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Dr. Agarwal has won various prestigious awards like the Paul Samuelson TIAA-CREF certificate of excellence, the Terker Family Prizes in Investment Research Award from the Wharton School of Business, the Glucksman Institute Research Award from New York University and grants from the Russell Sage Foundation and the NBER/Sloan Foundation.

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Dr. Hans Genberg assumed the position of SEACEN Executive Director effective from 1 July 2015. Dr. Genberg who has been appointed to this post for a tenure of three years, succeeds Mr. Hookyu Rhu as the 8th SEACEN Executive Director.

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Before that, he was Assistant Director at the Independent Evaluation Office of the International Monetary Fund where he led evaluations of International Reserves: IMF Concerns and Country Perspectives and IMF Forecasts: Process, Quality, and Country Perspectives. Between 2005 and 2009 he was Executive Director, Research at the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and Director of the Hong Kong Institute for Monetary Research after which he spent one year as Visiting Advisor at the Representative office for Asia and the Pacific of the Bank for International Settlements. Before joining the HKMA he was Professor of international economics at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. A Swedish national, Dr. Genberg holds a Ph.D. degree in Economics from the University of Chicago.

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He is also a member of The Editorial Board of *Central Banking Theory and Practice* published by the Central Bank of Montenegro.

Madhusudan Mohanty

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