

## 2020 EMCC Global Mentoring Award Winners

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**Brussels, 3 February 2021 – EMCC is delighted to announce the winners of the 2020 Mentoring awards:**

- Red Business Market
- Société Générale Global Solution Centre
- Elena Rodriguez-Vieitez
- Gillian Slater

Dr Riza Kadilar, EMCC Global President, said of the award winners

*'EMCC exists to develop, promote, and set the expectation of best practice in mentoring (as well as coaching and supervision) globally for the benefit of society. I'm proud to see that the winners of 2020 EMCC mentoring awards at both individual and institutional level are exemplary role models in line with our purpose statement. I should also extend my special thanks to our distinguished awards panel members for their diligent work in selecting such inspiring winners.'*

### Red Business Market

The EMCC Global awards selection panel awarded Red Business Market as an organisation that has a wide-reaching impact globally, and extraordinary growth in only 4 years thus showing their commitment to sharing mentoring with a wide audience. Developing mentoring through the business network to reach 1,000 entrepreneurs across so many countries.

The Red Business Market network is present today in 15 cities in Spain, Portugal, Latin America, and soon Andorra. More than 5,000 companies and entrepreneurs have participated in the network as well as 300 investment funds made up of business angels, venture capitalists, and business leaders.

On hearing of his award Josu Gómez Barrutia, CEO of Red Business Market, said 'It is an honour to receive this award as a contribution to business and entrepreneurial development for mentoring, something that motivates us to continue working and growing the Business Market Network.'

### Société Générale Global Solution Centre

The EMCC Global awards selection panel awarded Société Générale Global Solution Centre as an organisation that runs a highly successful mentoring programme (Odyssey Mentoring Programme) promoting a learning culture within the organisation. Reaching from C-suite to their junior programme and the development of a digital platform make them a worthy winner.

The Odyssey Mentoring Programme represents Société Générale Global Solution Centre ambition, materialised in a learning framework, where their strong leadership effectively walks the talk in supporting a learning culture. Learning from others through mentoring experiences helps their future leaders speed up their development process and provides them with years of effective practical knowledge. As Société Générale Global Solution Centre is stepping into its 10th year of existence, such a programme shows cases their effective organisational culture and leadership readiness.

Florin Lazarica, Société Générale Global Solution Centre (Romania), says *'We feel humble to receive such recognition of our mentoring programme, from this well-known professional body. Your recognition is a solid indicator that our concept, implementation, and results are on the right path. Our efforts to create such an impactful learning experience involve a solid learning culture, strong leadership values, and commitment towards developing others, as well as an effective relationship between our organisation and our partners and we are very grateful for all the support that we have received throughout this process. This only strengthens our desire to continue with the programme to have a global reach, as planned. Thank you!'*

### Dr Elena Rodriguez-Vieitez

The EMCC Global awards selection panel awarded Elena Rodriguez-Vieitez as a mentor for the warmth of the nominations for her practice as a Mentor. It was evident from the details provided the contribution she had made to her mentees and research area through her dedication to developing her mentoring practice.

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Dr Elena Rodriguez-Vieitez is a Senior Researcher at the Karolinska Institute (KI) in Stockholm, Sweden. Her work in the field of neuroscience of aging and neurodegenerative diseases has a strong focus on Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of dementia. Originally from Spain she strongly believes in the value of international and multi-disciplinary training and life-long education. Through her mentoring work, Elena hopes to promote scientific training and that science receives the necessary support and recognition as the best hope to address the most pressing public health and environmental challenges of our times.

Elena says 'I feel honoured to receive this meaningful recognition. I am grateful to EMCC and to my students and collaborators who have together nominated me for this award, which has been a wonderful surprise! I am deeply grateful to the personal relationships that we have built along the way, which make my daily work truly rewarding. Thank you EMCC for this recognition.'

## **Gillian Slater**

The EMCC Global awards selection panel awarded Gillian Slater as a mentor. Her work in mentoring and development have clearly had a profound effect on many staff at the University of Worcester (UK) and has led the way to identifying the value of mentoring.

Mentoring at the University of Worcester is embedded as a form of support. Gillian has developed schemes to apply it across a range of her activities. The approach aligns well with many elements of their work with a mission to enable people to reach their potential that applies to those who study with them and those who work with them. Gillian's work involves training their mentors and supporting them through supervision and guidance. She has personally benefitted from being mentored and also developed as a mentor herself where she has the privilege to support others. Gillian also uses mentoring in her voluntary work and as a governor in a college.

Gillian says 'This is a great honour and recognition for the work that my organisation does to support our colleagues through mentoring. I am very lucky to work with those who see the importance and the value of this form of support, it develops individuals, teams, and the whole organisation. We have been working with the EMCC's Global Code of Ethics for some years and it has guided our practice.'

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The EMCC is a global coaching, mentoring, and supervision association established in 1992. EMCC is made up of Affiliated Countries & Regions in Asia Pacific, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom. We have over 8,000 members across more than 85 countries world-wide.

EMCC exists to develop, promote, and set the expectation of best practice globally in mentoring, coaching, and supervision. Our vision is to be the 'go to' body in mentoring, coaching, and supervision.

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