

### **Amanda GALSWORTHY**

Ears and voice of three French Presidents, Amanda Galsworthy is not the usual interpreter you'll meet every day.

From the earliest times of her childhood her path was extraordinary: her father – British diplomat and fervent Europe advocate – raised his four children in four different languages (French, Spanish, German and English). Describing herself as a linguistic experiment Amanda was born in Asia, raised in Europe and Latin America and educated in France before attending Cambridge University in the UK.

After her training in Paris as Conference Interpreter she worked on the UN circuit and later for the French and British Governments high level events such as bilateral States summits, G8, G20, NATO, UN, General Assembly, etc.

Devoting a significant part of her time to the mightiest wasn't everything for her as she founded in 1997 her own company: Alto International, a unique concept offering all-round language services worldwide 24/7.

In 2009 Alto grew a new organ, Alto Bespoke to offer cross-cultural communication consultancy for CEO and top management.

Now living in Beijing Amanda conciliate her role as Spouse of the Ambassador of France in China, her multiple social projects – including the community garden with Marion Lespine – and her family life with her children.



### **Marion LESPINE**

Marion Lespine belongs to the most experienced women in Beijing as she arrived 11 years ago. Her background will inspire all of us as she found a way to conciliate all her passions: travel, environment and of course, China.

Passionate about law and Europe, she traveled straight after highschool to Germany to study law. At same time, her curiosity for China started to raise and she started to study Chinese, Chinese history Chinese culture. She started her career in an international law firm in Beijing to later on work as a consultant for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rom, Italy. After a 1-year trip around Africa to follow up the work of local NGOs, she then came back to China to work for the French embassy counselling French companies to set up a business in the country. She has been climbing up the career ladder to finally become 3 years ago the China general director of Limagrain, the international agricultural cooperative group, specialized in Field Seeds, Vegetable Seeds and Cereal Products.

Throughout her career, she still managed to be involved in a wide range of activities starting with the launch of the French Lab in 2007 when it was still called the French Junior Chamber International as well as take care of her 3 children.

