

SPEAKERS

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER



ARTI AGRAWAL

University of Technology Sydney
Associate Professor and Director, Women in Engineering and IT

Dr. Agrawal joined UTS in January 2018 with her time split between roles of Associate Professor in the School of Electrical and Data Engineering, and Director of the Women in Engineering and IT programme. Previously Dr. Agrawal worked at University of London in the Department of Electrical Engineering. She was a Royal Society postdoctoral fellow, and her PhD was on modelling methods for optical components, completed at the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi. Dr. Agrawal's research interests lie in optics: modelling of photonic components such as solar cells, optical fibres, sensors, lasers etc. She is passionate about increasing the representation of women in Science and Engineering.



DONYA-FLORENCE AMER

Robert Bosch GmbH
Executive Vice President, Corporate Sector Information Systems & Services

Donya-Florence Amer studied Business Administration at the University of Cologne and UC Berkeley in California and completed her studies with a diploma. Her work experience with IBM include such positions as: Business Transformation & Strategy Consultant, international Bid Manager für komplexe Mega, Software Group Sales Operations Manager, Executive Assistant to Country General Managers, Business Analytic Leader, Europe Software Group Transformation Leader, Executive Middle Class Customers South Germany, Vice President Enterprise Customers South Germany.



MARTIN BASTIAANS

IEEE
Director & Vice President

Martin Bastiaans is an Associate Professor in the Signal Processing Systems group. He taught electrical circuit theory, signal theory, digital signal processing, and Fourier optics and holography. His research covers field of signal and system theory, and includes a signal-theoretical approach of problems that arise in Fourier optics, such as partial coherence, computer holography, optical signal and image processing, and optical computing. His main current research interest is in describing signals by means of a local frequency spectrum. Bastiaans has a long history serving as a member of the Electrical Engineering Research Committee, the Department Board. He currently serves as IEEE Vice President of Member and Geographic Activities. Bastiaans is a Fellow of the Optical Society of America and a Fellow of the IEEE.



ANNA BERENBERG

Google
Principal Software Engineer, Google Cloud Networking

Anna is a Technical Lead at Google focused on Open Cloud and next generation networking for Google Cloud Platform. She leads teams which build foundational infrastructure for powering hybrid/multi-cloud applications. Anna joined Google in 2006 and spent the next 9 years leading the development and expansion of global load balancing solutions to scale Google's billion user services, such as Search and Youtube. Prior to Google, Anna architected and delivered highly reliable and scalable infrastructure and systems at Extreme Networks, Cosine Communications and HolonTech.



DOMINIKA BETTMAN

Siemens Poland
CEO

Dominika has been managing finances in Siemens for 20 years. She oversees infrastructural projects in energy and railroads businesses. She is an economist and a financier, a graduate of the International Trade Faculty of the Warsaw School of Economics and the IESE Advanced Management Program in Barcelona. She works to support ethics and corporate social responsibility as well as diversity, including increased participation of young people in companies and public life, and activity of women in economy. She represents Siemens in the Lewiatan Confederation. Member of the Advisory Team of the Warsaw University of Technology. She is on the Siemens Competition. Vice-President of the Kongres Kobiet Association. She gives lectures on sustainable development and business ethics. In 2014 she won an award in the Success Written with a Lipstick.



KRYSTYNA BOCZKOWSKA

Bosch Poland
CEO

Krystyna Boczkowska has been the co-creator of Bosch's success in Poland for over 25 years. She started in 1992 as the Manager of the local Bosch office, to become the company's CEO in 2006. On of the most influential and enterprising women in Poland, she received many titles of the Woman of the Year, Manager of the Year. She is active in employer organisations, such as the Polish-German Chamber of Industry and Commerce or the Lewiatan Confederation. She is actively engaging in various social initiatives including improvement of the technical education and promotion of modern trade education in Poland. Since 2011, she has been active in the Congress of Women, since 2014 she has been active in Fundacja Liderów Biznesu. Boczkowska graduated from the Precision Mechanics Faculty, Warsaw University of Technology and the postgraduate studies at the Warsaw School of Economics, as well as MBA Executive Studies in Finance.



WANDA BUK

Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Digital Affairs RP

Wanda Buk was the Director of Digital Poland Projects Centre responsible for implementation of the projects financed by the EU, worth PLN 10 billion, including: creation of the IT and telecommunication infrastructure, fast Internet, development of digital services. She graduated from the Law and Administration Faculty of the University of Łódź, and the French Business Law Faculty of the Université de Poitiers in France. Her other diplomas include International Military Relations from the War Studies Academy, European Academy of Diplomacy, post-graduate studies in the Warsaw School of Economics and the prestigious Leadership Academy for Poland, organised in cooperation with Harvard University. She started a PhD course at the War Studies Academy.



EMILIA BURZYŃSKA

P&G
Chief Information Officer Central Europe

She started her adventure with Procter & Gamble 11 years ago, after graduating from the AGH University of Science and Technology and the University of Abertay in Scotland.

In P&G she first became the Project Manager for implementing SAP DRP, SIP solutions in Europe, and later globally. Finally, she became the Chief Information Officer for the Central Europe. She also manages the Innovation Team for Central Europe, cooperating with startups in search of alternative ideas for solutions to business challenges. She is responsible for implementing the newest Business Intelligence solutions throughout Europe.

Privately she is the mother of two wonderful boys, with whom she spends every possible moment and shares their love of board games.



PRZEMYSŁAW CHOJECKI

ulam.ai
CEO

Przemysław Chojecki received his PhD in Mathematics in Paris, then he conducted research and lectured in Oxford for two years. After returning to Poland, he focused his research on mathematics and artificial intelligence, especially on the intersection of these two areas. Over a year ago, he created ulam.ai, where he is the CEO. The goal of ulam.ai is to speed up the creation of general artificial intelligence, and it is trying to achieve this via research combined with practical application in various areas of business – from logistics to fashion.



MAGDALENA CHUDZIKIEWICZ

Polska Press Group
Member of the Board

She has been associated with Polska Press Group, a large media group in Poland, since 2005. She started in the Group's communications and marketing departments. As a marketing director and spokesperson, she was responsible for building the Company's image and promoting its portfolio. Currently, as a Management Board Member, she is responsible for IT, products and Internet companies, technology and marketing in the capital group. She supervises the implementation of strategic projects. A qualified manager with exceptional experience in the field of communication, PR, marketing, media, Internet. Expert in the field of digital transformation and technology in business.

Economist by education, graduate of the Faculty of Economics at the University of Szczecin and the Programme of European Studies at the Warsaw School of Economics (SGHSciencesPo).



JOANNA CHWASTOWSKA

Google
Engineering Coach / Growth Manager at DeepMind Health

Joanna Chwastowska graduated from the Computer Science Faculty at the Academy of Science and Technology in Kraków. She has then joined newly open Google Krakow office, and worked as a Software Engineer, growing from an individual contributor to Tech Lead Manager across the following 8 years. On her next adventure, she has been a Site Lead of a remote engineering office for a fashion startup from New York (shopspring.com). Finally, last year she has moved to London to work as an Engineering Coach and Growth Manager for the DeepMind Health team.

Engineer at heart, manager by choice – she loves to explore human nature and to work with engineers to unfold their full potential. By doing so, she hopes to help others (and herself) to grow, and have greater, positive impact on the world.



SARAH CLATTERBUCK

You Tube
Director of Engineering at YouTube Alternative Monetisation

At the University of San Francisco, Sarah studied applied design. While still in college, a professor offered her an internship at a start-up creating software, so that designers could create websites without knowing how to code (a What You See Is What You Get—tool).

On graduating, she began working in software engineering—first in advertising, then, in 1999, she moved to Silicon Valley to work at a start-up. Shortly thereafter, she went back to school, securing a Master's degree in Information Science at San Jose State University. But coding, unlike applied design, seems unambiguous. For this reason, Sarah often finds coding meditative. "The computer does what you tell it to do," says Sarah. „If it's misbehaving, it's your own fault. I find that if I have a particularly trying day, with a lot of drama, sometimes coding is very therapeutic."



MICHAŁ DŻOGA

Intel Corporation
Corporate Affairs Director for Europe Region

Economist, a graduate of International Affairs at the Warsaw School of Economics. Since 1999 he worked in the Team of Advisors to the President of the Republic of Poland leading educational community projects in the field of new technologies and connectivity. In 2004 Michał became an advisor to the CEO of Polish Telecom responsible for corporate affairs and innovative programs. In 2010 he joined Intel Corporation and today as Corporate & Government Affairs Director for Europe Region he is leading a team responsible for government, university and international organizations relationship management as well as international innovation programs. He is in charge of all Intel start-up acceleration activities in Europe. He created and led such programs as Intel Business Challenge with US Berkeley and Stanford University or Challenge Up, the biggest multi-corporate startup accelerator in Europe with T-mobile and Cisco. He was responsible for program strategy as well as program management, which included over 200 engineer and business mentors from the three companies.



JADWIGA EMILEWICZ

Minister of Entrepreneurship and Technology RP

Polish political and cultural manager. Appointed as the Minister of Entrepreneurship and Technology in the government of Mateusz Morawiecki in 2018.

In 2015–2018, Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Economic Development. In 1999–2002, worked in the Department of Foreign Affairs at the Chancellery of the Prime Minister. In 2009 became the Director of the Museum of the Polish People's Republic (PRL) in Kraków.

Jadwiga Emilewicz is a graduate of the Institute of Political Studies at the Jagiellonian University. She has begun doctoral studies at the Jagiellonian University's Department of International and Political Studies.



BIRGITTA FINNANDER

Ericsson
Head of Ericsson R&D Centre in Poland and Ukraine

Her career started in the R&D department and then she moved over to work with Strategic Product Management for mobile systems. The Management positions were held in different Product Management and R&D organisations, including products like IN, IMS, Positioning, Radio. She has also led big change programs while in different DU Leadership Teams.

Since 2010, Birgitta Finnander has been closely involved in co-operation with Ericpol (Ericsson R&D since April 2017) in Poland and Ukraine. On 15 June 2017 she became the Head of R&D Center Poland and Ukraine.

Birgitta Finnander is a Master of Science in Applied Physics and Electrical Engineering from Linköping University in Sweden. During her spare time she likes to travel and play golf. She also finds the pleasure in cooking.



PATRICIA FLORISSI, PHD

Dell EMC

Vice President & Global CTO for Sales

Patricia was the Vice President and Global CTO for Sales at EMC prior to the merger between Dell and EMC. She also holds the honorary title of EMC Distinguished Engineer.

Patricia joined EMC in February 2005 via the System Management Arts (SMARTS) acquisition as a Distinguished Technologist in the Ionix business unit, and became the CTO for Ionix in November 2005. Before joining EMC, Patricia was the Vice President of Advanced Solutions at Smarts in White Plains, New York.

Patricia is an EMC Distinguished Engineer, holds a Ph. D. in Computer Science from Columbia University in New York, graduated valedictorian with an MBA at the Stern Business School in New York University, and has a Master's and a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from the Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, in Brazil.



MARIYA GABRIEL

European Commission

European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society

Mariya Ivanova Gabriel is committed to increasing women's participation in the digital sector and to create awareness of gender imbalance in panels. She studied in Bulgarian and French languages at the Plovdiv University "PaisiiHilendarski." She continued her studies at the Institut d'études politiques de Bordeaux in Bordeaux (France), where she studied International Relations, History of the European Institutions, Political Sociology and Comparative Politics. In 2003 she obtained her Master's degree in Comparative Politics and International Relations from the Institut d'études politiques de Bordeaux. From 2004 to 2008, Mariya Gabriel was a teaching and research assistant at the Institute of Political Studies in Bordeaux (France). She was a Member of the European Parliament from 2009 to 2017.



FIONA GALLAGHER-PAYET

Facebook

Enterprise Engineering Operations International Manager & Regional EE Manager

Fiona Gallagher-Payet is Enterprise Engineering Operations International Manager & Regional EE Manager at Facebook, based in our EMEA HQ in Dublin. She has held a variety of roles throughout the years as both a consultant and later as an independent contractor which led to her role with Facebook. Joining in 2013, she led our financials systems team but moved into operations in 2016 where she now is our International Operations Manager leading Field IT & Helpdesk teams that are supporting all offices across regions of EMEA, APAC, LATAM. She manages a very diverse and globally dispersed team, based across 35 locations, supporting more than 77 offices who are present on the ground to meet local IT needs.



NIGIST TILAHUN GEBREMEDHIN

Hawassa University STEM Centre

Director

NigistTilahun Gebremedhin is the Director of the Hawassa University STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) centre. She lives in Hawassa, Ethiopia.

She has MBA, PGDIM, DIM, and PGDIMM from the Indra Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, India. She also has Bachelor of Education (BEd) in English, a Diploma in Math and ICT from the Jimma University and Jimma Teachers' College, Ethiopia.

She had served as the Head of the External and Public Relations Department of the Hawassa University for six years. She is a part of different committee and research activities in different fields of study.



JAROSŁAW GOWIN

Deputy Prime Minister of Republic of Poland, Minister of Science and Higher Education

Jarosław Gowin, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Science and Higher Education, was educated at the Jagiellonian University and University of Cambridge. He was a member of the Independent Students' Association and the "Solidarity" trade union. He was editor-in-chief of the Catholic monthly magazine "Znak" and rector of the Tischner European University in Krakow.

In 2007, he was elected to the sixth and seventh term in the Sejm. In his parliamentary work, Gowin led the Team for Bioethics Convention and chaired an Extraordinary Committee considering parliamentary draft bills to amend the Constitution. He is also a member of the National Security Council. He is the author of numerous books and articles.



JO HANNAFORD

Goldman Sachs

Head of the Technology Division for EMEA and Global Head of Quality Assurance Engineering

Jo is head of the Technology Division for EMEA and global head of Quality Assurance Engineering. She serves on the Technology Executive Leadership Group and Firmwide Technology Risk Committee. Jo is a global co-sponsor of the Women in Technology Network. Jo joined Goldman Sachs in 1997 in the Investment Research Division in London. Since 2001, she has held roles across Technology in London and New York, predominantly focusing on the build out of the firm's global Compliance Technology and Conflicts Technology architectures. Jo was named managing director in 2008 and partner in 2014.

Prior to joining the firm, Jo was responsible for Global Volume Trading Technology at NatWest Markets. Jo is an advisor to the UK Government Digital Service Advisory Board and is a board member of Women in Science and Engineering.



LIAT HAYUN

Palo Alto Networks

Vice President, Product Management

Liat Hayun is the VP of Product Management for Endpoint Security at Palo Alto Networks, where she works on the company's Traps advanced endpoint protection product, defining the roadmap and strategy of the product. Previously, she was as a cyber security specialist – starting as a Windows C++ programmer and later a group leader, managing teams working on various cyber security initiatives. Liat graduated from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem with an MSc in Computer Science in 2011.



STEPHANIE HOOGENBERGEN

Credit Suisse Poland

Head of IT

Stephanie Hoogenbergen is Director at Credit Suisse, and the Head of IT in Poland. Credit Suisse has over 5,000 staff in Wroclaw and Warsaw, of which approximately 2,000 work in Technology. Since joining Credit Suisse in 2007, Stephanie has worked in several countries and divisions of the bank. All of her roles have a strong element of transformation and change management in the technology department. Her roles include: setting up the bank-wide Centre of Excellence in Singapore and India, Transformation of the Investment Bank Technology department in New York, merger of two organisational units in Zurich, technology business management function in Hong Kong.

In addition, Stephanie is sponsoring our technical analyst program in Poland and is the global Job Family Leader for Program Management at Credit Suisse.

Stephanie speaks multiple languages which have helped her to develop an international career.



ULRIKA JÄGARE

Ericsson

Director of Technology & Architecture, CTO office

As Director in Technology and Architecture at the CTO office, with main focus on Analytics and Machine Intelligence, Ulrika Jägare has been responsible for setting and driving the strategic direction from a commercial and technical perspective throughout the Ericsson Group. This includes securing alignment in the Analytics and MI space cross Business Areas, Market Areas and Ericsson Research. This is relevant to areas such as data architecture, legal aspects of data transfer and ownership, overall Analytics and Machine Intelligence portfolio, selected customer engagements, vendor/partnerships, open source engagements, standardisation initiatives, internal analytics and automation, analytics innovation lab etc. Currently Ulrika is operatively involved in developing next gen Operating Model for Managed Services, which will be data, automation and AI driven. She holds a Master of Science degree from the University of Lund, Sweden.



JUSTYNA JANISZEWSKA

Polish-U. S. Fulbright Commission

Executive Director

Prior to becoming the Executive Director of the Polish-U. S. Fulbright Commission, Justyna served as CEO of Education for Democracy Foundation (FED) – a leading Polish non-governmental organisation. From 2003 to 2006, Justyna was the Executive Secretary of the Zagranica Group – a coalition of Polish organisations working abroad, afterwards serving on its Board of Directors. She coordinated the Region in Transition, and other FED programs. Justyna is a qualified trainer in Polish, English, and Russian. She received a Master's degree in Political Science from Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań and a Bachelor's degree in Management. She is a graduate of the School of Human Rights of the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights and of the Management Program NGO PROMENGO. In her career, she has focused on sustainable development, global education, and democratisation.



TERESA JANOWSKI

STEM Nation
General Manager

Over 20 years, Teresa Janowski improved the corporate training and quality programs of companies including Telstra, Motorola, BAE Systems and SAAB Technologies. In 2013 she seized the opportunity to join the STEM Nation team, applying her expertise to the empowerment of young people pursuing STEM careers. As General Manager, Teresa has been instrumental in the creation of programs that build both technical and personal skills of students passionate about STEM: this includes the Concept2Creation Program and STEM Sista and STEM Mista mentoring programs, which give students the chance to solve real world problems, learn life skills, and build the resilience required to succeed both in their STEM careers and into the future.

Teresa is married with adult children and enjoys working on cars on the weekend with her husband.



MALGORZATA KASPERSKA

Schneider Electric
Vice President, IT Division for MEE Region

Małgorzata Kasperska has over 15 years of professional experience in IT business. Currently, she is the Vice President of IT Distribution at Schneider Electric and is responsible for the whole Middle Eastern Europe cluster. She has background in the electrical industry as a graduate of the Gdansk University of Technology Faculty of Electronics. She has gained business knowledge in the field of General Management in Sweden. She has lead large, international teams responsible for driving business opportunities in the areas of data centres and uninterrupted power supply (UPS) systems.

She supports young, female talent in building their careers within technological companies, by mentoring, leading by examples and empowering. She is focused on promoting diversity and inclusion on every level of the organisation.



JANICE LEVENHAGEN-SEELEY

ChickTech
CEO & Founder

Janice has a BS in Computer Engineering from Oregon State University and an MBA from Willamette University. She believes that the diversity and strengths that women bring will push technology to more impressive heights. Her inspiration for creating ChickTech came from her own experiences.

ChickTech is an international organisation serving thousands of girls and women every year through tech programs and events. ChickTech was founded in 2012 to engage women and girls of all ages in the technology industry while working to create a better technology culture for all. It is currently in 27 cities and continues to grow. The programs include summer camps, ChickTech: High School, Meetup groups for adults in tech, and ACT-W Conferences. Wherever possible, we partner with other organisations to expand our impact because it takes the world working together to change the world!



EWA MACIAŚ

Google
Senior Engineering Manager

Graduate of IT studies at AGH University of Science and Technology, working at Google for 10 years.

She spent the first 7 years building Frontend for Borg – the process managing system for Google servers. For the last 3 years, with a team composed of several dozen developers, she has been building Frontend for Google Cloud Platform. Her team is responsible for Frontend for the products generating 30% of the Google Cloud Platform income.



KATARZYNA MAJEWSKA

Citi
Board Member O&T Sub-Sector Head

In 2015 Katarzyna was nominated as the Board Member of Citi Handlowy Operations & Technology Sub-Sector. Prior to her appointment in 2015, she was the Managing Director in PZU Group (biggest CEE insurance group). She participated as a team member in M&A projects and after acquisition she covered Support Functions in biggest Baltic Insurer covering Lithuania and Ukraine. She came to Citi in 2001 through Citibank's acquisition of Bank Handlowy. Before joining Bank Handlowy, she worked for Amoco Corporation and Danone covering various leadership roles. Katarzyna is a graduate of the Warsaw School of Economics (SGH), Harvard Business School and MBA program validated by Rotterdam School of Management. She is a Member of Programme Board of the Congress of Woman, biggest Women's organisation in Poland.



LESLEY MARJORIBANKS

Royal Bank of Scotland
Head of Applied Security

Lesley Marjoribanks is the Customer & Colleague Security Awareness Lead for the Royal Bank of Scotland. Lesley's role involves helping customers and clients understand the fraud and security threats they face, and the steps they can take to help them stay safe. Whilst the threats are predominantly online, she also covers physical security, records management and information security. Highlights include deploying a bank-wide ethical phishing program to the bank with great results. Passionate about encouraging females into the world of cyber, Lesley supports the STEMettes program. She has worked for the Bank for thirteen years in a variety of security and audit roles. She has a background in information security focused on financial crime.



JODY MEDICH

Singularity University
Director of Design

Jody creates superhumans, not supercomputers. Rather than teaching humans the right buttons to push, she uses perceptual computing (AI, AR/VR, robotics, sensors, etc) to speak human. The resulting tools dramatically augment and amplify human abilities and are to control. In her 23-year design career, Jody has created just about everything from holograms to robots and R&D. Her most notable work includes UX design for DARPA'S Big Dog, Principal Experience Designer on the HoloLens Project at Microsoft, HMI for Toyota's AiCar, and Principal UX at LEAP Motion. Today, she is Director of Design for Singularity University Labs, where she incubates solutions to Global Grand Challenges using exponential technologies. She also travels the world speaking about the future of these technologies and their impact on the world for Singularity University and groups like WIRED, Google, and TEDx.



MARTIN MELLOR

Ericsson
Head of Ericsson Poland

Martin Mellor is a telecommunications professional with 25 years ICT experience. Martin Mellor has been an active promoter and influencer of the 5G technology in Poland.

Collaborating with the Ericsson R&D Centres in Poland together with industry, academia and start-ups to develop innovative solutions for real industry issues. Martin Mellor is also a strong support of diversity in ICT and has been a mentor in the IT for SHE 2017.



PIOTR MIKŁASZEWICZ

3M
Diversity & Inclusion Champion for 3M Poland & Ukraine Region

Mikłaszewicz graduated from the University of Silesia, Częstochowa University of Technology, and Academy of Leadership Psychology at Warsaw University of Technology Business School. He is the Country Business Leader in the 3M Safety & Graphics Business Group in Poland, where he is responsible for the development of 3 divisions – Personal Safety, Transportation Solutions and Commercial Solutions.

Piotr has many years of experience in sales management, working in such companies as Shell or Kellogg. During his career he won several awards for sales development, marketing programs or pioneering projects. He provided ideas for various innovative education tools intended to improve work safety in Poland, including the so-called demo van, presenting the 3M Science of Safety – innovative solutions by 3M, increasing work safety in industry. He is the initiator of the 3M Training Centre for Elevation Works.



SASHA MOBLEY

Silicon Valley
Writer & Coach

Sasha Mobley began her journey as a technologist and learned first-hand what it costs to pursue success by joining the Old Boy's Club. Realising early on that women were cheating themselves out of rightful place in the world through over-work and unhealthy competition, Sasha made it her mission to mentor other women and build supportive networks that enable women to contribute on a grand scale and realise their most compelling visions.

She is the author of *The Strong Woman Trap*. When Sasha is not contributing at Facebook, she works as an executive coach who has mentored high achieving women from some of Silicon Valley's most innovative companies.



ANJA MONRAD

Dell EMC
Senior Vice President & General Manager CEE

Anja Monrad leads Dell EMC Central & Eastern Europe region, covering 27 countries. She joined Dell as Marketing Director for the Nordic countries in 2000. She has been in charge of Dell EMC's CEE business since 2013. She led Dell's European Demand Generation's activities, was responsible for the building of Dell's CRM activities in Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA), managed the EMEA Services marketing organisation, run the European Online Marketing organisation and directed execution of Dell's global marcom activities.

Before joining Dell, Anja worked in Sales and Marketing leadership positions at Unisys, Compaq and Digital. She is a member of the Danish IT association board and Chairman at the IT association's Steering committee for Female IT Executives. She holds a Business Administration & International Marketing degree from Copenhagen Business School. A Polish national, she lives in Copenhagen, Denmark.



GEORGETTE MOSBACHER

US Ambassador to Poland

Georgette Mosbacher, an American business executive, entrepreneur and author, has been President of Georgette Mosbacher Enterprises, Inc., a business and marketing consulting company in New York City, since 1992. She also served as CEO of Borghese Inc., a cosmetics manufacturer based in New York City, from 2001 to 2015. In 2016 she was confirmed by the U. S. Senate as a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

Ms. Mosbacher authored two motivational books for women as well as numerous op-eds published in the national news media. Ms. Mosbacher earned a B. S. from Indiana University and is the recipient of many awards recognizing her humanitarian and entrepreneurial contributions, including two Honorary Doctorates.



HELENA NORRMAN

Ericsson

Senior Vice President, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer and Head of Marketing & Corporate Relations

Helena Norrman is the Head of Ericsson's global marketing and corporate relations and a member of Ericsson's Executive Team. The unit's responsibilities include marketing, brand, communications, sustainability and public affairs. Norrman was the head of Internal Communications, Group Functions Communications. In 2008 she added Marketing Communications to her list of responsibilities and in May 2011 she was promoted to Senior Vice President of Communications and Chief Communications Officer at Ericsson. Three years later she took on the role at the Chief Marketing and Communications Officer and Senior Vice President Marketing & Communications, taking on the formation of a stronger Marketing and Communications function. Norrman earned a Master's degree in International Business Administration from Linköping University in Sweden in 1993.



JAYNE OPPERMAN

Citi

Managing Director, Head of APAC/EMEA Consumer Technology

Jayne Opperman is the Head of Consumer Bank Technology for Asia and EMEA. With 25 years of technology leadership experience across the financial services industry, Jayne is responsible for refining the technology strategy in APAC and EMEA. Prior to Citi, Jayne was the General Manager of Business Integration at Westpac, where she developed the capabilities of technology teams to support the business divisions. Jayne's leadership in the transformation of application development, alignment of operating models across divisions, allowed the organisation to build innovation capabilities and partnerships with FinTech organisations.

Throughout her career, Jayne has held a variety of roles, most notably the Australia CIO at ANZ, and the CIO of Retail Banking at Lloyds Banking Group.



JUSTYNA ORŁOWSKA

GovTechPolska

Director

An expert in managing funds and corporate finance. She gained her experience in well-known consulting companies, such as Capital One Advisers, Ippema Securities, Enterprise Investors or EY, where she implemented various projects related to analytics in investment banking, with special focus on the private equity market in the CEE. In October 2016 she joined the advisory team for the Minister of Development, where she was responsible for managing innovative digital projects – MinFinTechand, Lektury.gov.pl. In April she became the director of the pioneering GovTechPolska program, the objective of which is optimisation of the conditions for implementing the digital revolution in the public administration by engaging startups and small and mid-sized businesses, whose innovative solutions will make the cooperation between the citizen and the government institutions simpler, faster and more efficient.



ANNA PACHOLSKA

Ministry of National Defense

Expert in strategic communication. One of the initiators of creating a strategic communication system in the Ministry of National Defense and co-author of the regulations on the subject. Represents the Ministry of National Defense in the steering committee on the NATO Expert Centre on Strategic Communication in Riga. Cooperates closely with institutions responsible for cyber security.

Civil servant. Has almost 20 years of experience in the Ministry of National Defense. In her free time she takes interest in the international space laws.



LILA PAPANOPERAKI

Facebook

Engineering Manager, leader of Workplace by Facebook Platform team

Lila Papadoperaki is an Engineering Manager at Facebook, leading the Workplace by Facebook Platform team. She is passionate about integrating everyday tools to simplify work for everyone, from busy executives to frontline workers. Before Facebook, she worked on building the Spotify Platform, bringing Spotify to TVs, speakers, cars, and more. She started her career at Ericsson as a full stack developer, building features on all kinds of platforms, from software embedded in Radio Base stations, to mobile interfaces and configuration surfaces.

Lila has studied Computer Science and Telecommunications in the University of Athens and acquired a Master's degree in Interactive Systems Engineering from the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm.



BOŻENNA PASIK-DUNCAN

University of Kansas

IEEE Women in Engineering, Professor of Mathematics and Courtesy Professor of AE & EECS

Bożenna Pasik-Duncan received her Master's degree in Mathematics from University of Warsaw, and her Ph.D. and D.Sc. degrees in Mathematics from the Warsaw School of Economics. She is a Professor of Mathematics, a Courtesy Professor of both EECS and AE, and an ITTC Investigator at the University of Kansas. Her research interests are in stochastic systems and stochastic adaptive control, system identification and estimation, and control education.

She is actively involved with IEEE CSS and serves as Deputy Chair of the IEEE CSS Technical Committee on Control Education. Dr Pasik-Duncan is an IFAC Fellow, an IEEE Fellow, Distinguished Member of the CSS, and a recipient of the IEEE Third Millennium Medal. She has received many awards, including the Kemper Award, H.O.P.E Award, L. Hay Award, Steeples Service to Kansas Award and is a member of the KU Women's Hall of Fame.



PAWEŁ POSZYTEK

FRSE

General Director, Foundation for the Development at the Education System

Language expert, educator, guitar player, lyrics author, composer. A member of several language advisory and consulting groups for the European Commission and the Ministry of Education, Former member of the Board of EALTA, an association supporting improvement in the quality of language proficiency testing. Coordinator of the European Council "Country Profile" project, and an expert for the "Horyzont 2020" program. Co-creator of the general education basic program for modern foreign language (2017) Author of articles on language education published in Poland and abroad. He is the General Director of FRSE; in 2017 he became the first country Official Delegate to the WorldSkills competition. In 2018 he initiated the Mobile Education Centre project – a mobile class located in a truck, in which workshops and training are conducted for teachers and students.



VIKTORIA REPA

BetterMe

Founder & CEO of BetterMe, TOP 5 Health&Fitness apps in United States.

Viktoria's life mission is to empower people to live healthy and fulfilled lives. To follow her mission, she left her career at large FMCG company to start BetterMe.

Viktoria holds a Finance and Credit Bachelor degree from the Donetsk National University (2010-2014) and a Master's Degree from the Kyiv School Of Economics (2014-2015).

**LAURENT ROUX**

EIT

Impact Officer – Entrepreneurship and Business Creation

Laurent Roux joined the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), as Entrepreneurship Officer in 2013, and became Impact Officer – Entrepreneurship and Business Creation in 2017. He is responsible for the EIT Knowledge Innovation Communities (KICs) Entrepreneurship and Business Creation activities for innovative European startups and scale-ups across EU-28 (50M EUR/year in acceleration and support services), including synergies with other EU and National Business Creation programs. His work includes the EIT Monitoring of the EITKICs activities, through Key Performance Indicators, Scoreboards, including Horizon 2020 indicators, and on site in-depth broader strategic Evaluations and Reviews focusing on Results, Impact and Financial Sustainability. He leads the EIT Women Leadership and Entrepreneurship activities at European level.

**GULSUN SAĞLAMER**

EWORA (European Women Rectors' Association)

President

Professor Gulsun Sağlamer obtained her MS from the School of Architecture in İstanbul Technical University (ITU). She carried out her post-doctoral studies at the Martin Centre, Department of Architecture-University of Cambridge.

In 1996-2004, she was the rector of the İstanbul Technical University. She was the first woman rector in Turkey. She is an Executive Committee Member of the International Association of University Presidents (IAUP) (2003-), President of CMU (Community of Mediterranean Universities) (2012-) and President of European Women Rectors Association (EWORA). In 2005-2009 she was a member of the board of the European University Association (EUA). Later she was elected to the board of trustees in Kadir Has University (2006-2014) and as the president of the Council for Technology and Technoparks in Turkey. She has received several architectural prizes and Honoris Causa doctorates.

**JAYSHREE SETH**

3M

Corporate Scientist and Chief Science Advocate

Jayshree Seth is a Corporate Scientist at 3M and leads Applied Technology Development projects for Industrial Adhesives and Tapes Division, the largest industrial business at 3M. She has a PhD in Chemical Engineering from Clarkson University in NY and a Bachelor's in Chemical Engineering from India. She also 60 US patents for a variety of innovations. Jayshree is currently working on identifying new growth opportunities, and is engaged in new technology development and commercialisation for sustainable Industrial Products. In her 25-year tenure at 3M, Jayshree has also been involved in many Grassroots Innovation projects resulting from 3M's "15% culture," and in several strategic initiatives.

**ALAIN SIMONNET**

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Managing Director East Europe Region

Alain holds a Master in Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering from ENIT in France and graduated from UK Chartered Institute of Marketing; he is also certified Lean Six Sigma Black Belt. Alain joined 3M in the UK in 1990 in Technical Service and had several sales and marketing assignments of increasing European and local responsibility; he moved to 3M France as Corporate Marketing Manager, then became CBL Display & Graphics and lead the 3M France Customer Centric Organisation, and later CBL for IBG. His latest assignment was ISMC Deployment Leader for W. E.

Alain has a very broad business experience and brings several years of successful management of complex organisations and customer experience to the I&SMC deployment; a new go-to market approach which will help us to serve and reach our customers more efficiently and will facilitate greater growth for the stakeholder divisions.

**BIANKA SIWIŃSKA**

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CEO, Summit Initiator and Director

Dr. Bianka Siwińska is a journalist, scientist, initiator of public campaigns, executive director of Perspektywy Education Foundation. Editor-in-chief of educational magazine Perspektywy, correspondent of University World News. Initiator of public campaign „Girls to Technical Schools” and Start-up Academy for female students of technical and exact sciences studies, as well as projects: “Lean in STEM,” “IT for SHE,” “Girls Learn!”, and „New technologies for girls” scholarships (in cooperation with Intel). She is coordinator of the program “Study in Poland” conducted by the Conference of Polish Academic Rectors and the Educational Foundation “Perspektywy” and expert of World Bank in Tajikistan.

She studied at Warsaw University, Humboldt Universität in Berlin, and Columbia University in New York City. She conducted research in NIFU STEP in Oslo. Author of books: “Uniwersytet ponad granicami – Internacjonalizacja szkolnictwa wyższego w Polsce i Niemczech” and “Education goes global. Strategie internacjonalizacji szkolnictwa wyższego”; and reports: „Kobiety na politechnikach.”.



ROLF TARRACH

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Professor Rolf Tarrach studied Physics at the University of Valencia and obtained his PhD from the University of Barcelona. He was subsequently a postdoctoral researcher at CERN, Geneva, a professor of theoretical physics at the Universities of Valencia and Barcelona, and the rector of the trilingual University of Luxembourg for ten years (starting 2005). He is still the Professor of Physics there.

He has been on the Council of the European University Association (EUA) for ten years and in 2015 was elected its President. He is the former president of CSIC Madrid (the Spanish Scientific Research Council) and a former member of the European Union Research Advisory Board.



LORI TEMPELIS

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Lori is the Director for the 3M Data Intelligence & Digital Commerce Solutions teams in the IT and Business Transformation organisation. She is responsible for analytics enablement, data management strategy, digital deployment, governance, KPIs and value realisation. She brings over 18 years of diversified 3M experience to this role, including sales, six sigma, channel, sales management, marketing and business management. She has experience driving growth through multiple markets, various business models and diverse product categories.

Lori holds a BA in Marketing from the University of Northern Iowa and an MA in International Business from École Supérieure De Commerce De Rennes in 1998.



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Mayor of Warsaw
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PAVEL VASSILOVSKI

Samsung Poland
R&D Department Head

Pavel Vassilovski studied computer science at the University of Plovdiv. A significant step in his professional career was joining Bell Labs in 1996, as a software engineer for telecommunication devices. He had participated in projects which established the Internet as we know it today. In 2004, Pavel became a Product Development Manager for Network Traffic Management solutions, managing worldwide portfolio of deliveries.

Pavel joined Astaro AG in 2007 as a Managing Director and R&D Location Head for the branch in Poland. His major responsibilities included development and deployment of network security components in the domain of Unified Threat Management. Since 2009 Pavel has been working for Samsung Electronics R&D Centre in Poland as an R&D Department Head. He and an incredible team of engineers lead the technology changes and reinvent the way we watch and use TV.



CORINNE VIGREUX

TomTom
Co-Founder

Corinne Vigreux is a Co-Founder of TomTom, the navigation and map-making company that continues to design and develop cutting edge technologies solving mobility problems and addressing the challenges of autonomous driving and smart cities. Voted as one of the top fifty most inspirational women in European tech, Corinne champions women in the workforce and advocates for improved social mobility through education. She has founded Codam, a not for profit coding college in Amsterdam, based on the École 42 curriculum. Corinne is a member of the supervisory board of take-away.com NV and Groupe ILIAD in France, member of the supervisory board of the Dutch National Opera & Ballet and advisor to the Amsterdam Economic Board. She is chair on the trustee board of the Sofronie foundation.



ANGELA WANG

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Angela Wang is a core member of The Boston Consulting Group's retail sector in Greater China. Her projects have included helping a leading Chinese regional retailer develop an omnichannel strategy for its grocery and department store businesses and redesign its organisation, processes, and KPIs. She worked with a regional Chinese multiformat retailer on a store portfolio strategy and a roadmap for expanding its department, mall and grocery chains. For the same client, she identified ways to achieve operational excellence and developed 5-year financial forecasts by category.

Wang also evaluated opportunities for a Chinese fashion and apparel retailer to grow in multiple categories, and she recommended a strategy to expand its key brands across a network of stores nationally.



KAROLINA WASIELEWSKA

JOURNALIST

Karolina Wasielewska - news anchor at Złote Przeboje radio station & author of Girls Gone Tech.pl blog containing interviews and stories about female careers in IT, startups and STEM. Her most recent project is a "Pani od IT" ("the IT Lady") podcast channel on the same subject. Karolina is also working on a book concerning female pioneers of Polish computer industry. She graduated in journalism and has completed postgraduate studies of translation at Warsaw University. In her spare time, she cooks, runs, reads and recharges her energy in Polish Tatra mountains.



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Esra Yavuz started her career in Procter & Gamble with an internship and then joined P&G as a full-time employee in 1999 in Istanbul, Turkey, after her bachelor degree in Computer Engineering from Boğaziçi University.

Esra has worked in Turkey, Kazakhstan, UAE, India, and Switzerland in variety of IT roles in sales, brand and x-domain, mainly in Data & Analytics and Application & Integration disciplines. She is passionate about technology, business and organisation transformation. She is a trainer for High Impact Training Delivery program in the company, designed to train new corporate trainers. She is passionate about Diversity & Inclusion and growing future IT Leaders. She has led GBS and IT Diversity & Inclusion Programs in CEEMEA, IMEA and recently in Europe.



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