

Dr Nathalie Fomproix
IUBS Executive Director



Dr Nathalie Fomproix was appointed on March 2, 2009, to succeed Dr Younès as IUBS Executive Director. Dr Fomproix, a French national, is an accomplished researcher, educator and science manager. Trained as a molecular and cell biologist, she obtained her doctorate from the University of Paris-V in 1997. Dr Fomproix worked from 1998 to 2003 as researcher/project manager at the Karolinska Institutet of Stockholm (Sweden); in 2005 she received training in economic and social management at the CNAM in Lyon, before being appointed as project manager for the Chemistry Cluster of Research of the Rhône-Alpes Region in 2006. Nathalie has a record of 12 outstanding scientific publications and in addition, a patent. The IUBS Executive is confident that she has the skills, character and nous to meet the challenges of working in a modern technological and complex multicultural environment.

Dr Talal Younès
Director emeritus



Dr Talal Younès retired in January 2009 from his office as IUBS Executive Director, a position that he had occupied since January 1980. This comprised thirty years of “house-keeping”, plus dialogue with IUBS national members, affiliated international scientific organisations and United Nations partner organisations. Of particular note was his dedication, commitment and contribution to the design and implementation of the Union’s scientific programmes and activities. These three decades at IUBS were to give rise to a number of significant collaborative scientific programmes, e.g. IUBS Decade of the Tropics in the 1980’s, Biological Diversity (DIVERSITAS) and Biological Complexity in the 1990’s, Integrative Biology (adopted in 1997), the IUBS commission for Biological Education and the IUBS commission for Bioethics. Prior to joining IUBS, Dr. Younès collaborated as a senior consultant with the UNESCO Environmental Education Programme (1976-1979) and was Professor of Biology at the Faculty of Sciences, the Lebanese University, Beirut, Lebanon.

During 2009, Dr Younès has agreed to serve in an emeritus capacity as co-ordinator of *Darwin 200* celebrations, and to ensure a smooth transition under the new IUBS Executive Director.

Prof John Buckeridge
IUBS President