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EUA announces candidates for new President and Board

Professors Lauritz Holm-Nielsen (Denmark) and Maria Helena Nazaré (Portugal) have been officially nominated by the Council of the European University Association (EUA) as candidates for election as the next EUA President. The elections will take place at the EUA Annual Conference in Aarhus on 14th April 2011.

Both nominations were approved by the EUA Council at a meeting in Brussels on Friday 28th January. The successful candidate will become President elect with immediate effect, and will take over from current EUA President, Professor Jean-Marc Rapp, in March 2012. He/she will serve for a period of three years.

Lauritz Holm-Nielsen is currently Rector of the University of Aarhus, Denmark and Professor Maria Helena Nazaré is former Rector of the University of Aveiro, Portugal. Both are currently members of the EUA Board.

At the EUA Annual Conference in Aarhus, four new EUA Board members will also be elected to replace the four outgoing members. EUA Council proposes 7 candidates for this election (please see below). The four successful candidates will serve for a period of four years (2011-15).

- Wieslaw Banys, Rector of the University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland
- Esther Giménez-Salinas, Rector of Ramon Llull University, Barcelona, Spain
- Vaclav Hampl, Rector of the Charles University, Czech Republic
- Lauritz Holm-Nielsen, Rector of the University of Aarhus, Denmark (*proposal for reelection and should he not be elected as President)
- Kristin Ingolfsdottir, Rector of the University of Iceland
- Dirk van den Berg, President of Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands
- Margaret Wintermantel, President of the German Rectors' Conference, Germany (*proposal for reelection)

The four elected candidates will join current board members David Drewry (UK), Jean-Pierre Finance (France), Maria Helena Nazaré (Portugal) and Giuseppe Silvestri (Italy), together with the current EUA President.

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Notes for editors:

- The EUA President is elected for three years and is not eligible for re-election. The President's task is to lead and represent the Association for all activities during this period. She/He thus chairs the various statutory bodies (including the Board and the Council) that are responsible for developing, endorsing and implementing the various policies of the association.
- A short biography of Professor Nazaré is available here: <http://www.eua.be/about/who-we-are/governing-bodies/presidency-and-board.aspx>
- A short biography of Professor Holm-Nielsen is available here: <http://www.eua.be/about/who-we-are/governing-bodies/presidency-and-board/prof-lauritz-b-holm-nielsen.aspx>
- The EUA **Board** comprises eight current or former rectors, and the EUA President. It is responsible for developing the Association's policy and work programme and for its implementation together with the Secretary General. Board members serve for a period of four years (four new members are elected every two years)