Chair: Koenraad Debackere

Koenraad Debackere is a Flemish professor at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration from the University of Leuven. He specialises in technology, innovation management and innovation. He is also the general manager of the KU Leuven, the chairman of the board of directors of Leuven.Inc, Managing Director of KULeuven Research & Development, Chairman of the innovation company Gemma-Frisius Fund and the Chairman of the Council of Elders of Flanders in Action.

His research has to support a focus on technology and innovation management and policy, and the development of indicators to measure the relationship between science and technology, design and use of bibliometric indicators of scientific policy and the role of entrepreneurship in universities economic development.

In 2005 he was appointed general manager of the KU Leuven.
Rapporteur: Erik Arnold

Erik Arnold is co-founder and Chairman of the Technopolis Group, part-time Professor in International Innovation Policy at the University of Twente and a Visiting Academic at the University of Manchester. He is a Trustee of the Fraunhofer-ISI institute, was a member of the scientific committee of the Institut für Qualitätssicherung und Forschungsinformation of the DFG (2007-13) and is a member of the editorial board of the journal Research Evaluation.

He has worked in research and innovation policy and evaluation since 1980, covering work in a wide range of disciplines handling research and innovation policy. His work spans over 30 countries as well as the European Commission and a range of international organisations including the OECD, World Bank, Nordic Council of Ministers, ESF and COST. He is expert in the design, management and implementation of large- as well as smaller-scale evaluations of research and innovation organisations, programmes and policies. He has particular expertise in integrating peer review and social-scientific evaluation methods.
Expert: Gunnar Sivertsen

Gunnar Sivertsen is Research Professor and Head of bibliometric research at the Nordic Institute for Studies in Innovation, Research and Education (NIFU) in Oslo. His expertise is in studies of scholarly communication and publishing and in the development and use of bibliometric indicators for statistics, evaluation, funding, and science policy. He has advised the development of new systems for research assessment and monitoring in the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Flanders (Belgium), Portugal, Sweden and South Africa.
Expert: Dorothea Sturn

Dorothea Sturn was Managing Director of the Austrian Science Foundation (FWF), Austria’s central funding organisation for basic research, comparable with DFG in Germany or ANR in France. In this context, she was involved in different international projects comparing peer review practices in national funding bodies. Her main areas of expertise revolve around research funding and proposal assessment by peer-review as well as strategy building and evaluation of research performance. Previously, she worked at the University of Vienna as Head of the Quality Assurance and Evaluation Unit where she developed an informed peer review scheme for the appraisement of research quality in different institutional settings. At the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG), she was responsible for various schemes fostering the co-operation between research and economy and earned her particularly strong experience in programme management. She holds an MA and a PhD in Economics and has lectured on public economics and on political economy.
Expert: Jack Spaapen

Jack Spaapen has been working on issues dealing with the evaluation of scientific research and of the societal impact in particular since the mid 1980s. He first worked as a researcher at the University of Amsterdam within two departments, Science Dynamics and the Institute for Development Research Amsterdam. In the 1990s, he lived and worked in San Diego, first at UCSD and later as co-owner of a small consultancy (sci_Quest). Since 1999, he works for the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Jack is also currently part of a small team developing a comprehensive evaluation framework for humanities research in the Netherlands, and acts as vice chair of a COST action working on promotion and evaluation of research in social sciences and humanities in the European context.