

Monthly Lecture Series 2017

Global decision making on science, the environment and sustainability:

What works, what does not and what can be improved.

Keynote Lecture in the Aula of the Asia Orient Institute at the University of Zürich

Building RAA, Room G-01, Rämistrasse 58, 8006 Zurich

9. March 2017, 18.15-19.30 h

Julia Marton-Lefèvre

Director General of IUCN

(International Union for Conservation of Nature)

Julia Marton-Lefèvre has had a privileged professional journey, leading the world's most important international scientific and environmental organisations. Her talk will examine the way decisions have, or have not, been made on important issues linked to the survival of human civilization as we know it. She will illustrate how the decision-making process on global sustainability issues works and why there is a need to re-think the process.



Speaker's Bio

Julia Marton-Lefèvre has completed a year as the Edward P. Bass Distinguished Visiting Environmental Scholar at Yale University and a Fellow of Davenport College at Yale. She will continue her links with Yale University as an Executive Fellow. She stepped down as Director General of IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) in January 2015 after eight years as head the world's largest international conservation membership organisation. Mrs Marton-Lefèvre also served as Rector of the UN-mandated University for Peace (UPEACE); Executive Director of LEAD (Leadership for Environment and Development) International, and Executive Director of the International Council for Science (ICSU).

Her board memberships today include: chairing the Executive Committee for the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement, the Donor Council of the Critical Ecosystems Partnership Fund, Bioversity International and the Advisory Board to the Sustainable Biomass Partnership. She also serves on the boards of the Geneva-based Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies; Oxford University's James Martin School; the Global Institute of Sustainability (Arizona State University); the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation; and the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI).

Julia received the AAAS Award for International Cooperation in Science; and has been been honoured as a Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur by the government of France; as a Chevalier dans l'Ordre de Saint-Charles by HSH Prince Albert of Monaco; received the ProNatura award from the government of Hungary and the Presidential citation from the Republic of Korea. She was elected a member of the World Academy of Art and Science and the World Future Council.

Ms. Marton-Lefèvre was born in Hungary, educated in the United States and in France, and having lived in several continents, considers herself a global citizen.

Upcoming Monthly Lectures

27. April, 2017 **Keynote Lecture on the economic empowerment of small-scale farmers in Africa**
by Dr. Eleni Gabre-Mahdin
Founder of Ethiopia Commodity Exchange, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

04. May, 2017 **Keynote Lecture on the problem of Wellness-Sustainability**
by Prof. Frank Furedi
School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research,
University of Kent, United Kingdom