

CURRICULUM VITAE

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LANGUAGES

German: fluent in reading, writing and speaking

English: fluent in reading, writing and speaking

Spanish: basic knowledge

EDUCATION

1995: *Institut des Stratégies Industrielles*

1982-1984: *Ecole Nationale du Génie Rural, des Eaux et Forêts*

1979-1982: *Ecole Polytechnique*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since October 2004

Director General of the International Institute of Refrigeration, an intergovernmental organization (58 developed and developing Member Countries) that is a forum for scientific and technical exchange of information in all refrigeration areas and applications (food, medicine, air conditioning, transport, energy...), employing 13 people, with a worldwide network of 500 experts and dealing with:

- Conference organisation.
- Communications for United Nations organs and global conferences on the environment (climate change, ozone depletion) and food.
- Publications of journals, guides, courses, Informatory Notes, constitution and management of a database.
- Participation in research and development works and standardization
- Unanimously re-elected in 2008 and 2013 by the Executive Committee for five years mandates.

2003-2004

General Secretary of the Centre of General Cooperation in Agronomic Research for Development (CIRAD)

The CIRAD is a public institution with industrial and commercial activities in the field of the research on agronomic topics in various regions of the world and developing countries, with 1850 people and a budget of 180 million euros.

The general secretary is in charge of human resources, finance, budget, regional questions and the general administration of the organization.

He was in charge of renovating all the conventions with the trade-unions and of the financial recovery plan.

1998-2002

Deputy Director of Innovation and Technological Development at the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research

The directorate has 4 bureaux and 68 staff, in charge of:

- Drafting and follow-up of European and international policy formulation in relation to technology, notably the Framework Programme and Structural Funds
- Industrial research policy formulation (the research tax rebate mechanism (CIR), technology networks, Eureka ...), intellectual property rights, value added to public research and creation of new enterprises (cf. The French law, July 11, 1999 on innovation and Research, incubators, seed funding, ...)
- Regional S&T policy and managerial supervision of the Regional R&T Delegates
- Formulating, follow-up and allocation of the Directorate of Technology's budget
- Management control of public research establishments (EPSTs and EPICs) that report to the Directorate of Technology
- Training in an industrial context, from higher technician level up to and including doctoral studies and follow-up of the quadrennial contracts with Higher Education institutions (universities ...)
- Administrator on the Board of SOFARIS; government controller for ANRT

1994-1997

Head of the Innovation and Regional Policy Department at the Ministry for Education, Higher Education, Research and Technology

- In charge of a team of 14 staff at the central echelon and 28 regional DRRT delegations
- Coordination of regional policy for the Ministry in research and site management, technology transfer and S&T
- Management of policies aimed at facilitating advice technology in the field of development and aid for innovation in enterprises (training through research assignments, contracts between the State and the Regions, State control of ANVAE, ANRT ...).

1990-1993

Head of the Mission for Innovation and Technology at the French Ministry for Agriculture and Fisheries

- Responsible for ACTIA (*Association de Coordination Technique pour l'Industrie Agro-Alimentaire*) and interministerial programme on Nutrition Science Tomorrow
- Representative of France for EEC agro-industrial research programmes

1987-1990

Chargé de Mission at the *Commissariat Général au Plan* for agro-food questions, forestry, timber and fishing affairs.

- *Rapporteur* for the Industrial Strategy Group for adaptation of French agro-food industries for the European Common Market
- General Secretary for Committee N°6 for investment aid policies in the agro-food and timber industries

1984-1987

Departmental Directorate for Agriculture and Forest in the North of France

- Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics (25 staff members)
- In charge of agricultural production, land policy utilization and policies, forestry land, agro-food industries and local land management, including the local arrondissement *Avesnes*.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Honorary President of the Association of the French Civil Service Corps for Bridges, Water Resources and Forests and Vice-President of the Association of the French Civil Service Corps of senior executive engineers
- Lecturer on food industries at Paris III University until 1994.

INTERNSHIP TRAINING

1984: PHILIP MULLER

Study of methanization of effluents from a paper mill in Germany

1983-1984: ORTIZ-MIKO Group

Study of added value in the field of co-production residues to improve profitability and decrease pollution for 9 factory plant sites in the G-M Group

Comparative study of ionization versus refrigeration as a food preservation technique

1982: Béton de Paris (LAFARGE-COPPEE Group)

Study of the industrial and commercial strategy to be adopted for various ready-to-use concrete mixes

PUBLICATIONS

- *Les industries alimentaires françaises face au défi européen*, La Documentation Française, December 1988.
- Numerous communications on the environment (climate change, ozone layer) in the framework of his activities as Director General of the IIR

- Member of the International Academy of Refrigeration
- Registered in Who's Who in the World