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Education

Secondary education: Economics, Koninklijk Atheneum III Assebroek (Bruges)

(the curriculum comprised a.o. four compulsory languages: Dutch, French, English, German)

Higher education: Licentiaat-Tolk (Master of Interpreting), German-English-Dutch

Vlaamse Economische Hogeschool (Vlekho, now Hogeschool-Universiteit Brussel), 1989-1993

Evening classes in tax science and Chinese (1996-1999) at Ehsal University and Académie Chinoise,

both in Brussels (no degree however)

Professional career

Conference interpreter since: 1994

References: huge number of multinational companies, international organisations and authorities

A few names:

IG Metall (the German trade union for the steel industry), Goethe-Institut, Bayer, Heineken, Axel Springer, Basler Versicherungen, Deutsche Bahn, Deutsche Post, IBM, Lanxess, Corus, DAF, Gamma Holding, Medtronic, Coca-Cola, TE Connectivity, Pro Duo, Colruyt, Arcelor-Mittal, Lloydspharma, Fluxys, Nobel Biocare, Recticel, Ineos, Ball, Agfa, Continental Foods, Becton Dickinson, Total, Euler Hermes, Arag, OI International, Huntsman, Parker-Hannifin, Novartis, Keystone Dental, Würth, Lidl, Umicore, UPS, Ford, Audi, Volkswagen, Opel, Toyota, Bpost, ETUC, the European Transport Federation, Sabam, Benelux, the Flemish Parliament, the Belgian Federal Parliament, the Belgian Senate, the European People's Party (EPP), Europäisches Zentrum für Arbeitnehmerfragen, Flemish trade union organisations ACV (Christian trade union) and ACLVB (liberal trade union), Interreg, Uni Europa, Arla Foods, etc. An exhaustive list would comprise two pages.

Type of assignments:

European works council meetings; supervisory board meetings; shareholder meetings; press conferences; audits; congresses and seminars on a wide range of topics (to name a few: robot programming, the quality of swimming water, electric mobility, canine surgery, harbour infrastructure, neurosciences, classified buildings, nuclear energy, defence, European legislation on lifts and pressure equipment, etc.); scientific congresses; product presentations; sales events; dealer meetings; financial events (bank press conferences and shareholder meetings, investment seminars); literary events; court and out-of-court assignments involving witness interviews; private detective interviews; assignments for Flemish national tv (interpreting for guests on Flemish tv shows such as *Van Gils &*

Gasten and *De Afspraak*; guests have been, amongst others, Fabian Cancellara, Milo Moiré, Johnny Logan); a large number of training sessions in the Audi and VW factories (2002-2013) and the Ford factory (1997-2002) in Flanders and in Germany; World War I commemoration events (2014); hospital audits for the Joint Commission International (Gasthuisberg University Hospital of Louvain; ZNA hospital of Antwerp; AZ Sint-Jan of Bruges, the University Hospital of Brussels in Jette, OLV Hospital in Aalst).

Since 1994 and on top of my interpreting assignments: managing my translation agency (until 2006: big projects involving deployment of, amongst others, Interleaf and Déjà Vu software).

Highlights:

interpreting assignments for the Belgian, German and Austrian EU presidencies (Belgian presidencies of 2000 and 2010); assignment for the Belgian Prime Minister, Mr Herman Van Rompuy, in July 2009; assignment for the British Prime Minister, Mr David Cameron, in November 2012 and March 2014; interview assignments for Rammstein, Robbie Williams and Tokyo Hotel; assignments for WANO (peer review visits to the Doel nuclear power plant in Belgium in 2010 and 2013); Justice Minister conference on cross-border criminality (BE-DE-NL), 2013; assignment for the Belgian Queen and the Ministers of Domestic Affairs of Belgium and France, 2013; assignments involving a large number of prominent politicians and business(wo)men.

Total number of assignments from 1994 until 2016: around 2,800.

Languages

A: Dutch (mother tongue) B: German and English C: French Basic conversational proficiency in Danish, Italian and Chinese