

C.V. of Thierry de L'ESCAILLE



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Thierry de l'Escaille was born in Belgium on 11 May 1955. He is married to Ines de Schaetzen, and has three children.

He studied first at the Faculté Universitaire Saint-Louis, Brussels (1976-78), where he obtained the Diploma in Law, and then at the Université Catholique de Louvain (1978-1980), where he obtained the Licence en droit. He subsequently studied Finance Management at the Sint-Aloysius University, Antwerpen, and accomplished his Military Service as a Cavalry Officer, 1^{er} Regiment de Guides (1981-1982) in Germany, current rank: Captain.

Professional Career

Since 1979 Thierry de l'Escaille has been running a family farming enterprise active in Belgium, France and the Netherlands, in particular in vegetables, sugar beat, potatoes, cereals and flowers.

Since 1994, Thierry de l'Escaille is Secretary General of the European Landowners' Organization (ELO) Member of the Board of Haut Conseil Flamand pour la Foresterie, Vice-President of the Société Royale Forestière de Belgique (Belgian Royal Forestry Society, Vice-President of the Vlaamse Landeigendom (Flemish landowners), and Member of the Board of the Société Rurale Wallonne, Member of the Agricultural Reform Group (London).

Since 1998 he is also Secretary General, Friends of the Countryside (FCS), and member of the Consultative Committee of the Movimento Terra e ambiente (Milano).

Since 2000 he is also Secretary General, Groupement Européen des Fédérations intervenant dans l'Immobilier (GEFI), .member, Union Nationale de la Propriété Immobilière, PARIS, and administrateur délégué, NENY SA (B) Holding, immobilière et financière (real estate and finance) ; since 2001 President, Immobilière Agriland, Belgium ; and since 2003. President of Landelijk Vlaanderen (Rural Flanders), and Member of the Consultative Committee of the Société des Agriculteurs de France (SAF).

He is currently Member of the Board of several industrial and patrimonial companies regarding agro-industry and real estate.

Past positions include: Administrateur Délégué of Agriland S.A., in charge of development regarding agriculture et recycling (1985-1990), President of Agriland S.A. (1991-2000), Member of the Board of HEJJA KFT (Hungary). Integration and processing of pork meat (1993-1996), .Member of the Board of Koval BV (Pays-Bas) Ittervoort, production et processing of potatoes (1988-2002), Founder and Council Member of the Mouvement Européen de la Ruralité (1996-1998), President of the Forum des Utilisateurs Natura 2000 '1996-1998), and member of the European Consultative Committee on Rural Development, CAP, Agro-Environment and Forestry.

Other philanthropic activities: Vice-President of the Oeuvre Belgo-Colombienne de l'Enfance and President of the National Executive Committee of the ANRB Limburg.

Languages: French, Flemish, English, Spanish and German (basic)

Hobbies: Ski, tennis, cynegetic management.

Publications

Thierry de l'Escaille is Editor of the Monthly Magazine "European Countryside". He has written extensively and given radio and TV interviews on agricultural, rural and environmental issues, with special attention to land ownership aspects, is the author of a book on CAP reform issued by the University of Essex.

He has also been an active participant in a number of working groups regarding CAP reform, Natura 2000, forestry, EU enlargement, food safety, soil use, carbon emissions, sustainable use of natural resources, and ownership and transfer rights.