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Nationality : French

**Education:**

National Institute of Agronomy (INA) : Engineer in Agronomy

University of Paris VI : PhD (Nutrition and Food Science)

Institut Pasteur (Paris) : post-graduate degree in Immunology

**Professional experience and position:**

**Present position** 1991- : Director of research at French National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA).

Head of the Food Allergy Laboratory which is a Joint Laboratory between : INRA - Scientific Division of Human Nutrition and Food Safety and CEA (French Atomic Energy Commission) - Medical Research Department, Section of Pharmacology and Immunology.

**Professional expertise:** Nutrition and food safety and particularly food allergy.

**Research interests** : Immunological, biochemical and molecular characterization of food allergens. Study of the relationship between the structure and function of food proteins and peptides and their allergenicity. Development of new models for evaluation and prevention of the allergic risk of foods and particularly of novel foods derived from biotechnology.

**Former position** : 1970-1991 : Scientist in INRA research laboratories of Nutrition, Xenobiotics, Food Sciences and Nutrition & Food Safety.

**Main membership of scientific committees.**

Scientific Council and Scientific Expert Committee on Human Nutrition of the French Agency for Food Safety (AFSSA), French National Council for Food (CNA), E.U. Scientific Committee on Food (SCF).