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Psychologist and Family Therapist. He was in 1970 on the initiative of a pilot project in one of the most underprivileged districts of Brussels which will develop the systemic approach and the family therapy in the situations of crises. This project will also be the starting point of practices and many researches on the work of inter institutional network.

He has developed, as of the Eighties, cycles of training in systemic approach and family therapy at the « Association Réseau Famille » in Montpellier (France) and at the « Institut Provincial de Formation Sociale » in Namur (Belgium).

He was one of the founders of the Network « Alternative to Psychiatry » set up in 1975 in Brussels.
Founder of the EFTA in 1990, he is also one of the founding members of the « Groupement belge des formateurs en thérapie systémique » and of the « Association Belge pour l'Intervention et la Psychothérapie Familiale Systémique (Abipfs »), both in Belgium.

He is a member of the Editorial Board of the journal « Cahiers Critiques de Thérapie Familiale et de Pratiques de Réseaux » and a member of the Scientific Committee of the journal « Sistemica ».
He is a scientific adviser at the School of Criminology of the Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium).

Since 1981 and up to now, he has been family therapist and trainer at the Institute for Family and Human System Studies in Brussels and at the « Association Réseau et Famille » in Montpellier (France). He has supervised institutional teams and animated workshops in Europe especially on the following topics : « taking care of families confronted with many social workers » , « the technique of the landscape genogramme (he has developped with Chantal Nève-Hanquet) » , « the links between phenomenology and systemic approach »

He wrote a lot of articles. He published a book « Familles, institutions et approche systémique » ESF Editor, 1989. He also directed the Cahier Critique n° 17 « Traiter la maltraitance, une remise en question ».