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**ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATORS (AIEA)
PRESENTS 2014 CHARLES KLASEK AWARD**

The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) presented its annual Charles Klasek Award for outstanding service to the field of international education administration at an awards luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 18 in Washington, DC during its annual conference. The award was given to Dr. Francisco Marmolejo, who, as the World Bank's Lead Tertiary Education Specialist and Coordinator of its Network of Higher Education Specialists, serves as the World Bank's central figure on the topic of higher education. This award is meant to acknowledge his commitment to improving educational systems, academic collaboration, and world wide access to education.

Dr. Darla Deardorff, Executive Director of AIEA, noted that "Dr. Francisco Marmolejo is most deserving of AIEA's most prestigious award given his contributions globally to the field of international higher education and even as he continues to serve as a distinguished expert who is respected by so many."

Dr. Marmolejo has dedicated 32 years to advance the internationalization of higher education. Previously, he served as the founding Executive Director of the Consortium of North American Higher Education Collaboration (CONAHEC), a network of more than 160 higher education institutions and related organizations from Canada, the U.S., Mexico, and 10 more countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. Today it is one of the largest networks of institutions providing student exchanges, annual conferences, and professional development programs. Dr. Marmolejo has also served as the Assistant Vice-President at the University of Arizona, a Fellow of the American Council on Education at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Vice-President for Administration and Academic Vice President at the University of Americas in Mexico, and International Consultant at the OECD Programme on Institutional Management of Higher Education in Paris.



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He is extremely well respected by leaders in higher education worldwide, and is extensively recognized as an agent of positive change in the field of international tertiary education. He has coauthored several publications, presented in forums around the world on the topic of internationalization in higher education, and continues to serve as a distinguished expert in his field.

Founded in 1982, the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA), hosted at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, is a professional membership organization composed of institutional leaders representing over 300 institutions engaged in advancing the international dimensions of higher education.

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