

**FRANCIS
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Francis J. Cambier is Honorary Director General of the Belgian Ceramic Research Centre (BCRC – about 100 employees), in Mons (Belgium).

He was born in Belgium in 1949; received his MSc degree in 1971 and achieved his doctorate thesis in 1978, both in industrial chemistry from UMons. He joined the BCRC in 1979 to perform research on traditional ceramics and changed towards technical ceramics the year after to become rapidly team leader carrying out research on bioglasses (1980-84). In November 1984, he was appointed Research Manager of the BCRC, in charge of a staff of 30. He occupied this position until the end of April 1996, when he became Director General of the BCRC. In the period 1986-89, Dr. Cambier spent half of his time as a consultant in order to assist the starting of a company producing ceramic pumps. From 1991 to 2004, he took some teaching duties at the University of Valenciennes (France). From 2001 to August 2014, he was in charge of ceramic courses at the Polytechnic Faculty of Mons University. He is officially retired since 1st July 2017.

During his career, Dr Cambier was involved in the management boards of several companies and societies and has received distinctions in Belgium: Officer of Leopold II Order (2005), Honorary Dean of Work (2008).

He is also active in ceramic societies: member since 1983 and fellow (2016) of ACerS, of ICG since 2004, of GFC (France) since 2005, elected member of World Academy of Ceramics (WAC-1999) and vice-President of the advisory board of WAC for the period 2018-2022, member of the Belgian Ceramic Society Board (BCerS-Belgium) since 1987, Treasurer (1996-1997 and 2006-2019), vice-President (1998-2001) and President (2001-06). Dr Cambier was also secretary of JECS Trust (2007-2019) and has been member of the Board of ECerS since 1987, Secretary (2001-2019), President-Elect (2019-2021) and Fellow (2013). He received the “Stuijts” award from ECerS in 2011, the International DKG Award in 2017 (Germany) and the International Award of the Polish Ceramic Society (2017).

Dr Cambier is member of various scientific advisory boards and acts as reviewer for several scientific journals. He has published more than 200 papers, 8 patents and has given more than 250 communications (> 50 as KN or invited).