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**Professor Võ Văn Tới** obtained his Ph.D. in Micro-Engineering at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in



Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland in 1983. From 1983-1984, he was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Health Science and Technology Division, a joint program between Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), (USA). From 1984 to 2009, he was a faculty of the School of Engineering at Tufts University (USA). During his tenure at Tufts University, from 1991 to 1992 he was a Visiting Professor at the Scheie Eye Research Institute of University of Pennsylvania (USA), from 1992 to 1994 he helped create and was the Vice-Director of the Eye Research Institute in Sion (Switzerland), in 2003 he was instrumental in establishing the Biomedical Engineering (BME) Department at Tufts. From 2004 to 2009 he was a member of the Board of Directors then Executive Director of the Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF), a U.S. federal agency initiated by the U.S. Congress to improve the relationship between the

two countries by selecting Vietnamese students to go study at the higher education level in the STEMM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering Mathematics and Medicine) in the renowned U.S. universities and encouraging U.S. professors in these fields to spend sabbatical time in the universities in Vietnam. During his tenure at VEF, he managed an annual budget of 5 million US\$ and initiated the “All the ways home” campaign to encourage VEF graduated students to come back to Vietnam. In 2009, he came back to Vietnam to establish the BME Department at International University (IU) of Viet Nam National Universities in Ho Chi Minh City and was its Chair until 2019. Then he was the Vice-Provost for Life and Health Science, Engineering and Technology Development at IU. In July 2023 he retired from IU to devote mainly to non-academic hobbies. He is the (co)author of many scientific articles, books and patents of invention including a textbook of Introduction to BME in Vietnamese to promote this field in Vietnam.

During his tenure at IU, he has established research groups focusing on 5 areas: medical instrumentation and telemedicine; biomedical signal and image processing in brain-computer interface; pharmaceutical engineering; tissue engineering and regenerative medicine; and entrepreneurship in BME. He was instrumental in acquiring the AUN-QA, an education assessment program of ASEAN university network in 2015 and ABET accreditation, a U.S. based equivalent for the BME educational program at IU in 2019. In 2015 he established the Vietnam BME Society which became a member of International Federation of Medical and Biological Engineering (IFMBE) Organization since 2019. In 2020, he established the BME Department at the School of Medicine of Viet Nam National Universities in Ho Chi Minh City as a research clinical partner of the School of BME (formerly BME Department) at IU. Since 2004, while still in the U.S., he has initiated the biennial international conferences in Biomedical Engineering in Vietnam to promote the translational BME technology from advanced to low-and-middle-income countries. Their proceedings were published in the IFMBE Proceedings Series by Springer. The 9<sup>th</sup> one was in December 2022 with the theme: “Translational Healthcare Technology from Advanced to Low and Middle Income Countries in the Era of Covid and Digital Transformation”. In 2022 he received the IFMBE Honorary Life Member award.