

Members of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST)

Mr Khalid Abdullah al-Ali (Qatar, 2nd term ended 31/12/2013), is an Associate Professor of Human Genetics in the Department of Biological Science and Director of the Foundation Programme of Qatar University. He is a Member of the Arab Ethics Committee for Science and Technology.

Mr Rajaona Andriamananjara (Madagascar, 2nd term ends 31/12/2015), President of COMEST, is an economist. He is the President of the Madagascar Academy of Science, Arts and Letters and also President of the newly founded Madagascar Committee of Ethics of Science and Technology.

Mr Philippe Busquin (Belgium, 2nd term ends 31/12/2015) is a nuclear physicist. A former Minister, he was formerly a member of the European Parliament, where he chaired the Science and Technology Options Assessment (STOA). He served as European Commissioner for Research (1999-2004).

Mr Dai Jianwu (People's Republic of China, 1st term ended 31/12/2013) is Professor and Associate Director of the Center of Molecular Development Biology, Institute of Genetics and Developmental Biology of the Chinese Academy of Science.

Mr Hong Sungook (Republic of Korea, 2nd term ends 31/12/2015) is a Professor in the Department of Biological Science Program in History and Philosophy of Science, College of Natural Sciences, Seoul National University. He is a Member of the Council of the Society for the History of Technology, 2011-2013.

Mr Rainier A. Ibana (Philippines, 1st term ended 31/12/2013), Vice-Chairperson of COMEST, has served for nine years as Chair of the Philosophy Department of the Ateneo de Manila University and as Chair of the Philippine Commission for Higher Education's Technical Committee for Philosophy. He is also a Commissioner of the Philippine National Commission for UNESCO.

Mr Justice M. Jagannadha Rao (India, 1st term ended 31/12/2013) is one of India's most renowned legal scholars. He is the former Chairman of the Law Commission of India, a former Chief Justice of Kerala and Delhi High Courts, and a former judge of the Supreme Court of India.

Ms Tafeeda Jarbawi (Palestine, 2nd term ended 31/12/2013) has Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry with 30 years of teaching, research and management experience. She is currently the Director General of the nongovernmental Swiss and Palestinian registered Welfare Association.

Mr Workineh Kelbessa Golga (Ethiopia, 1st term ends 31/12/2015) is Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. He is a former Fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, and a member of the executive committee of the International Development Ethics Association and the Editorial Advisory Board of the Journal Environmental Ethics.

Ms Marta Kollárová (Slovak Republic, 2nd term ended 31/12/2013) is a Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and is currently the Head of the department of Biochemistry of the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Comenius University, and Bratislava, Slovakia. She is also Vice-Rector for doctoral study.

Mr Jürgen Mittelstraß (Germany, 1st term ended 31/12/13) is sometime Professor of Philosophy and Philosophy of Science at the University of Constance. He is a Member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, President of the Academia Europaea (London) and Chairman of the Austrian Science Council.

Mr Luka Omladič (Slovenia, 1st term ends 31/12/2015), Rapporteur of COMEST, is a lecturer at the University of Ljubljana and President of the Slovenian Philosophical Society.

Ms Marie-Hélène Parizeau (Canada, 1st term ends 31/12/2015), Vice-Chairperson of COMEST, is a Professor at the Faculty of Philosophy of the Université Laval (Québec City). She has led the Groupe de recherche en éthique médicale et environnementale since 1987.

Mr Henry S. Richardson (United States of America, 1st term ended 31/12/2013), rapporteur of COMEST, is Professor of Philosophy at Georgetown University and Editor of Ethics.

Mr Abdoulaye Sene (Senegal, 1st term ends 31/12/2015), he is an environmental sociologist and currently the coordinator of the research and learning Unit "Ethics, Governance, Environmental and Social Responsibility" within the Environmental Sciences Institute at Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar and chairperson of the African Francophone Group of environmental Ethics.

Mrs Susana Sommer (Argentina, 2nd term ends 31/12/2015) is a Biologist. Professor in Bioethics in Science at the *Facultad de Ciencias Exactas (Faculty of Exact Sciences)*, University of Buenos Aires. She is Member of the Advisory Board on Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine at the Ministry of Science and Technology, Argentina, since 2006. Her books and articles show her concern for ethical aspects of assisted reproduction, biotechnology and women's issues.

Mrs Hebe Vessuri (Venezuela, 2nd term ends 31/12/2015), Vice-President of COMEST, is a social anthropologist at the Venezuelan Institute of Scientific Research and has been active in the field of science and society for almost 30 years.

Vacant position

One position remains vacant since the member proposed for appointment declined the Director-General's invitation on health grounds.