

Dr. Johan Vanhemelrijck DVM,

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



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 EuropaBio and concentrates his activities in advising industry, authorities and students as CEO of HI&PP consult. He was from 2009 to 2013 Secretary General of the Belgian Biotechnology industry federation, BIO.BE. He is also since 2009 European Advisor of GALVmed and, in that function, is monitoring opportunities in Europe for developing Public Private Partnership of the European Institutions and the Member states with GALVmed to help fulfil the mission of the charity, towards vaccinating farm animals in Africa. He is past member of the executive committee of BIOCHEM. He was also member of the DG Sanco Stakeholders forum and the animal health advisory committee. He was until 2008 member of the Steering committee of the High level Pharmaceutical forum of DG Enterprise and Sanco. He is speaker at international conferences and has organised numerous European conferences, workshops and successful debates. He is academic member of the European Risk Forum and Honorary dean of the Belgian veterinary profession.

He is one of the Founding Members of IABS Europe, and member of the Board.

Today as CEO of HI&PP-consult he is offering high level strategic advice to the clients.