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**Prof. Dr. Bernd Marin concludes his term at Webster University Vienna**

**Wien – 11. JULI 2011** –Prof. Dr. Bernd Marin has concluded his term as Director of Webster University Vienna by mutual agreement as of June 30th, 2016. Prof. Marin and Webster University confirmed this today, Monday, July 11th, 2016.

“In light of Prof. Marin’s outstanding academic qualifications and performance, we understand that he wishes to fully devote his professional future to research and consulting and publishing,” explained Prof. Peter Maher, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs for Webster University in St. Louis. In addition both, Prof. Marin and Webster University Vienna, acknowledge that there were divergent views on the university’s future perspectives.

Prof. Marin confirmed, “As much as I appreciated to be trusted to give Webster University valuable input with regard to its strategic goals and their optimal implementation as well as academic standards and ambitions, I do feel that it is time to focus more strongly on purely academic work and research. The unavoidable administrative load of the Director’s role is the main reason behind my decision to opt for a change.”

During the past year, Prof. Marin made a variety of positive contributions to Webster Private University Vienna’s progress. Among other achievements, during Prof. Marin’s tenure, Webster Private University Vienna established an Endowment for Excellence, the most extensive scholarship and grant package in Webster Vienna’s 35-year history. Furthermore Webster University Vienna was able to multiply third-party-funding for research projects during this time. The University has invited Prof. Marin to be one of the keynote speakers for the 35th anniversary symposium on December 2, 2016 at Webster Private University Vienna, along with

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Academy Award winner Charles Randolph, a former professor at Webster Private University Vienna; and notable Webster alumnus Vladimir Ivkovic, now with the Harvard Medical School.

Webster University offers its sincere best wishes to Prof. Dr. Bernd Marin in his academic and personal future.

In leaving his post, Prof Marin reiterated his appreciation for the opportunity to have worked at Webster Private University Vienna: “My time at Webster was exciting and enriching and I would not want to miss it. Webster Vienna offers truly unique opportunities in higher education in a genuinely international environment. It rightfully affords students the tools, knowledge, and skills that are indispensable in this day and age. It has been both an honor and a pleasure for me to serve with Webster University.”

### **About Webster Vienna Private University**

Webster Vienna Private University is the only American university in Austria and offers Bachelor, Master and MBA Degrees in Business and Management, International Relations, Media Communications and Psychology. Webster Vienna is accredited both in the USA by the Higher Learning Commission, and in Austria by the Austrian Accreditation Council. In addition, all Business and Management programs are accredited by ACBSP (Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs). Webster Vienna is a non-profit organization with more than 500 students representing 70 different nationalities and faculty from over 20 countries. Webster has a unique international network of campuses in nine countries (Austria, China, Ghana, Greece, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Thailand, the United Kingdom, the United States).

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