility for each and every individual. This is what inspires Yonat to do everything possible so everyone will have the magic experience of being able to enjoy performing arts in their respective communities. Yonat holds an LL.B. degree from the Academic Center in Kiryat Ono.

*GalaPrompter, Israel*

Tom BUTCHER

Tom Butcher has worked with the Zero Project since its very early days. Based in New York, as US Representative of the Zero Project, Tom helps extend its reach internationally. Originally from England, Tom has spent much of his career working in the world of banking, investment, and finance, the last 26 of them in New York City.

*Essl Foundation, Austria/USA*

Ana Maria CARRILLO

Ana María Carrillo has a BA in international relations from the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México and a Masters in Diplomatic Studies from the Instituto Matías Romero. She was a member of the Mexican Foreign Service from 1999 to 2011. In 2011 she decided to move to the private sector and founded Perspectiva Integral a consulting company. In 2014 she partnered with Monica Duhem and established HearColors, a Mexican startup specialized in web accessibility. In HearColors, Ana is Director of Operations and is in charge of all the Education and Social impact strategies of the startup.

*Hearcolors, Mexico*

Caroline CASEY

Caroline, an award-winning social entrepreneur, is both an adventurer and a business woman. Subject of the National Geographic Documentary Elephant Vision, Ashoka Fellow, Eisenhower Fellow, Counsellor for One Young World, Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum, TED speaker, past advisor for the Clinton Global Initiative and unwavering campaigner, Caroline's passion and ambition for leading a life without limits and labels is truly contagious. Since taking a life changing decision at 28 to leave her successful career as a management consultant and travel across India on an elephant, Caroline has been committed to building a global movement on inclusive business to build an equal society for the 1 billion people in the world with a disability. Caroline has set up a new company, Binc, whose mission is to collaborate with some of the world's leading organisations to achieve business inclusion.

*BINC, Ireland*
Francesca CESA BIANCHI
Francesca Cesa Bianchi oversees G3ict’s cooperation programs and institutional relations with the United Nations and other international agencies, advocacy organizations, governments, and academia since the organization’s inception in 2006. Francesca has previously served as a freelance writer for CNN, as well as an accredited election observer for the Carter Center’s Americas Program. A native of Milan, Italy, she holds master's degrees in political science and communication/media studies from the Università degli Studi of Milan and Georgia State University, respectively.

G3ict – Global Initiative for Inclusive Information and Communication Technologies, Italy

Ka Yiu CHENG
Ka Yiu graduated from The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2004, majoring in systems engineering and engineering management. After graduation, Ka Yiu joined the Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies as an assistant computer officer, and is responsible for developing the Asian SignBank for documenting Asian sign language data. Ka Yiu is also an instructor on the Asia-Pacific Sign Linguistics Research and Training Programme (APSL), teaching basic computer skills and desktop publishing skills to Deaf adults from different Asian countries.

Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies, China

Young-jin CHOI
Young-jin joined Phineo's impact investing practice in 2015. As a seasoned impact investing advisor and expert, he is currently leading the development of an early stage impact investing fund for start-ups that use technology for social good. Prior to his transition into the world of venture philanthropy and social finance, Young-jin executed numerous early stage venture deals as an investment manager at 3M’s corporate venture capital unit and worked in a variety of industries and regions as a strategy consultant at Monitor Group (now Monitor Deloitte). Young-jin holds master's degrees in Mechanical Engineering (RWTH Aachen), International Business Studies (University of Maastricht) and Politics, Philosophy and Economics (LMU Munich).

PHINEO gemeinnützige AG, Germany

Alex CHRISTOPOULOS
Alex leads Lumos’ programmes, research, advocacy and training and technical support in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean. Prior to joining Lumos, he was responsible for designing and leading a range of complex programmes to help meet the needs of children in a number of countries. Alex led the UK Government's Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre's (CEOP) preventative education activities and training. He has developed a number of initiatives in the philanthropic sector, working with civil society organisations in over 20 countries, helping support children, families and their communities.

Lumos Foundation, United Kingdom

Gabi COHEN
Gabi has a BSc in Computer Engineering, with 25 years of work experience in global High-Tec companies as software developer & manager and as Director of Customer Support & IT. In 2013 Gabi has made a career change and has joined Migdal-Or to manage its transitional employment center. In 2015, he was nominated as Director of Migdal-Or call center. Since then he has developed the service for improved accessibility of digital media for the blind & visually impaired people.

Migdal Or Rehabilitation Center For The Blind, Israel

Or COHEN
Or Cohen serves as the Director of Business Development and Marketing at Step-Hear LTD. Prior to Step-Hear, Or served for 6 years as head of the Training Department at Access Israel NGO, the leading organization in Israel in all the matter of accessibility and integration of people with disabilities. As part of his job, he was in charge of all the operation of providing an accessible service across hundreds of organizations in the country. In addition, Or was one of the founders of the Israeli MUN (Models United Nations) project. Or holds a BA in Political Science from Max Stern College and an MA in Diplomacy and international relations from Tel-Aviv University.

Access Israel, Israel
Regina COHEN
The Architect, researcher on accessibility, Regina Cohen coordinates the Pro-access group at UFRJ. She has been a Visiting Assistant Professor on the Disability Studies Center of Syracuse University Sept/Dec 2014 in (FULBRIGHT/CAPES). Cohen is master on Urbanism and Doctor on Psychosociology of Communities and Social Echology, both from UFRJ. Post-doctor in Architecture (scholarship from FAPERJ) with the theme “Accessibility of Persons with Disability in Museums.” Nowadays, she is working with Assistive Technology in the “Virtual Accessibility Guide of the City of Rio de Janeiro” . She worked in the Project “Accessibility and Universal Design in the Brazilian World Cup 2014”, in the Accessibility Manual of the Organizing Committee of the Paralympic Games – RIO 2016 and also for Conference of Development and Sustainability RIO+20. Cohen has many papers, works and books published in the field of “accessibility for persons with disability.

Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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Centre for Excellence in Universal Design, Ireland

Noelle DALY
Co-founder of Mobility Mojo, an award winning social enterprise focusing on accessible tourism. She is the co-founder of spinal injuries Ireland in 1993, twenty years’ experience working with people with disabilities and their families. She worked closely with many disability and age related organisations in Ireland and abroad over the past 20 years. Specialising in accessible travel for over ten years, building resources and contacts globally. Publications: Title; ‘Guide to Living with Spinal Cord Injury’ 264 page manual. Published in 2007 and sponsored by Bank of Scotland and the HSE. Awards: Winner of numerous awards including Irish Responsible Tourism Award (silver), Enterprise Ireland, Social Entrepreneurs and KBC Bright Ideas 2017. Speaker for accessible tourism in the media and many public events.

Mobility Mojo LLC, Ireland

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JKJ S.r.l., Italy

Jason DA SILVA
Jason is an Emmy award winning filmmaker and spokesperson for the disability community, and founder of the non-profit AXS Lab. He has completed 4 short films and two feature films. He was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2005 and began a 7-year journey of making When I Walk. Jason has an MFA in Media from Emily Carr University. Jason continues to give voice to those on the periphery of society through his work.

AXSMap, USA

Anna DARLING
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Lumos Foundation, United Kingdom
Alireza DARVISHY

Alireza Darvishy is a professor at the Zurich University of Applied Sciences in Switzerland, where he serves as the head of the ICT Accessiblility Lab. In 2016, the importance of his work was acknowledged with UNESCO's prestigious Emir Jaber Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah Prize for Digital Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, presented by His Majesty Sheikh Mubarak Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah in Paris.

*Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW), Switzerland*

Lasanthi DASKON ATTANAYAKE

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*Attorney at Law, Provincial Counsellor, Sri Lanka*

Betteke DE GAAY FORTMAN

Since its inception in 2007, Betteke de Gaay Fortman is the director of Karuna Foundation. Together with the founder René aan de Stegge and the leaders of Karuna Nepal Deepak Sapkota and Yogendra Giri, she forms the core team in building a new organisation, and developing the vision and model. She has successfully led the process from pilot to an evidence-based model which is now in full scaling-up phase. Under her leadership the organisation in Nepal has grown into a strong local entrepreneurial organisation with sustainability and exit, self-reliance and empowerment of the poorest of the poor as core values. She has been working in International Development the last 20 years. Before she was an entrepreneur. She is a board member of the Plastic Soup Foundation and the Dutch Coalition for Disability and Development.

*Karuna Foundation, Netherlands*

Brian DHANIRAM

Brian Dhaniram graduated from Binghamton University in 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Sociology. At Binghamton, he was President and Chief Editor of the University's literary publication. As an educator, he ran his own home-school program, creating and implementing a full-year high-school curriculum. Within entertainment, he has produced comedy sketches, short films, and live shows around New York City. In 2016, Brian began his work as an activist as one of the founding members of Mission Flint, an activist organization dedicated to delivering and distributing clean water to residents of Flint, Michigan amidst the Flint water crisis.

*Axs Lab, USA*

Lorenzo DI CIACCIO

After 4 years working as IT consultant for the IT and pharmaceutical Industry, Lorenzo quit his job to found Pedius a phone service for deaf and hard of hearing people. In 2013 Pedius won the GSVC Italy, and became a Social enterprise. Since the public release in November 2013, Pedius helped more than 18,000 users to make their first phone call. Beside Pedius, Lorenzo is also active as speaker for social entrepreneurship at TEDx and lecturer in business ethics.

*Pedius, Italy*
Holger DIETERICH
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Sozialhelden e. V., Germany

Oliver DREHMANN
Oliver Drehmann is an entrepreneur with background in Banking and Computer Science. As CTO and COO he played an major role at SAF AG/Switzerland, a successful start-up that experienced an IPO and acquisition by SAP AG/Germany. Since 2007 he is involved in different ventures and founded Antarus S.A. which provides mobile phone solutions for the blind and visual impaired. Oliver studied in Germany and the U.K. and graduated at HTWG/Konstanz.
Antarus – Mobile Solutions, Switzerland

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Unicredit Bank Austria, Austria

Amena EL-SAIE
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Helm Egypt, Egypt

Krisztina EMRICH
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MagikMe Inclusive Play, United Kingdom

Rene ESPINOZA
Espinoza is the Founder and CEO of Lazarillo, a startup that wants to help create accessible and intelligent spaces through technologies. Espinoza is a 27 years Electrical Engineer from the Universidad de Chile, specialized in electronics, mobile technologies, machine learning and assistive technologies. He has worked in previous startups in the fields of mobile apps and health devices. Espinoza was selected as a representative of Chile as one of the Young Leaders of the America Initiative 2017 (YLAI) sponsored by the US department of State.
LAZARILLO TEC SPA, Chile
Martin ESSL

Martin Essl is an entrepreneur who is also well known for his dedication to social responsibility. In 2007, together with his wife Gerda, Mr. Essl established the Essl Foundation both to support social innovation and social entrepreneurs and to help dismantle the barriers faced by persons with disabilities everywhere. The main initiative of the Essl Foundation is the Zero Project. The project researches Innovative Practices and Policies worldwide in the fields of education, employment, accessibility and independent living/political participation as they relate to persons with disabilities. The project organizes the Zero Project Conference in Vienna each year, publishes the annual Zero Project Report and hosts the Zero Project Website. In addition, Mr. Essl has started to implement innovations in Austria and devotes more than half of his entrepreneurial time to developing lighthouse projects to implement the UN CRPD in Austria, with a focus on accessibility and the employment of persons with disabilities.

Essl Foundation, Austria

Michael FEMBEK

After graduating from the Vienna University of Economics, Michael Fembek (born 1961) joined GEWINN, an Austrian business magazine, serving between 2000 and 2007 as editor-in-chief. In 2009 he initiated “Sinnstifter”, a project by Austrian philanthropists, and launched the annual Austrian CSR-Yearbook. In 2010 he joined the Essl Foundation as Programme Manager and – until 2014 – the bauMax group as its Head of Social Affairs. Since 2011 he is the Director of the Zero Project, a project of the Essl Foundation, and organizes the annual Zero Project Conference in the UN Headquarters in Vienna. In 2014, he co-initiated the Verband für Gemeinnütziges Stiften, the Austrian philanthropic association, where he serves as Vice President. In 2015, he became the Chair of the Thematic Group on Disabilities within the European Foundation Centre (EFC), and in 2016 he co-initiated the Haus der Philanthropie in Vienna, and became Member of the Board of GAATES, the Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies and Environments.

Essl Foundation, Austria

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equalizent Schulungs- und Beratungs GmbH, Austria

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Plena inclusión, Spain

Kristine FRANCE ZUNIGA


Corporacion Ciudad Accesible, Chile
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A public international lawyer, Ms. Guernsey has dedicated her career to the field of human rights, with particular focus on disability inclusive diplomacy and development. She was extensively involved in negotiation of the CRPD, providing counsel to both governmental and non-governmental delegations. She has numerous publications associated with the treaty and international disability law and policy, including several co-authored World Bank publications. From 2010-2017, she served as Senior Policy Adviser to the Special Advisor for International Disability Rights at the U.S. Department of State, promoting disability inclusive diplomacy as a priority in U.S. foreign policy. She is a board member of the U.S. International Council on Disabilities (USICD).

USICD – United States International Council on Disabilities, USA

Kevin HAGER
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Poses Family Foundation, USA

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equalizent Schulungs- und Beratungs GmbH, Austria

Martin HAIDVOGL
Martin Haidvogl, the Chief Executive Director of the City of Graz, is responsible for its administrative management. With a population of about 290,000 inhabitants Graz is the second largest City in Austria and the capital of the federal state of Styria. After graduating in law at the University of Graz he started working at the administration of the City of Graz in 1993. He has since served in a variety of different roles, ranging from manager of a parliamentary party, lawyer in the director’s department to organizational development manager for the administration’s change process. In 2001 he was appointed Chief Executive Director for the city management. Today he is responsible for all internal affairs of its 30 departments, more than 3,500 employees and its budget of over 1,13 Billion Euros per year. This includes managing ongoing programs and services to improve efficiency and efficacy and ensuring executive, governance and legal security for the city administration.

City of Graz, Austria

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STEP-HEAR, Israel
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Municipal Accessibility Index, Israel

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Disability Rights Promotion International, Canada

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Open Inclusion, United Kingdom

Klaus HÖCKNER
Klaus Höckner is a member of the board of the Austrian Association Supporting the Blind and Visually Impaired (Hilfsgemeinschaft der Blinden und Sehschwachen Österreichs) based in Vienna. Having more than 4400 members, the Hilfsgemeinschaft is the leading organisation representing and helping visually impaired persons in Austria. Klaus annually organises, within the framework of the organisation Accessible Media, the A-Day, an event where more than 250 persons of the german-speaking community working with accessibility meet together. Klaus has been working for more than 14 years in the field of accessibility, especially with regards to ICT and standardisation. He is also a member of various working groups as well as participating in many conferences and projects in this context on an European (i.e. in the European Disability Forum EDF) and inter/national level.

Hilfsgemeinschaft der Blinden und Sehschwachen Österreichs, Austria

Hannes HOFER
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Monopolverwaltungs GmbH, Austria

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Kurier, Austria
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Rodrigo Mendes Institute, Brazil

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Complutense University of Madrid, Ecuador

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Fylkesmannen (County governor Norway), Norway

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Drake University – The Harkin Institute for Public Policy and Citizen Engagement, USA

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Beit Issie Shapiro, Israel
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*MIRAIRO, Japan*

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**Dimitri KANEVSKY**

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*Google, USA*

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**Shilpi KAPOOR**

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*Barrierbreak Solutions Ltd., India*

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*ITU – International Telecommunication Union*

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*ATDO – Assistive Technology Development Organization, Japan*
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*Wayfindr, United Kingdom, United Kingdom*

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*Director Data at European Commission- DG CONNECT, Belgium*

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*Bangladesh Business & Disability Network, Bangladesh*

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*OrCam, Israel*

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*equalizent Schulungs- und Beratungs GmbH, Austria*

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*United States Department of State, USA*
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World Access for the Blind, USA

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JDC - American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Israel

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City of Oslo, Department of Primary Health and Social Affairs, Norway

Rotraut KRALL
Rotraut Krall attained her doctoral degree in 1984 in History of Art and History at the University of Vienna, Austria. She has been working in the department for education in the Kunsthistorisches Museum Wien since then. Starting 2010, Krall has been responsible for inclusive art education with the focus on people with visual impairment. Additionally, Krall has been taking on numerous study trips in inland and abroad for the Association of the Friends of the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna, Austria and other cultural associations lectureship in Art History for adult education.

KHM – Kunsthistorisches Museum Wien, Austria

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Wiener Linien, Austria

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Intellectual Disability” and “Die UN – Behindertenrechtskonvention in der Praxis”. Prior to the positions he currently has, Lachwitz has been a member of the following in Belgium: Human Rights Committee of the European Disability Forum (EDF), Board of Inclusion Europe, and the Council of The International League of Societies for Persons with Mental Handicap.

**IDA – International Disability Alliance**

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*Visit Flanders, Belgium*

### Sylvana LAKKIS

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*LPHU – Lebanese Physical Handicapped Union / DPI Arab region, Libanon*

### Sophie LANCTOT

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*Société Logique, Canada*

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### Jenny LINDSTRÖM BEIJAR

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*Our Normal, Sweden*
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Poses Family Foundation, USA

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Helm Egypt, Egypt

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South Africa Department of Transport – Universal Design in Public Transport, South Africa
**Ofer MANDELBERG**

Ofer Mandelberg, Make-Sense VP Marketing & Sales proven track record in successfully leading marketing strategy and sales operation in big organizations and start-ups Expert in digital marketing & growth hacking

*Make Sense, Israel*

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*Light for the World, Austria*

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**Antonio-Luis MARTINEZ-PUJALTE**

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*Universidad Miguel Hernandez de Elche, Spain*

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**Matthew MCCANN**

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*Access Earth, Ireland*

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**Charlotte MCCLAIN-NHLAPO**

Charlotte McClain-Nhlapo is the Global Disability Advisor for the World Bank Group. Her work at the Bank focuses on disability inclusive development under its twin goals to end poverty and promote shared prosperity. As Disability Advisor, she supports operational teams across the institution to ensure that Bank policies, programs and projects are disability inclusive. Her responsibilities include: leading the production of analytical products; analyzing and articulating Bank policy on disability and development. In 2011 as a well-respected human rights lawyer in disability and child rights advocate, she was appointed by President Obama to lead USAID's work on disability inclusive development, from developing policies and country strategies to technical assistance for program implementation.

*World Bank Group, USA*

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**Iain MCKINNON**

Iain is co-founder and Director of Inclusive Design for the Global Disability Innovation Hub (GDI Hub) and the Inclusive Design lead for London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) responsible for Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. A member of the UK's National Register of Access Consultants (NRAC), Iain has experience providing inclusive design advice on a vast range of projects; from complex masterplans, new and existing buildings, products right through to the operational aspects of venues and live events; often forging creative and innovative solutions. Having spent his entire career to date in this area, part of Iain's work with the GDI Hub is to help change the way all designers including; architects, urban, product, service, digital, fashion, graphic designers view and approach design for people. Iain is a strong advocate for embracing and mainstreaming the needs of disabled people and older people to help deliver far richer end results that ultimately benefit all of us throughout our lives.

*Global Disability Innovation Hub, United Kingdom*
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Liam McMunn is the Environmental, Health and Safety Manager and Access Officer for the Central Bank of Ireland. With over 20 years’ experience in risk and change management, his latest achievements include helping to deliver the bank’s new headquarters building, in North Wall Quay, Dublin. This building has already won a national award for universal design.

Central Bank of Ireland, Ireland

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Jürgen Menze is a Disability Inclusion Officer at the International Labour Organization (ILO). He provides advice to ILO’s constituents and partners as well as to its staff on how to promote the rights of persons with disabilities in the world of work. As part of this, he supports the ILO Global Business and Disability Network, a unique employers-led worldwide network of multinational companies, national employers’ organizations, business networks and disabled people's organizations.

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Marius MEWS

Dr. Marius Mews joined PIKSL in 2016 where he works as consultant for business modeling and research. Prior to this he was involved in a project for a consulting firm in Berlin which aligned on the consultation of integration companies. He held a substitute junior professorship for Business Management with focus on Social Investment at the University of Hamburg. There he also obtained his doctoral degree during his research at the chair for Management of Public, Private and Nonprofit Organizations. Dr. Mews also holds a diploma in Business Management with the main compartments in banking and logistics.

PIKSL – In der Gemeinde leben GmbH, Germany

Ricki MEYER

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Exceptional Lives, Inc, USA

Linda MIESEN

The French design agency Tactile Studio offers museums a creative inclusive approach to cultural mediation. Linda joined the team in 2016, after completing a Master in Art History and having collected several work experiences in museums and art galleries in New York, Paris and Berlin. At Tactile Studio, she is the first contact for a museum that wants to become more accessible, with more or less concrete ideas. Her personal interest and also a doctoral research project focuses on relief images of visual art: The possibilities of universal design to deliver an aesthetic experience of art.

Tactile Studio Österreich, Austria

Klaus MIESENBERGER


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Mobile & Wireless Forum (MWF), GARI

Neil MILLIKEN
Neil Milliken is Head of Accessibility & Inclusion at Atos His role is to help make the world a better place by delivering better technology for customers and staff, embedding inclusive practice into the processes of organisations with thousands of employees and turnovers of billions. Neil delivers strategy and services working with a wide range of clients helping them to develop policies, processes and technology solutions to meet the needs of their staff and customers. He is the Atos representative on the Business Disability Forum Technology Task Force. Neil is also an invited expert for the W3C Cognitive Accessibility Taskforce & member of the Atos Scientific Community. He is co-founder of AXSChat Europe's largest twitter chat with a focus on Accessibility & Inclusion.
Atos, United Kingdom

Hector MINTO
Hector Minto leads on the topic of accessibility for Microsoft in Europe, where he engages with customers, the Microsoft workforce and other stakeholders to showcase inclusive design, product accessibility, the inclusive hiring program and innovation from Microsoft Research. Additionally, Hector has worked on UK government focus groups and inquiries for AAC (Alternative and Augmentative Communication) and AT (Assistive Technology), and led projects on gesture technology, eye-tracking, home automation and telecare. A critical function within Hector’s role is to learn from Microsoft customers how to adapt to the changing needs of the diverse population we support, providing feedback directly to our product and service delivery teams. He is a regular contributor to accessibility events promoting inclusion and the huge opportunity it presents to society and its organisations.
Microsoft Inc. UK, United Kingdom

Raul MONTIEL
Raúl Montiel is the Executive Director of Foundation Saraki. As a founder member, he has been involved in the development of the early high impact projects, and continues to be involved today. His previous experiences as head of private sector companies working along with the government, allowed him to assume a great part of the responsibilities of the administrative management. Also he was able to serve as the connection between the board of directors and the different managements of the foundation.
Fundacion Saraki, Paraguay

Mohammed MUHIT
Prof. Muhit has a vast experience in health and disability sector in Bangladesh and globally. In addition to that, Prof. Muhit has gained 7 years of teaching experience in London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and University of South Asia, Bangladesh. Prof. Muhit has taught on international eye health and disability courses in Netherlands, Germany, UK, USA, Australia and India. He is also visiting the faculty of University of London. Currently he is developing his research interest into more broadly on disabilities in children. Prof. Muhit has been awarded by APAO (Distinguished Service Award 2007), OSB (M. A. Matin Gold Medal 2008) and Australian Government (Australian Leadership Fellowship Award 2013). Around 50 scientific papers published in international journal and 80 abstract presented in international conferences and seminars through Prof. Muhit’s research findings.
Asian Institute of Disability and Development (AIDD)
Apollo MUKASA

Mukasa Apollo, being the only disabled person from the family of 12, gave him the determination to work hard and study in order to make a positive contribution to the society especially on the lives of PWDs. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Mass Communication from Makerere University (Uganda) and a Master’s in International Development and Social Change from Clark University (USA). While working with Uganda National Action on Physical Disability (UNAPD), Mukasa led the process of developing the first ever Accessibility Standards in East Africa, which were launched by the government of Uganda in 2010 as a national document. Currently, Mukasa is the Executive Director of UNAPD, and working together with the Ministry of Works and Transport and other relevant stakeholders in the process of developing the regulations for the Building Control Act.

Uganda National Action on Physical Disability, Uganda

Pooja MUKUL

Dr. Pooja Mukul, a Rehabilitation Medicine Physician, is Director of Jaipur Foot Organization, the largest NGO in the world, working for people with locomotor disabilities. She designs high performance, user-centric, affordable artificial limbs. The “Polycentric Jaipur Knee” developed in collaboration with Stanford University featured in the Time Magazine as one of the 50 best inventions of the world for 2009. She received the Indo-US Science & Technology Forum (2013), Wellcome Trust (2014) award for Affordable Healthcare & is a GES 2016 Fellow. She is spearheading humanitarian initiatives that provide artificial limbs in war torn nations across the developing world.

Jaipur Foot Organization (BMVSS), India

Yousef MUTAWE

Yousef Mutawe, Chief Operating Officer. Yousef leads the improvement of the operations within Zain Jordan as well as the long-term technology vision of the company including network improvements and the designed allocations of its resources. Yousef served as the CTO, where he managed all the engineering and technical development efforts, focused on systems processes, including network maintenance programs. Throughout his telecom career, Yousef has served in numerous positions, including Manager-Core Network, where he led his team to superior performance in switching and VAS. His incorporation of network optimization practices and deployment of multi-technology resulted in cost reductions and superior coverage never before experienced. Yousef’s breakthrough work to support the network record-setting achievements is noteworthy.

Zain Jordan, Jordan

Yael NEEMAN

As the head of service and patient experience at Assuta Medical Centers, Yael strives to be a leader in the human experience by honoring our patients, and caregivers. Yael is investing in relationship-centered care, and creating meaningful experiences for all. She has gained over fourteen years of senior management experience in large organizations. Alongside that, Yael takes full responsibility for service policies and customer relations strategies within all customer interfaces, successfully increasing customer loyalty, growth and business success.

Assuta Medical Centers, Israel

Ilisa NELWAN

Ilisa Nelwan worked for West Java Province Family Health Program when she was involved in Suryakanti Child Development Chart in 1996. Ilisa helped Suryakanti Foundation spread the chart throughout West Java in 2000. Later Ilisa served as advisor for WHO Health System South East Asia Regional Office and Indonesian Health Policy Network. Ilisa believes that Suryakanti Child Development Toolkit is useful for improving parenting skill and thus preventing disability due to caring and raring pattern in community.

Suryakanti Foundation, Indonesia
Nurit NEUSTADT-NOY

Nurit Neustadt-Noy has been involved in the field of Education and Rehabilitation of Blind and visually impaired persons in a few areas and developed a number of expertise during the years. Neustadt-Noy graduated in Social Work in 1966 and trained as a Orientation and Mobility specialist (O&M), or as it is titled at Boston College where she graduated as a Peripatologist in 1972. In 1988 she earned her Ph.D. in Public Health Administration. Based in Israel, Neustadt-Noy offers services to blindness service organizations on a national and international scale. Furthermore, she is involved in direct service provision, teaching and training, consultation and taking part on board activities with a few national and international organizations. Neustadt-Noy published over 50 articles, wrote chapter in books and edited books on education and rehabilitation of visual impairment and blindness.

*Consultation and Rehabilitation Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Persons, Israel*

Jessica NGUYEN

Writer and coder Jessica Nguyen has worked with Jason DaSilva at AXS Lab to manage and improve the technical elements in creating and managing AXS Lab's software, products, and team.

*AXS Lab, USA*

Yetnebersh NIGUSSIE

Yetnebersh is a 35-year old Ethiopian lawyer and works for the international disability and development organisation Light for the World. She is an advocate for the rights enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRDP). Losing her eye sight at the age of five, she was raised in rural Ethiopia only escaping early marriage due to the existing belief in her community that her blindness would not make her a suitable wife. Her mother insisted that she get an education instead. At school she learned what inclusion really means. Overcoming social and institutional barriers, she graduated from Addis Ababa University as one of the first three female blind law students in Ethiopia. Prior to working at Light for the World, she co-founded the Ethiopian Centre for Disability and Development (ECDD), with its overall strategy to make mainstream services such as education, health or livelihood inclusive to persons with disabilities.

*Light for the World – Ethiopia, Ethiopia*

Yuriko ODA

Yuriko Oda was diagnosed with distal myopathy/GNE Myopathy in 2002. She is the president of an NPO corporation called PADM (Patients Association for Distal Myopathies), an executive committee member of TREAT – NMD Alliance and the 2016 Youth Leader Award laureate. Yuriko Oda owns a YouTube channel called “Wheelchair Walker” through which she shares information about the wheelchair-accessibility of the places she visits. Additionally, she created an application called “Wheellog”, through which, from the perspective of a wheelchair user, she selects and shares relevant information, while also modifying the application functions and participating in public relations activities. Her publications include the book “Since I am not alone, I am OK.”, a DVD “Walker – The way of me” and others.

*PADM, Japan*

Amela ODOBASIC

Amela Odobasic heads the Public Affairs Division of Communications Regulatory Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina since 2001. Since September 2014, Amela is actively participating in the work of ITU-D Study Group Question 7/1 on “Access to telecommunications/ICT Services by persons with disabilities and with specific needs” as one of the co-rapporteurs. Furthermore, she has been nominated a Vice-Chair of SG1 for the mandate 2018-2021. Nationally and regionally, she devises and implements advocacy campaigns and training on ICT accessibility. She believes that by joining forces in creating the accessible ICT ecosystem, the stakeholders can ensure digital and social inclusion not only for persons with disabilities but all citizens.

*Communication Regulatory Agency Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bosnia and Herzegovina*
Katy O’REILLY
Katy has worked in the disability services sector for over ten years, most recently joining Open Doors Organization (ODO) as the Program Coordinator in 2015. Prior to joining ODO, she worked directly with individuals with disabilities as a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist where she coordinated community integration programs to enhance independence and social skills while in a community setting. Since joining ODO, Katy has worked closely with businesses in the aviation and transportation industries to enhance their services for individuals with disabilities through employee training and consultation on accessible design and regulatory compliance.

Open Doors Organization Chicago, USA

Bastienne PALIZ VON HOESSLIN
Senior consultant in the fields of public – private partnerships and value chain development with small producer associations. Bastienne holds a Masters Degree in Sustainable Resource Management from the Technical University of Munich (TUM) and has worked for different private and public organizations, such as the German Technical Organisation (GIZ), Belgian Development Agency (CBT), Corporation for Export and Investment Promotion (CORPEI), among others. Bastienne is also a private entrepreneur being a co-founder of Ecuador’s only wheelchair accessible Amazon Lodge “Huasquila” and the accessible travel agency “Southamérica For All”, which offers accessible tours in Ecuador (including the Galapagos Islands), Peru and Argentina. Bastienne is also vicepresident of Foundation “AM-EN” which offers integral rehabilitation based on hipotherapy for children with mental and physical disabilities.

South America For All, Ecuador

Manfred PALLINGER
Pallinger is Head of Division IV at the Austrian Federal Ministry of Social Affairs and has held a leading position in the ministry since 1988. He has responsibilities for long-term care, disability issues and social compensation law. Pallinger is co-author of publications in long-term care and disability issues and holds a Masters in Law.

Austrian Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Austria

Ron PAUSTIAN
Ron Paustian was born in 1977. At the age of 20 years, he fell ill with a mental illness and has since been considered a person with a disability. Despite his disability, Ron Paustian wanted to attend a concert in 2009. Due to missing of information, he founded the first music magazine on Disability and Metal worldwide and in 2015 he established “Inklusion Muss Laut Sein”, a buddy service for people with disabilities. Currently there are 1500 people working as volunteers for “Inklusion Muss Laut Sein”, and in 2017 they gathered over 500 accompaniments.

Inklusion Muss Laut Sein gUG, Germany

Michael PERRY
Michael Perry is the Executive Vice President of Progressive AE, a full-service architectural firm with offices in Grand Rapids MI, and Charlotte NC. Michael served as the Principal Architect on the Mary Free Bed YMCA, the first building to be certified by the Global Universal Design Commission for its implementation of Universal Design standards. The new facility, which has experienced exceptional member growth and national recognition, allows people of all abilities the opportunity to participate in health and wellness activities. Through Michael’s leadership, Progressive AE has become a leader in the application of Universal Design in built environments. He continues to speak and write about Universal Design and currently serves on the Board of the Global Universal Design Commission.

Progressive AE, USA
Maureen PIGGOT

Maureen Piggot is the President of Inclusion Europe and Treasurer of the European Disability Forum. She has been involved with organisations of and for people with intellectual disability at national and international level since the early 1970’s. Maureen has gained vast experience of advocacy in different contexts, for different groups and in many areas of life. Throughout her time as Director of Mencap Northern Ireland, Maureen was responsible for developing and managing a range of services for children, young people, adults and families. From 1990 to 2014, as Director of Mencap, she led advocacy campaigns on deinstitutionalisation, the right to vote, equality of health care, the recognition of Hate Crime amongst others. In 2008 Maureen was awarded an Order of the British for her advocacy work.

Inclusion Europe, United Kingdom

Linda PERRY

Presenter Linda Perry is the Executive Director of Vela Microboard Association of Canada – ‘Vela’. During her 45+ year career she has worked in a variety of college settings and leadership capacities with and for people with physical and developmental challenges. Over 28 years of Linda’s life work have been spent with Vela. During this time she as assisted with the creation of over 1,200 Microboards in British Columbia, as well as consulting on projects in other parts of Canada, the United States, Australia, the U.K. and Ireland. A Microboard is defined as, "... a small – Micro – group of committed family and friends who join with the person to create a small non-governmental organization – board. Together they assist the individual to plan his/her life using a person-centered philosophy and ensuring self-direction is honored.

Vela Microboard Association, Canada

Victor PINEDA

Dr. Victor Pineda is an urban planner, social entrepreneur, speaker and globally recognized human rights advocate. He is also an adjunct professor and consultant on policy, planning and development. Dr. Pineda’s work focuses on urban resilience, inclusion and sustainability. He founded the Pineda Foundation / World Enabled, a global non-profit that promotes the rights of people with disabilities. He was recently appointed by President Obama to serve on the US Access Board. Dr. Pineda holds a PhD in Urban Planning from UCLA.

Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies and Environments (GAATES), USA

Marco PIZZIO

Marco Pizzio is Head of Social & Accessible Tourism at AISM (Property Management, MiCE, Tour Operating, Projects Management, www.aism.it; www.europewithoutbarriers.eu), and member of the Board of Directors of ENAT (European Network for Accessible Tourism, www.accessibletourism.org). He holds degrees from the University of Turin in Business Administration, University of Genoa in Political Science and a Master in "Design and Management of Tourism Destinations." He worked as a product manager at Omnitel (now Vodafone Italy), started his own business in the United States (San Diego and New York) as “Freedom Tour” and worked at American Express Italy as director of the Travel Service Network.

Associazione Italiana Sclerosi Multipla, Italy

Inmaculada PLACENCIA PORRERO

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European Commission, Belgium
Karl PLETSCHKO
Karl was born in Klagenfurt (Carinthia), the southern part of Austria. He has a Master’s degree in Business Economics from the Vienna University of Economics, Telematics and e-Business Management from Danube University of Krems and an Executive MBA in strategic leadership from Alaska Pacific University. Before founding MOPIUS, Karl worked for several years in the telecommunication and digitalization business industries for companies like Nokia, A1, Telekom Austria and others. Karl loves technology and is passionate about making great things happen, things that matter to people and improve their everyday lives.

Mopius Mobile GmbH, Austria

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ÖZIV Federal Association, Interest Group for People with Disabilities, Austria

Marek PLURA
Marek Plura was born on 18 of July 1970 in Raciborz. He is married with two children. Since birth he has been suffering from a progressive muscle dystrophy. He graduated from WSFP “Ignatianum” in Kraków as well as from postgraduate studies in psychotherapy at Sliask University in Katowice. In 2007 he was elected Member of the Polish parliament – Sejm where he chaired the disability subcommittee. In 2014 he was elected Member of the European Parliament, he seats in the EMPL Committee and in TRAN Committee. He is a Vice Chair of the European Parliaments Disability Intergroup. Strong promoter of Silesian heritage. In 2012 he was awarded the Order of the Smile.

European Parliament, Belgium

Birendra Raj POKHAREL

ADRAD Nepal – Action on Disability Rights And Development, Nepal

Selma PRODANOVIC
Selma Prodanovic is an internationally awarded entrepreneur, angel investor, and philanthropist. She is passionate about empowering people and creating the future. Named Startup-Grande-Dame by the media, she is famous for her influence and her ability to identify, create, and connect business potential. Selma is founder of 1MillionStartups, the pioneering startup-visibility platform dedicated to globally promoting and supporting entrepreneurs towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and initiator of the Global Entrepreneurship Declaration.

Brainswork, Austria

Shanti RAGHAVAN
Shanti Raghavan is the Founder and Managing Trustee of Enable India, a Non-Profit Organization established in 1999, working for economic independence and dignity of persons with disabilities. She started Enable India due to experiences with her brother, who started going blind at the age of 15. She has over 16 years of grassroots experiences, working across 11 disabilities. She is also an Ashoka Fellow, a social entrepreneur who has pioneered disability livelihood models, methodologies and frameworks and innovative workplace solutions. Enable India has opened up more than 272 jobs across 27 sectors where persons with disabilities are earning a starting salary from Rs. 66000 to 18 lakhs per annum, and their work has reached 359 locations in 28 states.

Enable India, India
Deepak RAJ SAPKOTA
Deepak Raj Sapkota is currently the Executive Director of Karuna Foundation in Nepal. Prior to his current role, he was the Country Director of Karuna Foundation INGO for eight years. He also served as a chairperson of the Association of INGO's in Nepal during the year 2014-2015. He has also worked for Nepalese Children's Organizations for eight years and was appointed to be the Executive Director for five years of the Central Child Welfare Board, a statutory body for child welfare in Nepal, by the Council of Ministers of Nepal. Mr. Sapkota’s experience and expertise lies in childhood disability prevention, community based rehabilitation, insurance, and inclusive development in a holistic and sustainable manner.

Karuna Foundation, Nepal

Stelio RAMOS
Stelio Ramos, 32 years old, graduated in Anthropology in 2011 at Eduardo Mondlane University. Stelio has been working as Inclusion Officer in the LIGHT FOR THE WORLD Offices in Mozambique since 2015. His work is focused on ensuring that the vocational training center is inclusive for people with disabilities. In addition, his task is to provide technical support to improve the social and architectural accessibility of the Young Africa Vocational Training Center.

Light for the World, Mozambique

Bob RANSOM
Founder, first Executive Director and presently Senior Advisor, Ethiopian Center for Disability and Development (ECDD), a local CSO promoting, facilitating and building organizational capacity for disability inclusive development – the inclusion of persons with disabilities and their families in mainstream service delivery and development programs in Ethiopia. Senior Program Advisor for the ECDD-USAID Inclusive Skills Training and Employment Program (ISTEP). Advisor to the African Disability Forum (ADF), the Pan African membership organization of national, sub-regional and continental organizations of persons with disabilities (DPOs). Previously Africa Regional Advisor on Vocational Rehabilitation, then Senior Disability Specialist with the International Labour Organization (ILO), 1986-2005.

ECDD – Ethiopian Center for Disability and Development, Ethiopia

Thierry REGENASS
Thierry Regenass was born in Geneva, Switzerland, and has over 25 years of experience in international affairs, ranging from humanitarian and development issues to diplomacy and sport diplomacy. From 1989 to 1993 he was a delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), for which he held different assignments in the field and at headquarters. In 1994 he joined the Swiss diplomatic service, with postings in Bangkok, Washington, DC, Nairobi, as well as at the Department of Foreign Affairs in Bern, where he served as Deputy Head of the division for Africa and the Middle East. In 2008 he was the diplomatic adviser to the Swiss President Mr. Pascal Couchepin. Thierry Regenass holds a Master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and from the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva. Thierry was appointed Executive Director of MoveAbility in January 2017.

ICRC MoveAbility Foundation, Switzerland

Donal RICE
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National Disability Authority of Ireland, Ireland
Paul RICHARDS
Paul is the director and founder of the UK charity Stay Up Late. He has also worked for Think Local Act Personal as their National Co-Production Advisor and has a background in developing creative ways for people to be able to shape their support services. He has also worked as a support worker and managed a group home for adults with profound and multiple learning disabilities, and is a passionate advocate for equal rights for people with learning disabilities.
Stay Up Late, United Kingdom

Michal RIMON
Michal Rimon, Adv is the CEO of Access Israel. Access Israel is the first and only non-profit organization in Israel dedicated to promoting accessibility and inclusion for the more than 18% of the population in Israel with all types of disabilities (1.6 million people) and another 11% of the population in Israel who are elderly. Prior to joining Access Israel, Michal was the spokesperson for Ambassadors Dore Gold and Dr. Yehuda Lankri at the Israeli Mission to the UN. She later worked as a lawyer for M-Systems and SanDisk. In 2007, she started working at Access Israel as a General Counsel and later established the Education and Training Department in the organization. In 2011, she became the CEO of Access Israel leading the organization in its activities in Israel and Abroad.
Access Israel, Israel

Marcia RIOUX
Dr. Marcia Rioux is a legal scholar with extensive experience in community based participatory research in the areas of human rights, health and social justice, particularly around international disability rights. Dr. Rioux is a Distinguished Research Professor in the School of Health Policy and Management and teaches Critical Disability Studies, and Health Policy and Equity at York University in Toronto, Canada. She is the Director of Disability Rights Promotion International, a multi-year project to monitor disability rights nationally and internationally. She has provided leadership in developing and implementing disability rights, monitoring methodology, and disability rights based indicators. She has also been an advisor to Canadian federal and provincial commissions, parliamentary committees, and international NGO's as well as United Nations agencies.
York University Canada, Canada

Marta RIPOLLES
Marta Ripollés is currently, and for two years now, the Deputy Director of the Special Employment Center of the Prodis Foundation. Before that she worked as Production Manager of the Special Employment Center. She works hand in hand with people with intellectual disabilities with the target of improving the quality of life of workers with special needs. She has a degree in Law from the University of Alcalá de Henares of Madrid. She also holds the title of Lawyer of the Ecclesiastical Court. She has worked internationally organizing sports events. She is mother of three children; the eldest has Down Syndrome, so her motivation is professional but above all, personal.
Fundacion Prodis, Spain

Brendan ROACH
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Business Disability Forum, United Kingdom

Birgit ROTHENBERG
Dr. Birgit Rothenberg (1955) is an activist of the German independent living movement and member of “disability studies in Deutschland”. Working at Technical University of Dortmund she is responsible for the office disability and study. She is engaged for a long time as a volunteer in the managing comitee of a local independent living organisation, MOBILE-Selbstbestimmtes Leben Behindert e.V. This association MOBILE organizes Personal Assistance, offers an independtly working Counselling Service and supports
persons with intellectual disabilities (some of them with children) to live in a flat of their own. For some years now MOBILE also works as a regional independent living center commissioned by the government of Nordrhein-Westfalia. For some years now MOBILE also supports a young local People-First-Group.

*University of Dortmund, Germany*

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Henry Mejia Royet is the Director of the National Federation of the Deaf of Colombia, the main organization for people with disabilities in Colombia. He gained experience in administration, public policy in disability, and in coaching groups in areas such as leadership, human rights, and construction of public policy in disability. He also serves as a trainer and lecturer on issues related to persons with disabilities at both a national and international level. In addition to that, he is the Director of the Regional Secretariat for South America of the World Federation of the Deaf. Mejia Royet is considered to be an expert in socio-educational, legal, labor, and access to information and communication issues of people with disabilities.

*FENASCOL – Federacion Nacional de Sordos de Colombia, Columbia*

**Ann-Marit SÆBONES**

Ms Ann-Marit Sæbones represents the city of Oslo. She is the leader of the Council for people with disabilities. Ann-Marit was the first appointed health and social ombudsman in Oslo, director of the Norwegian Directorate for Children, Youth and Family Affairs and has been and a former Mayor. She also has a lot of experience with the CRDP and UN.

*Consultant, Norway*

**Diana SAMARASAN**

Diana Samarasas is the Founding Executive Director of the Disability Rights Fund and the Disability Rights Advocacy Fund – which are collaborations between the global disability community and donors to resource the disability rights movement in Africa, Asia, Pacific and the Caribbean. Diana has over 25 years of experience in disability, international health, and human rights. Previously, Diana directed the Mental Disability Advocacy Center, a legal advocacy organization in Budapest, Hungary, which litigates abuses of rights of persons with disabilities in institutions. She also worked with the American Refugee Committee and Doctors of the World, addressing issues such as access of vulnerable populations to reproductive health services, tuberculosis control, and deinstitutionalization. A graduate of Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government, Diana has advanced degrees in Public Administration and Psychology. Diana is a member of the Steering Committees of Opportunity Collaboration.

*Disability Rights Fund, USA*

**Amelie SAUPE**

Amelie joined the Zero Project Team as researcher of Innovative Practices in 2013. In 2018 she was again responsible for the research on social indicators to measure the implementation of UN CRPD globally within the Zero Project. Previously Amelie worked for a global logistics company in Shanghai, China, and as Project Manager for a non-profit foundation in Switzerland. Amelie has experience within international affairs in different thematic areas and approaches. She received her degree in Political Sciences and Philosophy from Vienna University in 2006. Since 2014 Amelie is living in Tokyo, Japan, and is acting as representative of the Zero Project, building new partnerships, broadening the network within Asia Pacific region and identifying new opportunities.

*Essl Foundation, Austria/Japan*

**Barbara SCHINNERL**

Barbara Schinnerl is currently working in the Caritas for people with disabilities in Leonding (Linz). She attained her Bachelor studies of science of education in Vienna, Austria. After working several years in the social field between France and Austria she took up her Master's degree in Lyon, France. The focus of her studies and of her working experiences in the past, as well as her actual working situation has always been the inclusion of people with disabilities.

*Caritas Linz, Austria*
Christian SCHOBER

Dr Christian Schober is head of Competence Center for Nonprofit Organizations and Social Entrepreneurship at the WU Vienna (Vienna University of Economics and Business). During the last 15 years he has led numerous applied research projects in the field of impact measurement and evaluation of civil society organisations and social services. He cofounded the Austrian Social Impact User Group and was member of the Austrian NPO-Governance working group. Furthermore he is responsible for leadership trainings at a number of NPOs. His research interests lie in the areas of (Economic) Evaluation, Social Impact Measurement, Finance of NPOs and Governance of NPOs. Topics in the field of long term care and people with disabilities are in the focus of his work. He led several research projects with participation of people with disabilities.

WU – Wirtschaftsuniversitaet Wien, NPO Institut, Austria

Fredric SCHROEDER

Dr. Schroeder is the President of the World Blind Union, an organization representing the needs of the estimated 253 million blind and partially sighted people around the globe. Before expanding his work to the international stage, Dr. Schroeder had a long history of advocacy in the United States at the local, state and national levels. In 1994, President Bill Clinton appointed Dr. Schroeder to serve as the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration – the federal agency that provides the majority of the funding for employment and independent living services for people with disabilities in the U.S. Today, Dr. Schroeder is a research professor in the San Diego State University.

WBU – World Blind Union

Lara SCHWELLER

Lara Schweller is the Coordinator for Community and Access Programs at The Museum of Modern Art. The Museum of Modern Art’s Community and Access Programs are committed to making exceptional arts programming and the Museum’s collection accessible to all visitors. Lara works on accessibility across the Museum, collaborating with staff to ensure building and exhibition accessibility as well as staff training. Lara focuses on the Museum’s award-winning education programming for individuals with a range of disabilities. Lara also serves as the co-chair of the Museum Access Consortium (MAC), an association that works to strengthen best practices for access and inclusion throughout New York. Lara holds a PhD from The University of California, Irvine and a B.A. from Harvard University.

MOMA – Museum of Modern Art, USA

Susan SCOTT-PARKER

Susan Scott-Parker OBE, is a creative thought leader on how to mobilise business leadership worldwide behind the economic and social inclusion of people with disabilities. She is the Founder of Business Disability Forum (UK) and its Technology Taskforce; of business disability international and its Global Procurement Taskforce. Susan also sits on the steering group for the Global Action on Disability network. In 2013 Susan ‘invented’ the concept and language of ‘Disability Confidence’ – in the knowledge that if we can change the way people talk about the world, we make it easier to change the world. She continues to connect leaders from her extensive multi-stakeholder network, enabling new conversations between business, persons with disabilities and public policy makers.

BDI – Business Disability International, United Kingdom

Dorji Tsering SHERPA

Dorji Tsering Sherpa, born on April 2, 1955 in Namche Bazaar, Solukhumbu of Nepal. His education qualification is Intermediate in Science (I.Sc). Sherpa's profession was in Travel, Trekking and Airlines operator since 1974-2010. Presently, he is founding Chairman of the SKY Memorial Foundation – Nepal (www.skymemorialfoundation.org). The organization is involved in education, health service and basic income generating works in the remote villages of Nepal. SKY is also involved in Inclusive Humanitarian Aid, supporting the needs, accessibilities and empowering the physically disabled men and women.

SKY Memorial Foundation, Nepal
Hironobu SHIBUYA

Prior to assuming his current positions, he served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Save the Children Japan for seven years. Previously he worked in a number of international organizations, including, senior advisor to the Executive Director of UNICEF, special advisor at the Earth Summit in 1992, and in his earlier career with the United Nations, his appointments included, serving as the director of the UN Information Center and head of the New York Office of the UN University. In between his tenures at the UN, he helped establish the US-Japan Foundation where he was the first Executive Director, and also as the CEO of Dentsu Burson-Marsteller, a joint venture of the world's leading communications agencies. His public services in the past include serving on the boards of Helen Keller International, Save the Children, the Earth Council UN Secretary-General’s advisory committee on communications and the advisory board on Private Public Partnerships of JICA, among others.

Nippon Foundation, Thailand

Tracey SHIPMAN

Tracey, a certified Project Management Professional, has taken part as an integral team member of some of the largest and most complicated infrastructure projects planned and implemented in Canada. Joining GAATES in April of 2017, she applies her extensive knowledge of project and program management to lead the various teams in internal operations, programming, and project initiatives. Specific accomplishments of 2017 include the recent launch of the International Certification of Accessibility Consultants – Built Form program and updating the Country Representative Program, including a Toolkit to standardize activities of the organization.

GAATES – Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies and Environments, Canada

Martha STICKINGS

Martha Stickings works as a researcher managing projects in the Equality Sector of the Agency’s Equality and Citizens’ Rights Department. Her areas of expertise with respect to the FRA’s work include: the rights of persons with disabilities, discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity, non-discrimination, fundamental rights indicators and social research and analysis. Prior to joining the FRA, she held a number of research-related roles in international organisations and NGOs, notably in the areas of freedom from torture, community security and social cohesion, institutional fragility, gender and network-building. She studied politics and sociology and holds an MA in international studies, with a focus on the EU.

FRA – EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, Austria

Irna SUSRIANTI

After finishing her Master’s degree in Economics and Finance in Germany, Irna Susrianti went back to her hometown with the intention of supporting local government to implement the effective development strategy. Currently she is working as an economic expert in Aceh. Her field of activities are focused on economic development and poverty reduction related to many aspects such as environment, rural and women empowerment and the fulfillment of the rights of persons with disabilities. She is in the position to propose development policy recommendations to the local decision makers.

FKM BKA, Indonesia

Sue SWENSON

Sue Swenson was deputy and acting assistant secretary for special education and rehabilitative services in the Obama administration. The $16billion dollar office funds the development of data across disability types and ages in all States in addition to the basic service programs it runs. Under her leadership, the office mapped reports of the denial of rights to disabled students by school district across the country. In its previous form, the report was submitted as machine-readable data tables, garnering less than 1,000 views. The maps attracted more than 4 million views. Her office also funded a $20million project in artificial intelligence (AI) under her leadership. Previous to this, she was appointed to run the administration on developmental disabilities in the Clinton administration, where outcome measures were a key focus. She is an advocate for building data sets that are geocoded so they can be crossed with other data; for funding AI so that it can improve empathy and understanding of the needs of people with disabilities; and for serious efforts to address the policy implications and ethics of such data projects. Swenson will become president of Inclusion International at their World Congress in 2018.

Inclusion International, Canada
Syarifuddin SYARIFUDDIN

Syarifuddin, born in 1968, has been blind and has experienced hearing disorders since birth. Due to his father being an ordinary farmer with many children, Syarifuddin was only able to complete primary school. As a massager, Syarifuddin met many important clients and was therefore able to gain knowledge and build relationships. Since then he has been active in Disabled People's Organizations. After the Tsunami Aceh in 2004, having experienced loss, Syarifuddin does anything to advocate and support people with disabilities, as well as shed light on the dangers of disasters, and how to avoid and recover from them.

FKM BKA, Indonesia

Mark TRIEGLAFF

Mark has a B.S. in Outdoor and Therapeutic Recreation and M.S. in Park and Recreation Administration. Mark holds a certification as a Professional Associate with The National Association of ADA Coordinators for 18 years, and worked as the Access Coordinator for People with Disabilities at Brookfield Zoo. Mark also worked at LCM Architects as an Accessibility Specialist, working along side Jack Catlin, who was Chair of the Access Board during the development of the new 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines. Mark has also presented at both state and national conferences. Beginning in 2018, Mark has presented at 5 International conferences on Universal Design and his papers have been published in the UK and Israel.

ACT Services Inc., USA

Katherina TURNAUER

Turnauer is foundress and Chief Executive Officer of Vienna-based Katharina Turnauer Privatstiftung. She was Assistant to Bisoph Paul Ncilica SJ, for the opening of houses of Mother Teresa in the forum Easter Europe. Turnauer holds an MA in Theology from the Gregorian University in Rome and worked in client advisory at Christie's in London and then as an Independent Art Advisor. In 2000 she moved into Asset Management, working at ILAG in Vienna before founding Katharina Turnauer Privatstiftung. Since 2010 Turnauer has been President of Sinnstifter, a collection of six Austrian foundations supporting social projects in Austria and since 2014 has been the vice president of Verband für gemeinnütziges Stiften, representing and networking non-profit actors.

Katharina Turnauer Privatstiftung, Austria

Loïc VAN CUTSEM

Loïc studied International Business Management at UCL in Belgium and at the WU in Vienna. Before moving towards strategy and organizational consultancy, he started his career in marketing and finance in the telecom sector. His strong desire to combine his passion for social and environmental impact with his business background led him to becoming Director of Sustainability/CSR for the major Belgian telecom operator. As his passion for social entrepreneurship grew stronger, he co-created an accelerator for social enterprises embedded in a larger support ecosystem, called Oksigen. With Ashoka Austria/CEE, Loïc focuses mainly on developing the Impact Transfer Agency, that supports the transfer of proven social innovations into new geographies.

Impact Transfer by Ashoka, Austria

Monique VIEIRA

Architect and Urbanist graduated from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), an accessibility specialist and a member of the Accessibility Projects Group at UFRJ (Pro-access group UFRJ) since 2005. The graduation project had as its theme the integration of the urban center of the City of Nova Iguaçu / RJ through the accessibility and the total elimination of urbanistic barriers. Monique participated in the Group for the elaboration of the Accessibility Manual for the Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games – RIO 2016. She has worked in several accessibility projects in Brazil, Casa Acessivel in Salvador, Villa Lobos Museum in Rio de Janeiro, mapping of accessible routes in the City of Rio de Janeiro, adaptation of residencies for low income people, etc.

UFRJ
Corinne K. VINOPOL

Corinne K. Vinopol, Ph.D. is President of the Institute for Disabilities Research and Training, Inc. (IDRT). Under her leadership, the company was presented with a Tibbetts Award at the White House by the Small Business Administration for being a Model of Excellence in the Small Business Innovative Research program. Dr. Vinopol has been working in the field of deafness for over 45 years as a teacher, school administrator, college professor, training director, educational consultant, researcher, and special education process hearing officer. She has directed research and development projects for the United States Department of Education, the National Science Foundation, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and most recently United States Aid for International Development (USAID) in Morocco.

IDRT – Institute for Disabilities Research and Training, Inc., USA

Martin VOGELSANG

Martin is the Germany Country Representative of the European Venture Philanthropy Association (EVPA). He is currently also heading the German National Advisory Board on Impact Investing. The goal of this initiative is to create a viable ecosystem for Impact investing. Further, he spent several years in India setting up an incubator for start-up social enterprises. Martin is currently a managing partner of Social Synergy (http://sosynergy.org/) from Mumbai in India. The organization invests patient capital and on-the-ground technical advisory into its portfolio organizations, supporting them in developing and streamlining their business models and creating all-round social return. Before working in the impact space Martin had a long-standing career in the banking and strategic consulting business.

EVPA – European Venture Philanthropy Association, Belgium

Claudia WERNECK

As a writer, journalist and tireless defender of inclusion and accessibility, Werneck wrote fourteen books, sold 500,000 copies, and became the only author recommended simultaneously by UNESCO and UNICEF. Fifteen years ago she founded Escola de Gente – Comunicação em Inclusão, an NGO working for public policies to become inclusive practices, especially for the population that has a disability and lives in poverty. She won over 50 acknowledgements, such as the Human Rights Prize and the Cultural Merit Order, both from the Presidency of the Republic Brazil.

Escola de Gente, Comunicação em Inclusão, Brazil

Frances WEST

Frances West is the founder of FrancesWestCo, a company providing strategic digital inclusion and accessibility technology advice to help institutions achieve innovation and market expansion. Her in-depth knowledge comes from being IBM’s first Chief Accessibility Officer and holding a variety of global sales, marketing, alliance management and research executive positions. She is also the Chair of the Strategy & Development Committee of G3ict, a UN affiliated organization focused on IT inclusion. Frances was born in Taiwan and attended universities in Hong Kong and the US. She also holds an Honorary Doctor of Science degree from the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

FrancesWestCo, USA

Roxana WIDMER-ILIESCU

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ITU – International Telecommunication Union, Switzerland
Jan WULF-SCHNABEL

Jan Wulf-Schnabel is Managing Director of the Institute for Inclusive Education (affiliated to Kiel University) and Member of the Board of the Drachensee Foundation. With a three-year qualification the Institute enables people with so-called intellectual disabilities to convey their own expertise in universities. As qualified educational specialists they work on the regular job market and teach competently about their daily lives with disabilities to students, teachers, professional and managerial staff. Through their work professionals learn to put inclusion into practice.

Stiftung Drachensee, Germany

Sharon YEHESKEL-ORON

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Beit Issie Shapiro, Israel

Boaz ZILBERMAN

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Project-Ray, Israel

Ronit ZUR

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Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Social Services, Israel