



H.E. BOGYAY, KATALIN, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the UN

H. Exc. Ms Katalin Bogayay is President of UNESCO's General Conference since 2011. Since September 2009 Katalin Bogayay is Hungary's Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO in Paris. Her professional life has been highly connected to UNESCO. She hails from the fields of communication, culture and education. In 1998 as a London based television producer she took part in the international communication campaign for the UNESCO World Conference on Science that was held in Budapest. As Hungary's State Secretary for International Affairs at the Hungarian Ministry of Culture and Education (2006-2009) she worked on all Hungarian UNESCO-related topics and with Hungary's National Commission of UNESCO. At the UNESCO General Conference in 2007 she presided as one of the Vice-Chairs of the Cultural Committee. In 2009 she acted as one of the Vice-Presidents of the General Conference.

Ms Bogayay is an active and committed cultural bridge builder who is regularly invited as a key-note speaker, a chair of conferences and a lecturer on cultural diplomacy and intercultural dialogue all over the world. In 2009, she was invited to present the Regional Report in Confintea VI. Conference in Brazil. She has chaired and given speeches in many international UNESCO conferences (The Role of Women in Intercultural Dialogue, International Literacy Day, Culture-Arts-Music- promoting Sustainable Development, NGO conference for Cultural Diversity and Sustainable Development, The Role of NGOs in Intangible Heritage). In the second half of 2010 Ms Bogayay was the President of the Electoral Group II. In 2011, she represents the Hungarian Presidency of the European Union in the EU Group. Ms Bogayay has produced and organized a number of cultural events in UNESCO celebrating the Rapprochement of Cultures.

Ms Bogayay obtained both her university degree in Economics (1978) and her postgraduate diploma in Journalism (1981) in Budapest. She also holds an MA in International Communications (1994) from the University of Westminster, London and read Counselling (1995) at the Westminster Pastoral Foundation in London.