

## Edinburgh Latin American Forum IV edition - 02/04/2015

The following information was last updated in April 2015.

### Committee 2014 - 2015

#### *Chair of the Forum* – Maximo Cirio

As President and Chair of the Latin American Forum 2014, Maximo was responsible to the University for managing the committee and achieving his Forum objectives. Born in Argentina and raised in Uruguay, he moved to the United Kingdom to study at The University of Edinburgh where he specialised in Sustainable Development and Economics.

At Edinburgh, he founded the Sustainable Development Society, and was re-elected President. In addition, he worked in the Edinburgh Board of Net Impact, Perspective, and the Latin American Society, where he organizes workshops, long-term projects and high-profile conferences in the fields of Economics, Latin America and Sustainable Development.

Despite living in the UK, Maximo kept building his Latin American networks working as United Kingdom Representative for Brazilian NGO Cheer-For-Peace and continues serving in the Board of St Clares College in Uruguay. The University of Edinburgh recognised Maximo with the prestigious Edinburgh Award on Global Citizenship.

#### *Chair of Human Resources* – Nicole Engels

Nicole was responsible for the recruitment of speakers, marketing, and operational management of the 2014 Forum. Nicole is an Argentine-Brazilian, brought up in Buenos Aires and Sao Paulo. *Occupation whilst working for the Forum:* Master of Arts in International Relations at the University of Edinburgh.

#### *Chair of Finance* – Gonzalo Botas

Gonzalo was responsible for the finances of the 2014 Forum and that the budget was respected and kept simple. Gonzalo is a Spaniard, but has lived in various countries including: Netherlands, Mexico, Spain, and Egypt. *Occupation whilst working for the Forum:* Master of Arts with Honours in Economics at the University of Edinburgh.

#### *Chair of Communications* – Maria Lopez Quiroga

Maria was responsible for overseeing the communications, publicity and recruitment of speakers for the 2014 Forum. Maria is a Spaniard, brought up in Galicia. *Occupation whilst working for the Forum:* Bachelor of Science with Honours in Neuroscience at the University of Edinburgh.

#### *Chair of Public Relations* – Katharina Trachmann

Katharina was responsible for communications and engaging the public to participate in the 2014 Forum. Katharina is German, has lived and studied in Ecuador and travelled South America. She moved to Edinburgh in 2014 to complete her Masters degree. *Occupation whilst working for the Forum:* Master of Science in Policy Studies at the University of Edinburgh.

## *Chair of Public Relations – Claudia Esnouf*

Claudia was responsible for recruiting speakers and fundraising for the 2014 Forum budget. Claudia is South African, but born and raised in South America. She moved to the UK for her studies where she specialised in History and Literature and achieved an MA (Hons).

At Edinburgh, she founded the first Latin American Society where she was President and Communication Executive for the next five years. *Occupation whilst working for the Forum:* MSc at the University, whilst working for the Web and Communications Team at the University of Edinburgh Business School.