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Professor Helena Nazaré takes office as President of the European University Association during Annual Conference at University of Warwick

Professors Drewry (UK) and Holm-Nielsen (Denmark) named as Vice-Presidents

Professor Helena Nazaré, former Rector of the University of Aveiro (Portugal), officially takes over as President of the European University Association (EUA) during the EUA Annual Conference taking place at the University of Warwick (22-23 March). Professor Nazaré, the first female President of EUA, was elected by EUA members as President-elect in April 2011, at the last Annual Conference held in Aarhus, Denmark. She takes over as the new President (for the period 2012-2015) from Professor Jean-Marc Rapp, who has served as President from 2009 to 2012.

Professor Nazaré has today (23 March) announced the two EUA Board members who will serve as Vice-Presidents of EUA. They are Professor David Drewry (former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hull) and Professor Lauritz Holm-Nielsen (Rector of Aarhus University, Denmark).

Professor Nazaré said: *"I am delighted to officially take over as EUA President during the Annual Conference here at the University of Warwick. I would like to thank the outgoing President, Professor Jean-Marc Rapp for all his work and active support. It is my intention, together with the EUA Board, to ensure that EUA reinforces its role as a strong, influential and united voice for European universities."*

More information on the outcomes of the EUA Annual Conference, on the theme "The sustainability of European universities", will be published by EUA next week.

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