

Curriculum vitae : Prof. Dr. Paul KIEKENS

Date and place of birth : 07/04/1955 in Zottegem, Belgium.

Degrees :

- MSc in Chemistry (at the State University of Ghent, Belgium), 1977
- PhD in Physical Chemistry (at the State University of Ghent), 1982
- Geaggregeerde Hoger Onderwijs (habilitation) in Textiles, 1987
- Doctor honoris causa, Liberec (Czech Republic), 1997
- Doctor honoris causa, Iasi (Romania), 1999
- Doctor honoris causa, Lodz (Poland), 2000
- Doctor honoris causa, Arad (Romania), 2005
- Doctor honoris causa, Mulhouse (France), 2017.

As from October 1st, 1988 :

- Professor at Ghent University (Universiteit Gent)
- Head of the Textile Department (formerly known as *Laboratorium De Meulemeester for Textiles*, founded in 1929).

As from January 2017 : Head of Department of Materials, Textiles and Chemical Engineering (MaTCh) at UGent

From October 1st, 2002 till September 30th, 2004 :

- Dean of Faculty of Engineering, Ghent University, Belgium.

Education : responsible for :

- * *Master of Materials Engineering* – Main Subject *Textiles and Polymers* at Ghent University.
- * *E-TEAM (European Masters in Textile Engineering)* : an international Master Programme (two years = 120 ECTS) organised at several locations in Europe since 1998.
- President of ENMat (European Network of Materials Research Centres), founded in 2005 (www.enmat.eu) : 2005-2009
- Executive Coordinator / Secretary General of **AUTEX** (*Association of Universities for Textiles*, founded in 1994, an international association of universities - 40 in total - offering textile education, www.autex.org)
- Chairman Scientific Programming Board Autex Research Journal (www.autexrj.com)
- Member of the Scientific Board of several international Research Journals
- Member of the Governing Board of the European Technology Platform (ETP) for the Future of Textiles and Clothing
- Chairman CMSE, Centre for Materials Science and Engineering (CMSE.UGent.be) : 1999-2009
- Member of the Board of the Textile Incubator in Ronse/Renaix, Belgium (2011-2017)
- Official reviewer for the European Science Foundation (ESF)
- Member of several national and international organisations or bodies.
International organisations :
 - Fiber Society,
 - AATCC (American Association of Textile Chemists and Colourists),
 - IUPAC (International Union for Pure and Applied Chemistry),
 - Society of Dyers and Colorists,
 - New York Academy of Sciences,
 - European Academy of Arts, Sciences and Humanities.

Publications

- Nearly 300 in national and international journals : chemistry, physical chemistry, nanotechnology, textiles, composite materials.
- Several chapters in scientific books.
- (Co-)editor of 4 books in English (publishers : Marcel Dekker / Woodhead Publishing).

International symposia and conferences (speaker, organiser, ...) (> 200).

Research, Development and Technology Transfer

Over the last 30 years involved in a very large number of (international) industrial and government funded projects (> 50) : IWT and FWO (Belgium); EU (mainly) : Erasmus, Tempus, Copernicus, Tacis, Adapt, Craft, Brite-Euram, IST, MEDA, COST, Coordination and Support Actions, Interreg Actions (EU), This includes experience as partner as well as coordinator of research projects.

Disciplines :

- textiles, (physical) chemistry, flexible materials, composites, textile chemistry
- fibre manufacturing
- nanotechnology (applied to textiles)
- education, training
- general management of (European) research projects and implementation.

Languages : Dutch, English, French and German.

Recognized by the International Biographical Centre / Cambridge (UK) as one of the TOP 100 SCIENTISTS (2008); h-index of 21 (year 2015).