

BIODATA OF MR LUC M. MAENE



Luc Maene is a Belgian national. He graduated from the University of Gent in 1970 with a degree in agricultural engineering and soil science. He joined the Belgian Administration for Development Cooperation and was stationed, first in Tunisia, followed by Malaysia. During that time he was lecturing in soil science and soil conservation and responsible for research in these fields. In 1980, he went back to headquarters in Brussels and was involved in project evaluation. In 1982, he joined the United Nations as the Team Leader of the Fertilizer Advisory, Development and Information Network for Asia and the Pacific, based in Bangkok. In 1987, he joined IFA, first as its Executive Secretary responsible for Agro-Economic and Technical matters, later as its Deputy Secretary General, Secretary General and finally Director General, a post he currently holds. Luc Maene has been during many years Vice Chairman of the Board of the International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC). He is past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Fertilizer Industry Round Table (FIRT). He is a member of the Board of Directors of CEDAP, the French organization of Association Leaders and currently the President of the European Society of Association Executives (ESAE). In addition, he serves on The Center for Association Leadership Board of Directors. He was awarded a Doctorate honoris causa in Agriculture by the Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) in 2006.