

GCHERA

Global confederation of higher education associations for the agricultural & life sciences

Call for nominations to elect the next Chair

Nominations are sought for election of GCHERA Chair of Board, to be returned by 11 September 2013



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear colleagues,

At our last General Assembly in Uruguay, we formally confirmed the new structure of GCHERA as a confederation of higher education associations with the aim to reinforce GCHERA's position among global organizations involved in agriculture and higher education. In that context, you asked me to finalize the foundations of the new GCHERA by serving for an extra year as the Chair of GCHERA.

During the last year, and with the help of the very committed colleagues of the Steering committee, GCHERA has gained recognition from international organizations. Our relations with FAO are strengthening, and we are a member of the Tropical Agriculture Platform (TAP) whose aim is to support capacity building in tropical agriculture.

More significantly GCHERA is now a permanent member of the Steering Committee of the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR, www.egfar.org), where we have been asked to represent Universities. I have also represented GCHERA in various Congresses dealing with the future of agriculture or higher education (China, India, Africa, CIS countries).

Another main event and accomplishment is the launching of the **GCHERA World Agricultural Prize**, to award excellence in academic leadership in agricultural and life science universities, thanks to the generosity of Nanjing Agricultural University. The prize winner will be announced in Nanjing on 20th October 2013, to be followed by a **World Dialogue on Education and Innovation in Agriculture and Life Sciences: Entrepreneurs for Sustainable Rural Development**. Our next General Assembly will follow on 22 October.

As chair of GCHERA, I thank you for the confidence you placed in me, and which has enabled me to experience this enlightening responsibility. However, a lot remains to be accomplished in developing the relationships between our member higher education associations and in representing the contribution of our universities in global fora.

Our meeting in Nanjing is a step towards achieving this goal.

After serving 4 years as GCHERA Chair since GCHERA Nairobi Conference in 2009, and as I told in Uruguay, I think it is now time to pass the baton on to the next Chair to further enhance the new dynamic of GCHERA. Higher education in Agricultural and Life Sciences is more than ever a key point of the global agenda for a sustainable agriculture... for a sustainable world.

Together, through GCHERA, we will help to bring the contribution of our universities to this key challenge.

I do hope you will consider the opportunity of being nominated to be the next Chair of GCHERA.

With my warmest regards

Philippe CHOQUET

Chair of the GCHERA Board & President of Institut Polytechnique LaSalle Beauvais

The **GCHERA General Assembly will be held on 22 October 2013 on the occasion of the ceremony to award the GCHERA World Agriculture Prize.**

At the GCHERA General Assembly Philippe Choquet will step down as Chair and is not eligible for re-election. Thus during the GCHERA General Assembly, there will be an election to the position of Chair of the GCHERA Board. Any person coming from an institutional member of one of the GCHERA Higher Education Association members is eligible to be nominated for the position of Chair of GCHERA. Ian Maw (APLU) is the current Vice Chair and was elected at the Board meeting in October 2012. The other Vice Chair is the President of the GCHERA Conference Committee. The Chair of GCHERA is supported by the GCHERA Steering Committee through regular meetings to discuss the development of GCHERA.

Further information about GCHERA can be found on the GCHERA website (www.gchera.com) and in the paper "GCHERA Making a Difference" which is an Annex to this paper.

The current Full Members of the Board (with voting rights) are:

Philippe Choquet (Chair)

Dr Ian Maw – (Vice Chair) A.P.L.U (Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities)

Dr Hak Lae Lee & Domingo Angeles - AAACU (Asian Association of Agricultural Colleges and Universities)

Raul Machado Neto - ABEAS (Associação Brasileira de Educação Agrícola Superior/Brazilian Association for Higher Agricultural Education)

Iain Young - ACDA (Australian Council of Deans of Agriculture)

Jaime Martinez - AMEAS (Asociación Mexicana de Educación Agrícola Superior)

Aissetou Drame Yaye – ANAFE (African Network for Agriculture, Agroforestry & Natural Resources Education)

Alim Pulatov – CASCADE (Central Asia and (South) Caucuses (CAC) Agricultural University Consortium)

John Kennelly – CFAVM (Canadian Faculties of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine)

Vladimir Bautin - CIS (Rectors' Council of the Leading Agrarian Higher Education Institutions of Commonwealth of Independent States)

Zhou Guanghong - EPC of CAASS (Education Professional Committee (EPC), of the Chinese Association of Agricultural Science Societies (CAASS))

Riksh Pal Singh - IAUA (Indian Agricultural Universities Association)

Simon Heath – ICA (Association for European Life Science Universities)

Nominations, for election at the General Assembly, are sought for Chair of GCHERA

Please return the nomination paper below **by 11 September 2013** to the GCHERA Secretariat, Institut Polytechnique LaSalle Beauvais, 19 rue Pierre Waguët, BP 30313, 60026 Beauvais Cedex, France.
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If you have any queries regarding the role of the Chair of GCHERA please contact Philippe Choquet philippe.choquet@lasalle-beauvais.fr and copy to secretariat@gchera.com

The full Statutes, which were approved by the GCHERA General Assembly on 28 October 2012, can be viewed on the GCHERA website (www.gchera.com)



of Higher Education Associations

for Agricultural and Life Sciences

Nomination for election to the position of Chair of the GCHERA Board

To be returned by 11 September 2013

It is a condition of nomination that the nominee speaks English without the support of an accompanying colleague as the working language of GCHERA is English

	Nomination	Proposer	Second
Family Name			
Given name			
Title			
University			
University position			
Address			
Email address			
Telephone number			
Member of which Higher Education Association			
Position held in the Higher Education Association			

Signature of nominee

Please return your nomination paper below by 11 September 2013 to

Marie DUBRUQUE - GCHERA Executive Secretary

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ANNEX - GCHERA Making a Difference

The challenges for the global higher education community

The global agricultural and food communities, taken in the widest definition, need to enhance the quality of life and human endeavours through promotion of:

Sustainable agricultural development

Food and nutritional security and safety

Remediation and sustainability of fragile ecosystems and environments

Improved health and nutrition

Development and utilisation of bio-renewable resources, and

Enhancement of economic viability of the food chain and reduction of poverty

The global higher education community has the challenge to provide graduates with the knowledge, skills, especially entrepreneurship and creativity, to succeed in their future careers in addressing these challenges. The higher education global higher education community has also the responsibility to conduct both science driven and innovation driven research which will underpin the resolution of these challenges through effective knowledge transfer and capacity building.

The GCHERA Approach

GCHERA is a confederation of higher education associations – either national or regional associations.

GCHERA's mission is to encourage mutual understanding and global cooperation among the higher education associations and to provide, within the global context, leadership in education, research and innovation in the agricultural and life sciences. In particular it will support its members in addressing the global challenges listed above.

The GCHERA Board participates in global forums to contribute the views of the global higher education community in addressing the global challenges facing agriculture, food and natural resource management systems.

The difference GCHERA will make

GCHERA will ensure that the higher education sector contributes to the development of initiatives and action at the global level addressing the global challenges facing agriculture, food and natural resource management systems through its involvement and contribution in global forums.

GCHERA will through collaborative ventures between the member higher education associations

enhance the success of higher education institutions in delivering graduates which have the skills, entrepreneurship and creativity to succeed in the global, regional and national contexts.

enable each higher education association to play an enhanced role at the regional or national level through a shared understanding of the global contexts and innovative approaches in

addressing the challenges facing agriculture, food and natural resource management systems