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### Degrees (all *Summa cum laude*)

1975 University of Louvain (Belgium) **Degree in Classics.**  
1981 University of Louvain (Belgium) **Ph.D. in Classics.**  
1997 University of Toulouse (France) **Qualification to direct research programs.  
History.**

### Recent positions and appointments

1993-1994 – **Visiting Professor** in History of Pharmacy, University of Barcelona, Spain.  
1997-1998 – **Visiting Professor** in Humanities, National Foundation for Scientific Research, Spain.  
1998-1999 – **Visiting Professor** in History of Biology/ Botany, University of Naples, Italy.  
1999-2000 – **Research Fellow**, Dumbarton Oaks, Harvard University, Washington, DC, USA.  
2000-2001 – **Rockefeller Foundation Fellow**, History of Science, University of Oklahoma, USA.  
2002-2004 – **Scholar in Residence**, National Library of Medicine, History of Medicine, Bethesda, MD, USA.  
2002-2004 – **Research Associate**, Department of Botany, NMNH, SI, Washington, DC, USA.  
2005-2007 – **Scientific Program Administrator**, Department of Botany, NMNH, SI, Washington, DC, USA.  
2007-2009 – **Historian of Sciences**, Department of Botany, NMNH, SI, Washington, DC, USA.

### Functions

2007-2008 – **President**, Washington Academy of Sciences.  
2005-2008 – **President**, International Association for the History of Nephrology.  
2006- – **General Secretary**, International Society for the History of Medicine.

### Prizes

1975 **First Prize.** National competition for the best degree thesis. Ministry of Education, Belgium.  
Thesis: *Les Thêriaka de Nicandre.*

- 1977 **First Prize**. National competition for travel grants. Ministry of Education, Belgium.  
Thesis: *Les Alexipharmaka de Nicandre*.
- 1997 Triennial De Jonckheere **Prize for the History of Medicine**. Academy of Medicine, Belgium.  
Thesis: *Une histoire du médicament en Occident*.
- 1999 **First Prize**. Annual Competition. Academy of Letters and Fine Arts, Belgium.  
Essay: *L'édition aldine des deux traités de toxicologie attribués à Dioscoride*.
- 2003 **Award** for Achievement in Behavioral and Social Sciences, Washington Academy of Sciences.

### **Honors**

- 1991 **Life Fellow**, International Academy for the History of Pharmacy, Den Hague, Netherlands.
- 1997 **Fellow**, Linnean Society of London.
- 2003 **Fellow**, Washington Academy of Sciences.
- 2004 **Life Fellow**, Washington Academy of Sciences.

### **Grants**

Many (including ones from Germany, Spain, Belgium, France, England, Italy, and now, USA), these enabling research stays such as at Ambrosian Library (Milan, Italy), Vatican Library (Rome, Italy), Library of the Royal Monastery (El Escorial, Spain), National Library (Paris, France), Topkapi Kütüphanesi (Istanbul, Turkey), National Library (Vienna, Austria), State Library of Bavaria (Münich, Germany).

### **Fields of interest**

History of Medicine and Pharmacy, Ethnobotany, Ethnopharmacology and Ethnomedicine, particularly in the ancient cultures of the Mediterranean world from Antiquity to the Renaissance (Antiquity, Byzantium, the Arabic World, and the Middle Ages), including comparative Ethnoscience.

### **Publications**

300+ publications, including 7 books (5 of which co-authored); co-editing of 6 books; 150 entries in encyclopedias and dictionaries; 120+ papers in peer-reviewed journals and proceedings of international conferences.

### **Editorial Boards**

*African Journal of Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicines – Journal of Ethnomedicine - Journal of the International Society for the History of Islamic Medicine – Scripta.*

### **Editor**

*Medicine in the Medieval Mediterranean*, series of monographs to be published by Ashgate (UK).