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After having worked for 10 years in international research institutes, he moved to the biotech industry, as a top-level manager and entrepreneur. He presently combines an academic position with the directorship of an innovative biotech company.

Professional career

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| 1976 | Fulbright Hayes fellow at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, Cold Spring Harbor, NY, United States |
| 1978 | Research group leader at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory in Heidelberg, Germany |
| 1979 | Part-time Professor at the University of Brussels |
| 1983 | Director Research of Plant Genetic Systems N.V. Gent, Belgium |
| 1986 | Director Intellectual Property and Business Development |
| 1988 | Started the biotechnology consulting firm Helix CV in Belgium |
| 1989 | Started the agricultural biotech company KeyGene N.V. in Wageningen, The Netherlands |
| 1995 | Started the human genetics biotech company GenScope Inc. |
| 1997 | Director of PE GenScope, Foster City, CA, United States |
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