

## **Annita Demetriou**

President

House of Representatives

Republic of Cyprus



Mrs Annita Demetriou, is the first woman and the youngest person to serve as President of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus. She was elected as a Representative in 2016 and re-elected in 2021. She holds a university degree in Social and Political Sciences as well as a postgraduate title in International Relations and European Studies.

She is an Ambassador of the global network of women politicians - Women Political Leaders (WPL) and represents Cyprus in the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

She participates in the Conference of Speakers of EU Parliaments (EUSC), in the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament of the Council of Europe, the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (EMPA), the Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth as well as in the Conference of Presidents of Parliaments of Small European States.

She aims for and strives towards the advancement of parliamentary work, the modernisation and digital transformation of the functioning of the House of Representatives as well as the strengthening of the communication with the citizens, within an interactive framework. Her priorities include, among other issues, the promotion of human rights, the eradication of gender stereotypes, the protection of the environment and the strengthening of parliamentary diplomacy.

**Margareta Cederfelt**  
OSCE PA President  
Moderate Party, Sweden



Margareta Cederfelt was elected President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly at the 2021 Remote Session.

She previously served as Vice-President and two terms as Rapporteur of the General Committee on Political Affairs and Security. She has been a member of the Swedish Parliament since 1999 and has been on Sweden's Delegation to the OSCE PA since 2010. In March 2019, OSCE PA President George Tsereteli tasked her with overseeing issues relevant to the case of assassinated Russian political figure Boris Nemtsov and report back any information and progress made at future OSCE PA meetings. (Read her report on the Nemtsov assassination.) From February 2020 to July 2021 she also served as Acting Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Migration.

With extensive experience in election observation, she has actively worked to defend democratic values, the rule of law, peace and security in the OSCE region. She has led OSCE PA election observation delegations to Tajikistan and Turkey, and served as Special Co-ordinator of the OSCE short-term observer mission to Montenegro. In the Swedish Parliament, she serves on the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

**Ioannis Kasoulides**  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Republic of Cyprus



**Personal Information**

Born on August 10<sup>th</sup> 1948, in Nicosia, Cyprus.

Married to Mrs Emy Kasoulidou and they have a daughter, Joanna.

**Political Career**

*March 2013 – March 2018*

Appointed as Minister of Foreign Affairs for a second time. During his tenure, he introduced the formation of the trilateral cooperation between Cyprus, Greece and Egypt, extended the same format to Israel, Jordan, Palestine and Lebanon and he initiated the meetings of the seven Mediterranean Members of the EU (MED7). During the same period, he served as President of the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group, (CMAG), the standing Committee between the Leaders Conferences.

*June 2009 – March 2013*

Re-elected as a Member of the European Parliament. During his term he was elected Vice President of the EPP group of the European Parliament, a position to which he was re-elected in 2012. Appointed Head of the EPP's Foreign Affairs Working Group.

*February 2008*

Candidate in the elections for the Presidency of the Republic of Cyprus, where he entered the run-off.

*June 2004 – June 2009*

Elected for the first time as Member of the European Parliament. He was appointed full member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and under this capacity he served in various positions, including the Presidency of the ad hoc Committee for Human Rights in Western Sahara and the delegation for the relations of the European Parliament with the Palestinian Authority.

*April 1997 – February 2003*

Appointed as Minister of Foreign Affairs. During his term, he led the diplomatic effort that marked the beginning, the conduct and the completion of the accession negotiations of Cyprus to the European Union.

*March 1993 – April 1997*

Appointed as Government Spokesperson.

*1991*

Elected Member of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus.

Was founder and Chair of the Federation of Cypriot Students' Union in France and has served as President of the Democratic Rally Party youth Organisation.

Education - Publications

Studied Medicine at the University of Lyon in France and specialized in Geriatric Medicine in London.

Foreign Languages: Fluent in English and French; competent in German.

Author of two books:

*Cyprus– EU: The accession as I witnessed it* (Livani, Athens 2007)

*Thirty years present. Ideas and thoughts about Cyprus* (Kathimerini, Nicosia 2019).

## **Irene Charalambides (CYPRUS)**

OSCE PA Vice-President

OSCE PA Special Representative on  
Combating Corruption



Irene Charalambides was appointed the OSCE PA's Special Representative on Fighting Corruption by OSCE PA President George Tsereteli (Georgia) in July 2019 and 2020 and by Margareta Cederfelt in 2021.

Charalambides is an OSCE PA Vice-President and serves as Head of the Cyprus delegation to the Assembly. She was first elected in 2011 as a Member of Parliament. In the parliamentary elections of 2016 and 2021 she was the first woman to be elected with the highest number of preferential votes among all Cypriot MPs.

She currently serves as the Chairperson of the House Standing Committee on Human Rights and Equal Opportunities for Men and Women in the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus. She is also a Member of the House Standing Committee on Development Plans and Public Expenditure Control and of the House Standing Committee on Institutions, Merit and the Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman).

Charalambides submitted a Private Bill for the protection of whistleblowers which was adopted as legislation in 2022. Charalambides also spearheaded efforts to increase transparency in the judiciary and the House of Representatives.

## **Ambassador Artur Dmochowski**

Special Envoy of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office



Artur Dmochowski is a seasoned Polish diplomat, currently serving as ambassador to Montenegro (since 2018). On 1 January 2022, he assumed the role of the Special Envoy of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office.

He studied at the Jagiellonian University, University of Maryland and the Monterey Institute of International Studies in California.

In the 1980s, Dmochowski, being active in the Polish underground Solidarity movement, was arrested and detained several times.

He started working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1993. In the 1990s, he served as field officer in the CSCE Mission in Georgia and the OSCE Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina. From 2000 to 2006, he was minister-counsellor at the Polish Embassy in Rome. In 2015-16 he worked as spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and later at the Diplomatic Academy.

Beside diplomacy, he worked in the media as an editor and journalist. He created the television channel TVP Historia and was the head of the Polish Press Agency. He also authored several books on history and international relations.

He is married, has three children and his wife, Monika Dmochowska, Ph.D., is a diplomat.

He speaks English, Russian, Italian and Serbo-Croatian.

**Roberto Montella**  
OSCE PA Secretary-General



Roberto Montella of Italy assumed his duties as Secretary General on 1 January 2016 following his election at the 2015 Annual Session.

He was re-elected by the Standing Committee in 2019 for a second five-year mandate starting 1 January 2021. He previously served in the International Secretariat as Director of Presidential Administration.

Montella has held positions at OSCE field missions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, and Serbia and Montenegro, fulfilling a range of advisory, peace-building and management functions. He also served as Head of the OSCE South Serbia Regional Office and Head of the European Center for Minority Issues in Kosovo.

Montella has taken part in dozens of election observation missions in the OSCE area and the Middle East, including as Co-ordinator of Long-Term Election Observers for The Carter Center. He has served as political advisor to an Italian senator and PACE Vice-President, among other advisory roles. He also holds campaign-related and corporate experience.

In addition to his native Italian and French, Montella is fluent in English and Serbian.

## **Ambassador Igli Hasani**

Co-ordinator of the OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities



Before joining the OSCE as Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, Ambassador Hasani served as the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Albania to the OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna (2018-2021). In 2019, as part of the OSCE Troika, he chaired the Mediterranean Contact Group. Subsequently, in 2020, Ambassador Hasani held the position of the Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, and in 2021, he acted as Chairperson of the Asian Partners for Cooperation Group.

Ambassador Hasani has extensive experience in international security, contributing to the development of the security and defence policy packages of the Republic of Albania. During his 17 years' tenure at the Albanian Ministry of Defence, he held various management positions, such as Secretary General (2017-2018), Director General for Defence Policy (2015-2017), Director of NATO and Foreign Relations (2013-2014), Director of Euro-Atlantic Integrations (2013-2014) as well as director of the Press and Information, Policy and Media and Legal Affairs. Prior to his career at the Ministry of Defence, he worked as journalist and editor for several newspapers and TV stations in Albania.

Ambassador Hasani holds Degrees in Law, Sociology and Philosophy from the University of Tirana, a Master's Degree in International Relations from King's College London, and is also a graduate of the Royal College of Defence Studies.

## **Anita Ramasastry**

Special Representative of the OSCE  
Chairperson-in-Office on Combating  
Corruption



Anita Ramasastry, a U.S and Irish citizen, is the Henry M. Jackson Professor of Law and the Director of the Sustainable International Development Graduate Program at the University of Washington School of Law. She is an expert in the fields of anti-corruption, commercial law, sustainable development and business and human rights. She is one of the leading academics and a pioneer in the field of business and human rights and the linkages between corruption and human rights.

She currently serves as a member and the immediate past chair of the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights, having been appointed as rapporteur by the United Nations Human Rights Council in 2016. She leads the Working Group's thematic work on corruption.

From 2009 to 2012, Ramasastry served as a senior advisor in the International Trade Administration of the US Department of Commerce where she led a special initiative focused on anti-corruption and international trade, with engagement with APEC, the G20, the OECD, and in other multilateral fora. As of 2019, Ramasastry is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Transparency and Anti-Corruption.

**Hanne Juncher**

Executive Secretary of GRECO  
Council of Europe



Hanne previously headed the Council of Europe's work on justice and legal co-operation and as such was responsible for the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ), the Consultative Councils of European Judges and Prosecutors (CCJE and CCPE), developing new standards in the areas of private and public law, and the Council of Europe's justice reform programmes.

Prior to that she worked for the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT), in the field in the Western Balkans, and headed the Council of Europe's human rights support and awareness-raising work. She also worked for the Ministries of Defence of Denmark and the United Kingdom.

Hanne has postgraduate degrees in law from Copenhagen and Essex Universities.

## **Brigitte Strobel-Shaw**

Chief of the Corruption and Economic Crime Branch

Division for Treaty Affairs

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime



Brigitte Strobel-Shaw joined the United Nations in 1995 as Associate Expert and since held several positions in the UN system, both at headquarters and in the field, on issues related to crime prevention and criminal justice.

From 2010 to 2019, Ms Strobel-Shaw headed the Conference Support Section of the Corruption and Economic Crime Branch. Prior positions within UNODC included the position of Deputy to the Chief of the Organized Crime and Corruption Section, work with the Terrorism Prevention Branch, in particular for setting-up UNODC's Global Programme against Terrorism, as well as work on promoting and supporting the entry into force of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

From 1998 to 2002, Ms Strobel-Shaw was posted in South Africa to manage UNDP's crime prevention and criminal justice programme portfolio and serve as UNODC's programme coordinator for all technical assistance activities, including projects on organized crime, corruption, urban terrorism, juvenile justice and violence against women.

Prior to joining the UN system, Ms Strobel-Shaw worked for the Centre for International Environmental Law in Washington, D.C. and a private law firm in Munich, Germany.

Ms Strobel-Shaw is a lawyer by training. She holds an LL.M., Master of International Law, from the American University, Washington, D.C., United States of America and two advanced law degrees from the Ludwig Maximilians Universität, Munich, Germany.

**Roby Senderowitsch**  
Practice Manager  
Governance ECA West  
World Bank



Roby Senderowitsch currently serves as the World Bank's Governance Practice Manager for ECA West. Previously he has held various positions, including Manager for Leadership, Learning & Innovation; Manager of the Global Partnership for Social Accountability (GPSA); and Country Manager in the Dominican Republic.

His work in the Bank included a strong focus on political economy analysis, building coalitions for change, anti-corruption, and performance-based management of public institutions. He has been a lecturer in Human Resource management in nonprofit organizations, as well as director of educational programs and community development and HR management in the private sector. Roby's publications include "Democratic Governance in Mexico: Beyond State Capture and Social Polarization" (with Yasuhiko Matsuda), "Performance Informed Budgeting and Trust in Government" (with Nick Manning and others), and "From the International Financial Crisis to Inclusive Growth in the Dominican Republic."

**John Vrushi**

Research Specialist

Transparency International



Jon Vrushi is a Research Specialist at the Transparency International Secretariat in Berlin. He has conducted research and published numerous reports including on corruption measurement, public integrity, open data for anti-corruption and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on governance. Jon was the drafting lead of Transparency International's Strategy 2021-2030. Prior to Transparency International he worked with UNCEF Innovations Lab in Kosovo and the Albanian Mission to the European Union in Brussels.

Jon is also an independent governance consultant, having conducted research for the OSCE, OECD, the National Democratic Institute and Democracy Reporting International among other institutions.

Jon holds a MA in History from the University of Edinburgh and a Master of Public Policy degree from the Hertie School of Governance.

## **Konstantine Vardzelashvili**

Head of Democratization Department  
OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and  
Human Rights



Mr. Konstantine Vardzelashvili is the Head of the Democratization Department of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), which supports the OSCE participating States, among other, to develop rule of law based democratic institutions, respecting principles of transparency, accountability and equality, assists in achieving compliance of states' legislation and policies with the OSCE's Human Dimension commitments and international standards.

Mr. Vardzelashvili has over 20 years of experience of working in the fields of good governance, rule of law and public integrity, constitutional and international human rights law.

He joined ODIHR in 2018. Previously, he served as a substitute member of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe (2007-2014) and a Vice Chair and a member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee (2012-2016). Furthermore, he served as the Vice-President of the Constitutional Court of Georgia (2006-2016) and as Deputy Minister of Justice of Georgia (2004-2006).

He is also a Professor of the School of Law of Ilia State University (Tbilisi, Georgia).

## **Costas Clerides**

Former Attorney-General  
Republic of Cyprus



Costas Clerides was born in Nicosia in 1952 and graduated from the Pancyprian Gymnasium in 1970.

He served as an officer in the Cyprus National Guard for two years. He then read law in London and was called to the Bar from the Middle Temple.

After his return to Cyprus he practiced law for 10 years as a partner in the law firm "Lefkos Clerides and Sons". He served as an elected member of the board of the Nicosia Bar Association for a number of years. He also served as the General Secretary of the Nicosia Bar Association.

He published articles in the local press and in legal periodicals on various subjects of legal and social interest.

In 1988 he was appointed as a District Judge and was promoted to Senior District Judge in 1996. He was elected as Secretary of the Cyprus Judges Association. In 1997 he was promoted to District Court President. He served as the President of the Limassol Assize Court, Administrative President of the Larnaca-Famagusta District Court and, Administrative President of the Nicosia-Kyrenia District Court. He was appointed as judge of the Supreme Court of Cyprus on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009. On the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013 he was appointed as the Attorney General of the Republic and served until June 2020. During his term of office, he appeared before the Supreme Court in various proceedings of vital importance on behalf of the Republic or the President of the Republic and he represented Cyprus before the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, the International Court (ICJ) in the Hague and before the ICSID Arbitration Court in Paris.

He has also represented Cyprus in various European and International conferences.

He has been awarded an honorary doctorate from Frederick University Cyprus and from UCLAN University UK.

As from December 2020 he has been appointed as one of the Members for Cyprus in the Permanent Court of Arbitration, Hague.

Since 2015 he is the President of Nearchos Clerides Cultural Foundation and as from September 2020 a Board Member of A. G. Leventis Foundation.

He is married and has one son.

## **Drew Sullivan**

OCCRP Co-founder

Editor of the Organized Crime and  
Corruption Reporting Project



Drew Sullivan is a social entrepreneur who co-founded the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Program (OCCRP) \ in 2007 where he now serves as published and editor-in-chief. Before that, he founded the Center for Investigative Reporting (CIN), the leading investigative center in Bosnia-Herzegovina, in 2004, and the Journalism Development Network (2006), an innovative global media development organization. He led a team of reporters looking at corruption by the Bosnian prime minister which led to his eventual indictment and resignation.

Under his direction, OCCRP has won more than 100 international awards including the Daniel Pearl Award (3 times), the Online Journalism Award (3x), the Global Shining Light Award (5x), the Tom Renner award for Crime Reporting (2x), the European Press Prize and dozens of others. OCCRP's work on the Panama Papers with the International Consortium of Investigative Reporters and 100 other media was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in Journalism. Before that he was an investigative reporter for The Tennessean newspaper and the Associated Press's Special Assignment Team.

He has served on the boards of Investigative Reporters and Editors, the National Institute for Computer Assisted Reporting, CIN, OCCRP and Arab Reporters for Investigative Journalism. Before becoming a journalist, he was a structural dynamicist on the Space Shuttle project for Rockwell Space Systems and has a degree in Aerospace Engineering from Texas A&M University.

He has also been a professional standup comedian, appeared as an actor in four Bosnian films and plays bodhran and sings in the Balkans only authentic Irish/Celtic band.

## **Franz Wild**

Editor of the Bureau of Investigative Journalism



Franz Wild leads the Bureau of Investigative Journalism's reporting on the UK's role in enabling transnational corruption and wrongdoing. Before that he spent 13 years as a reporter for Bloomberg, covering everything from politics to economics and mining in west, central and southern Africa, as well as London.

He has led investigations into grand corruption, fraud, insider trading and everything in between. Franz's subjects have included giant commodity corporations, New York hedge funds and a string of colourful billionaires.

He has won several prizes for his work, including the British Journalism Awards, and was a Gerald Loeb Award finalist. Authorities in the UK, US and elsewhere have opened criminal investigations into some of his subjects after his articles were published.

**Dr. Odysseas Ph. Michaelides**  
Auditor-General  
Republic of Cyprus



Born in Nicosia, Cyprus in 1968. He graduated from Acropolis High School in 1986 after which he served for two years in the National Guard. In 1993 he received his diploma, with honours, in Civil Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens. He went on to pursue graduate studies and in 1997, he received his doctorate, with honours, in Civil Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens. He was further admitted to a degree program in the Faculty of Economics, Department of Law, Economics and Political Sciences, University of Athens, from where he received a degree in Economics in 2004. He also holds the Certificate in Finance, Accounting and Business (CFAB) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

In 1998 Dr Michaelides was appointed to the position of Audit Officer in the Department of Control (Audit) of the Ministry of Communications and Works, and in June 2010 was appointed Director of Control. During his tenure at the Department of Control, amongst other matters, he dealt with public procurement issues, with the examination of contractors' claims as well as with technical and financial audit work.

He has taught graduate students at the University of Cyprus for many years, in his capacity as a Specialist Scientist and has also given a number of lectures in Cyprus and abroad on public procurement. He is the editor of the Model Contract Terms that have been adopted by the competent authority for public procurement for use in public work contracts.

He is a member of the ETEK (Technical Chamber of Cyprus) and of the European Federation of National Engineering Associations (FEANI).

Between 2006 and 2011 he was a member of the Tender Board at the Ministry of Communications and Works and from 2009 until 2014, he was a member of the Central Committee for Variations and Claims. On 14 February 2012 he was appointed by the Council of Ministers as a member of the Loan Commissioner's Fund, a position he held until 1 January 2014 when he was appointed by the Council of Ministers as President of the Council for Registration and Control of Contractors. In July 2013 he was appointed by the Council of Ministers as a Member of the Negotiating Team for the Terminal for the Liquefaction of Natural Gas.

On 11 April 2014 he was appointed by the President of the Republic of Cyprus as Auditor General of the Republic.

He is married to Lampriana (Nana) Chrysostomou-Michaelidou who is the owner and administrator of a web portal with content intended for use by parents, children and teacher, which maintains a strategic partnership with the private university Neapolis - Paphos. They have three children, two of whom attend the University of Cyprus and the third is a student in public secondary education.