



CV of Dr. Traugott Schoefthaler

Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures, Alexandria, Egypt

Born in 1949 in Bachhausen, Germany (Bavaria)

Academic background:

University diplomas in Theology (Heidelberg) and in Sociology (Berlin).

PhD Philosophy (Bremen) on „Cultural identities in world society. Cognitive development in different cultural settings”. Publications on cross-cultural research, sociology of religions and educational planning.

Career:

1975-1984: Assistant Professor for Sociology of Education, Free University of Berlin, and research staff at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development and Education, Berlin.

1979-1980: United Nations Institute for Namibia, Lusaka, Zambia.

1985-1986 Visiting fellow at the International Institute for Educational Planning of UNESCO, Paris.

1986-1993 Head of the Education, then of the Media Policies Section, Press Spokesman and Deputy Secretary-General of the German Commission for UNESCO, Bonn.

1993-2004 Secretary-General, German Commission for UNESCO, Bonn.

In July 2004, appointed by the 35 Member States of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (Euro-Med Committee) as the first Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures.

Contributions to Euro-Mediterranean Co-operation:

1992-: Implementation of a series of educational assistance projects including educational and scientific infrastructure with partners in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro and Slovenia.

1996 -: Trilateral cooperation agreement with the Israeli and the Palestinian National Commissions for UNESCO, followed by a series of joint educational and cultural projects.

2001- : Co-founder (with Fatma Tarhouni, Tunisia) of the Euro-Arab Task Force of National Commissions for UNESCO „Learning to Live Together”;

2002-2007: implementation of a series of projects and preparation of an inter-regional Euro-Arab Strategy for which was approved by all National Commissions for UNESCO of the two regions and by the governing bodies of UNESCO, the Council of Europe, the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) and the Islamic Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ISESCO).