Universities have a leadership role in the design of a sustainable future: Their assignment is to create the required knowledge, technology and tools. Research and teaching are essential in this pursuit, but practicing sustainability on campus is a key element as well. Universities can reinforce their commitment to sustainability by consistently integrating sustainable practices in the design and management of their own campuses – or undermine their credibility by failing to do so. Today there is an increasing number of efforts around the globe to “build campuses that teach” with regard to sustainability. With the help of the Sustainable Campus Network, everyone involved can learn valuable lessons from the experience, successes and challenges of other teams.

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**Leith Sharp**
Director of the Harvard Green Campus Initiative
Harvard University (USA)

“In the future, the sustainable campus will be the rule and no longer an exception. When travelling the road toward that objective, it is important to professionally design the processes of change and innovation. Then those affected will not perceive changes as threatening. Instead they are thrilling, challenging and rewarding for the people involved. The International Sustainable Campus Network can contribute to this by offering a discussion platform to exchange experiences. I hope that we will succeed in bringing together, from all around the world, leaders of similar tiers: experts in financing, building services, mobility, planning etc. In so doing we can get a hold on the crucial challenges we encounter along the path toward a sustainable campus.”

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**Claude Siegenthaler**
Associate Professor for Environmental Accounting
Hosei University, Tokyo (Japan)

“Hosei University understands its role to be that of a social entrepreneur who helps, through research and teaching, to move society towards sustainability. A sustainable campus is an essential precondition for living up to this vision. The campus embodies credibility and proves that we have done our homework. I further expect an inspiring effect from the cooperation with the International Sustainable Campus Network. Cooperation with partner universities and applying widely recognized standards will motivate our associates and be a kind of reward for their work.”
Gerhard Schmitt
Vice-president for Planning and Logistics
ETH Zurich (Switzerland)

“Within the next few years, the Sustainable Campus Network will become the leading global network in its field. Anyone who intends to build a new campus will contact the Network. There will be hundreds of such projects in coming years, especially in the Asian region. We also expect to be contacted by those who need to rehabilitate an existing campus or would like to learn how to integrate these ideas into research and teaching. Having joined forces in the International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU), ten of the world’s leading research universities are also acting as prime movers behind the idea of the sustainable campus.”

Paul MacArtain
Project Manager, Center for Renewable Energy
Dundalk Institute of Technology (Ireland)

“It was with the construction of a large wind turbine that we laid the foundation stone for our sustainable campus here in Dundalk. We are now seeking knowledge as to how we can further pursue the concept of sustainability and what measures are required in the planning, building and management of the campus. The International Sustainable Campus Network is an excellent opportunity to acquire the knowledge needed, to contribute our own experiences, and to meet important, competent and farsighted people in this field.”

Bart Meehan
Associate Director, Facilities and Services
Australian National University, Canberra (Australia)

“Growth is the biggest challenge for our campus. More buildings, more students and more research entail greater demands for energy, resources and water – and generate more waste, as well. For years now we have been working on optimizing our operations. Now we must instigate a culture change that goes hand in hand with a change in individual behavior. To give you one example: In one of our research centers we encouraged people to switch off all unnecessary lighting and to shut down equipment instead of leaving it in stand-by mode. Without spending a single cent, we reduced electricity consumption by eight percent. The Sustainable Campus Network has a good chance to be successful since the differences between institutions are not so great. Consequently, we can all learn a lot from each other.”
Edward Denton  
Vice Chancellor – Facilities Services  
University of California, Berkeley (USA)

“Every day I find that more and more people are realizing that sustainability is an essential concept for running a campus successfully. Now that we have done our greenhouse gas emission study, sustainability is becoming a matter for the Board. And with that comes increasing funding, making it possible to carry out the required projects. Now we have to tackle the big issues and, at the same time, take some actions that may only have limited practical effect, but that raise awareness among the people on campus as regards the cultural change we are working on.”

Joseph Mullinix  
Deputy President (Administration)  
National University of Singapore

“We are in a phase of substantial expansion, and this will continue through the next few years. We will be building a lot more student housing and research and teaching buildings. Those structures are going to be around for decades. We hope, by participating in the International Sustainable Campus Network, to be able to identify the ‘best practices’ in sustainability. And then we have to find out whether they will work well in a tropical climate. As regards my day-to-day work, I hope that cooperation with the Network will help me find architects, engineers and planners who can assist me. And I hope that I can profit from the experience of other universities.”

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