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Personal details

Born on 8th June 1948 at La Réole in the Gironde Department, France

Married, with 6 children born between 1972 & 1990.

Background summary

A general experience

Since I graduated, I have had many opportunities of working in a variety of fields of applied geology (geotechnics, hydrogeology, mineral prospecting, etc.) while undertaking bibliographical research, teaching or overseeing drilling works, and I have worked in the field as often as possible.

I have also had the opportunity of managing personnel in the fields of training and security.

A taste for teaching and human contact

My parents were teachers, and communicating not only knowledge, but also ideas, has formed a major part of my education.

My first teaching experience was at the Alger University with mature students in 1973-1975 in practical courses and fieldwork.

The next teaching opportunity only arose in 2000, although in the meantime I had managed personnel as a workers' leader (Bachy, 1978-1980) and on specific projects, such as human resources coordination (Technosol, 1975-1978), and training and safety (Barytine de Chaillac, 1980-1986).

During my five years cooperation with BRGM¹, I have been teaching a special course about French national policy on polluted soils. I have designed and started new courses about groundwater monitoring and site characterisation with the École des Mines of Douai. This collaboration is going on with the new polluted soils policy issued in 2007.

20 years in the environmental domain

I became involved in historical pollution problems at the Solvay plant (in Tavaux) late in 1985. My previous experience revealed worthy in this field, which was relatively new at the time.

My activity soon expanded to include other plants within the Solvay group; as a consequence of some working groups of the Ministry of the Environment from beginning in 1993 I became involved in defining and applying national tools for polluted site management.

Over past two years, I have shared my activities between training, studies expertise, technical assistance and offshore missions.

I designed and led a workshop about groundwater monitoring at Con'Soil in Bordeaux, October 2005, and, in cooperation with Webs and UCIE, a conference on the same subject in Ivry in October 2006

¹ BRGM is the French Geological Survey

**Professional
experience**

2005–present **Independent consultant** **39 - Tavaux**

Three activity trends :

- Consultancy and technical assistance on projects about brownfields,
- Expertise: analysis of files and conformity with valid methodology, short-term HSE expert in Congo DR,
- Training: participation to DRIRE¹ training with École des Mines de Douai; training with Brgm about brownfield managing. Training courses specially designed for companies needs

Within this, participation to the design of new tools in the Ministry methodology about brownfields (contracts with MEDD² and Brgm), and to the design of training course to regulators (Brgm Contract)

On January 1st 2007, I joined the staff of ComiremScop, a consultant company in Chateauroux.

1987–2005 **Solvay** **39 - Tavaux**
Engineering Geologist

Technical management of historical pollution problems at the Solvay plant in Tavaux.

Management of subsidence monitoring on salt extraction fields at Poligny (39) and Bayonne (64)

Technical assistance to other plants of the Solvay group.

Project manager for software dedicated to mining subsidence and groundwater monitoring (EQuIS).

Participation in the working groups of the French Ministry of the Environment since 1993. Currently group leader for the new version of Simplified Risk Assessment version 3.

Trainer in professional courses in French methodology about polluted sites management on behalf of BRGM, CFDE and the École des Mines of Douai

1980–1987 **Barytine de Chaillac** **36 - Chaillac**
Engineering Geologist

Extraction management and reserves assessment.

Site remediation management

Training and safety coordination.

1978–1980 **BACHY** **Paris**
Works Engineer

Grouting works: School Porte de Bagnolet of Paris, grouting for the sewer collector Paris-Achères at Enghien.

Drilling engineer on a dam in Chile.

Drilling manager in Antananrivo.

¹ DRIRE is dealing with industrial environmental and security regulation.

² MEDD (now known as MEEDDAT) is French ministry for Environment.

