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SPEAKERS



Gavin Allen

**Executive Editor in Chief
Huawei Technologies**

Gavin Allen is the Executive Editor in Chief at Huawei Technologies, leading a team that produces thought leadership magazines and videos focused on innovation and technology. Before joining Huawei, Gavin spent three decades at BBC News, where he directed major UK and global programs and channels and served as a News Board director.



Rachel Berkley

**Executive Producer
Warner Bros. Discovery**

Rachel Berkley is an Executive Producer at Warner Bros. Discovery, overseeing factual entertainment shows in Greater China and Southeast Asia. With nearly 20 years of industry experience, she has produced flagship series like Marooned with Ed Stafford and Killers of the Cosmos, as well as immersive VR content. Before joining Warner Bros. Discovery, she worked on Chinese versions of Western reality shows such as The Amazing Race: China Rush and directed various international documentary projects.



Available for interviews

Arno Cimadon

**Research & University cooperation
Nationalpark Neusiedler See - Seewinkel**

Arno Cimadon holds a PhD from the University of Vienna with a focus on ornithology and conservation. Since 2009, he has worked as a ranger at Neusiedler See - Seewinkel National Park. In 2019, he joined the park's research department, where he is responsible for planning, executing, and coordinating various research and monitoring projects.



Available for interviews

George Delaportas

**Co-founder & CEO
PROBOTEK**

George Delaportas is a Businessman, Computer Scientist/ Engineer and Enterprise Architect. He specializes in IT Security, AI and Robotics and is a Serial Entrepreneur. His motto is: „Impossible does not exist in my vocabulary“



Available for interviews

Harald Grabenhofer

**Head of Monitoring, Research & Citizen Science,
Nationalpark Neusiedler See - Seewinkel**

Harald Grabenhofer, ecologist and ornithologist, is working for Neusiedler See - Seewinkel National Park since 1999 in different positions. After heading the Dpt. Education & Visitor Programmes for 8 years he is Head of Dpt. Research, Monitoring & Citizen Science since 2018. He is involved in several national and international projects in the field of natural history research and nature-restoration.



Tony Jin

**Executive Vice President
Huawei Europe**

Tony Yong Jin joined Huawei's Communications team in September 2021, bringing two decades of experience in the telecommunications sector. Since joining Huawei in 2001, he has held key leadership roles, including CEO, Sales Director, and Solutions Director in various Latin American countries such as Mexico, Brazil, Costa Rica, and Panama. After relocating to Europe in 2014, he served as Managing Director of the Carrier Business Unit in Spain and was subsequently appointed CEO of Huawei Spain from 2015 to 2021. Mr. Jin holds a Bachelor's degree in Telecommunication Engineering from Hangzhou University of Electrical Engineering (HDU).



Radoslaw Kedzia

**Senior Vice President
Huawei Europe**

Radoslaw Kedzia is the Senior Vice President for the European regions at Huawei Technologies. With a career at Huawei spanning over 15 years, Mr. Kedzia has held key leadership roles across Africa and Europe, including CEO positions in Uganda and the Czech Republic. Before joining Huawei, he built a solid technical and managerial foundation working with prominent companies like Ericsson, Safaricom, and Siemens in various countries including Kenya, Israel, and Great Britain.

Available for interviews



Christian Kern

Former Federal Chancellor of Austria

Christian Kern served as the Chancellor of Austria from 2016 to 2017. Before his tenure as Chancellor, he was the CEO of the Austrian Federal Railways (ÖBB), where he led significant modernization efforts. Kern is known for his strong leadership in both politics and business, with a focus on innovation and sustainable development.



Vegard Kjenner

CTO

Huawei Technologies Norway

Vegard Kjenner has over 20 years of experience in the telecom industry, covering both technical and commercial roles. In recent years, his focus has been primarily on 5G and AI technologies. Additionally, for the past three years, Vegard has been actively involved in the Humpback Salmon project, contributing to both environmental and technological innovation.

Available for interviews



Wieslaw Klimiuk

Head of the Nature Conservation Team

Białowieża National Park

A graduate in Environmental Engineering from Warsaw University of Technology, Wieslaw Klimiuk has been a Geographic Information System specialist at Białowieża National Park since 2006 and currently serves as the Head of the Nature Conservation Team. In 2022, Wieslaw Klimiuk was awarded the prestigious Digital Shaper award in the Digital Transformation category for pioneering acoustic monitoring in Białowieża National Park as part of the TECH4ALL initiative. An advocate of OpenSource software, he continues to lead innovative conservation efforts within the park.

Available for interviews





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Kiriaki Spyrou Michael

**Executive Director
Terra Cypria**

Kiriaki Spyrou Michael is the Executive Director of Terra Cypria – The Cyprus Conservation Foundation. With over 16 years of experience in environmental conservation, she holds both a BSc and MSc in Environmental and Natural Resources Management. Her work spans the monitoring and protection of crucial marine and terrestrial habitats.

She is a dedicated advocate for stronger environmental policies and enforcement, both nationally and within the EU. A true islander at heart, she finds solace in the sea, diving into the deep blue at every opportunity.



Available for interviews

Christian Schulze

**Department for Botany and Biodiversity Research
University of Vienna, Faculty of Life Science**

Christian H. Schulze is an animal ecologist and senior lecturer at the University of Vienna. Some of his main research interests are conservation biology, community ecology and island biogeography, with a particular focus on birds.