



Johan VANHEMELRIJCK

Dr. Johan Vanhemelrijck DVM, Honorary Dean of the Belgian Veterinary work elites. Born in 1951, Dr. Vanhemelrijck became a Doctor in Veterinary Medicine at the University of Gent, Belgium in 1976. He joined the UPJOHN Company in 1977 and held a number of different European functions until 1989.

During this period, Dr. Vanhemelrijck was two years the President of the Veterinary Section of the Belgian Pharmaceutical Association (AGIM) and four years, President of the Veterinary Section of the Belgian Association of Veterinarians in Industry (USBV).

In June 1989, he joined the European Federation of Animal Health (FEDESA) as Secretary General until August 2002. In that function, Dr. Vanhemelrijck has been an organizer of and speaker at national and international symposia and congresses on animal health, policy making, European affairs, precautionary principle and regulatory approval systems.

In January 1997, he became Honorary Dean of the Veterinary Profession of Belgium.

In August 2002, he became Senior Director Worldwide Industry Affairs for Pharmacia Animal Health.

He is the CEO of HI&PP Consult since August 2003.

In March 2004, Dr. Vanhemelrijck was appointed Secretary General of EuropaBio, the European Association for Bioindustries, representing corporate 80 corporate members and 25 national associations at the European decisional level. In this function, he was a speaker on behalf of the Bio-industry on biotechnology and its impact on society.

In July 2008, He retired from the function of Secretary General and concentrates his activities in advising industry, authorities and students as CEO of HI&PP consult.

Johan Vanhemelrijck is member of the international steering committee of EuroBio.

He is also member of the advisory board of the EU project "Bridge"

He is member of the executive committee of NanoBioraise.