







# **EUCAN 2018**

# **Contributors to the event**



### Mr. Milad Asdaghi

Milad Asdaghi is currently Principal of the Breakwell Group, providing consultation, facilitation and research services for projects ranging from municipal regional collaboration, strategic planning, master planning, and citizen surveys and engagement. Prior to this he served as Director of Community and Economic Development to the Town of Devon, where he lead the Community and Economic Development department, including the functional areas of Economic Development, Community Development and Sustainability Initiatives. Milad has held numerous positions in community and urban planning across a variety of towns and cities in Canada and abroad.



#### **Mr. Andris Ravins**

Andris Ravins is five times elected Chairman of Jelgava City Council and long serving Deputy Chairman of Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments. Before joining the Popular Front, the force leading to independence of Latvia, Mr. Ravins was educated in Agriculture and Mechanisation of Farming and worked in Jelgava district. His political career is with Latvian Union of Farmers, and he has been Minister of Agriculture and also Adviser to Prime Minister. Since 2007 Mr Ravins is engaged as the Chairman of the Council of Society Integration Fund.



#### Mr. Pieter Bouwer

Pieter Bouwer is Canada's Regional Trade Commissioner for Clean Technology in Europe. Working with colleagues at Embassies across Europe, he helps to expand Canadian exports to Europe, promote investment into the Canadian Cleantech Sector and support cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation. Before being appointed to his current position in January 2018, Pieter served as Trade Commissioner for the German market for three years, covering sectors including aerospace and transportation. His previous experience includes 6 years working as a consultant, with a focus on risk management in Africa, and 23 years as a South African diplomat. Pieter studied politics and economics and has an MSc degree in Financial Economics.



#### Mr. Ansis Avotins

Ansis Avotins is a researcher and chief laboratory manager at Riga Technical University Institute of Industrial Electronics and Electrical Engineering, working there since 2004. M.Sc.ing. degree obtained in 2005 in RTU study program "Computer Control of Electrical Technologies", and currently continuing studies as PhD student. He has extensive experience in the field of electrotechnical systems development and practical implementation (eg. Smart LED street lighting systems, industrial DC power supply networks, IoT application and energy efficiency). A. Avotins has successfully implemented and managed different types of projects (ERDF, ESF, FP7, CCFI, etc.), and carried out more than 20 contractual projects in collaboration with industry partners in Latvia and Europe, dealing mostly with energy efficiency. He is a board member of Latvian energy efficiency association (LATEA) and Latvian Maintenance Association (LITAA), and professional member of IEEE (Industry Application Society). Over the past six years, he has authored 2 books and more than 20 scientific publications.



#### Mr. Tyson Macaulay

Tyson has been on the Advisory Board of InfoSec Global for several years and has moved into the position of Chief Product Officer, where his goal is to make cryptographic agility a mainstream requirement for information security. As a veteran of the cyber security industry with 25 years of experience, spanning most industry verticals and critical infrastructures, Tyson is recognized as a thought leader in the industry and is a researcher with lectureships, books, periodical publications and patents.



## Ms. Karen Kun

Karen Kun founded Waterlution fifteen years ago with the purpose of facilitating cross-sector dialogue around complex water issues. From 2005-2012, Karen was also publisher of Corporate Knights magazine. Born and raised in Toronto, yet having lived many years overseas, which formed the building blocks of Waterlution. This international experience included work in Bolivia, Colombia and Costa Rica, developing finance and marketing strategies with indigenous-led businesses.

# Mr. Jerry Hanna

Jerry Hanna is the CEO and Founder of Clearflow Group Inc and has 30 years experience related to water and water treatment systems and 11 years consulting experience in mining application. He has experience in

Environmental Impacts, Water Treatment System design and application, Sediment and Erosion Control Construction, Surface Water Management, Water Treatment Systems and has completed projects in Canada and internationally.



## Ms. Julie Angus

Julie is an accomplished scientist, entrepreneur, adventurer and bestselling author. She is the first woman to row across the Atlantic Ocean from mainland to mainland and a recipient of the National Geographic Adventurer of the Year award. While Julie is well known for her adventurous pursuits, she is also a talented entrepreneur. She co-founded Angus Rowboats, a company providing robotically-cut kits for a variety of human-powered craft and sailboats, and has transformed Angus Adventures into a successful entertainment business. Her background working in venture capital and in tech transfer give her unique insights into a broad range of tech startups.



#### Ms Inete Ielite

Inete Ielite, Riga Sustainable Energy Action Plan Management Board Member from 2007 till 2016, is a leader and expert of several large European Union cofunded projects for smart cities, ICT, energy and transport, a member of European and national consultative councils and working groups, coordinating and supervising international and national research, demonstration and cooperation projects and platforms. Ms. Ielite has been successful in engaging diverse stakeholders to achieve innovative solutions in cities for the benefit of communities. She has worked for UNESCO Latvian National Commission, Latvian government and Riga City and Riga Technical University.