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Born in Bruges on July 11, 1952.

Married to Dr. Annick Vanderputten and father of Elly (° 1988) en Thomas (° 1991).

Doctor in Veterinary Medicine at Ghent University in 1976 (graduated with greatest distinction; studies awarded with the *Edgard Collumbien Prize 1970-1976*, *Upjohn Dissertation Award 1976*, and *Best Student Award 1979*).

PhD in Veterinary Morphology (*Geaggregeerde voor het Hoger Onderwijs*) at Ghent University in 1986.

Academic tenure as Senior Full Professor and Chairman of the Department of Morphology at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (Ghent University).

Doctor Honoris Causa of Trakia University of Stara Zagora (Bulgaria, 2003) and the University of Bern (Switzerland, 2012).

Teaching Awards include the *Outstanding Service Award* by the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Ames, Iowa, USA (1980), the Ghent Student Award '*Wijste Prof van Gent*' (2007), and the *Minerva Award for Outstanding Teaching* by Ghent University (2015).

Author and co-author of more than 250 scientific papers and book contributions on Veterinary Morphology. Publications awarded by the *Simic-Grau Research Award 1984*, *Berlin Veterinary Anatomists Award 1990* and *Laureate of the Royal Academy of Medicine of Belgium, 1992*.

Senior Board Member functions in various international scientific and editorial boards, including the European Association of Veterinary Anatomists, the International Committees on Veterinary Anatomical, Histological and Embryological Nomenclature, and the Zietzschmann-Preuss Prize for the Promotion of Research in Veterinary Embryology.