Speaker Biographies

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**Brian Webster** is a Professor of Nursing and Assistant Dean at the Faculty of Health, Life & Social Sciences, Edinburgh Napier University. He is Chair of the Scottish Academic Heads of Nursing and Allied Health Professions as well as an Executive Member of the Council of Deans of Health in the United Kingdom. A nurse for 30 years, Brian has a clinical background in mental health and adult nursing with a specialist focus on substance misuse. His research has focused on alcohol use and misuse with an emphasis on students’ use of alcohol whilst at university, as well as pedagogical issues in nursing education. He is currently leading on a project looking at the impact factors of innovation in the education of health care practitioners across the UK. Brian has held previous appointments as the Head of the School of Nursing & Midwifery at the Robert Gordon University Aberdeen, Scotland and as Director of Education/Deputy Head at the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Southampton, England. His new book entitled “Achieving the NMC Competencies: A Handbook for Student Nurses” is due for release in October 2013.