

Françoise MEUNIER, MD, PhD, FRCP (UK) Director Special Projects



Françoise Meunier received her medical degree from the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) (magna cum laude) and completed a research fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (New York, 1977-1978, Fulbright award). She holds a Master's Degree in Medical Oncology (1976) and Internal Medicine (1979), and a PhD (1985) at the ULB. She is certified as Pharmaceutical Medicine specialist (Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine, UK) as well as in Belgium and she is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (UK).

Françoise Meunier served as EORTC Director General from 1991 through 2015 and oversaw the growth of the EORTC into an international world class cancer clinical research infrastructure. Upon stepping down as Director General in 2015, Françoise remains active as EORTC Director Special Projects where she is a driving force behind activities such as EORTC cancer survivorship initiatives. She also lends her valuable experience to fundraising projects and sits on the board of the EORTC Cancer Research Fund.

Prior to joining the EORTC in 1991, Françoise Meunier was Head of Infectious Diseases Department at Institute Jules Bordet in Brussels, Belgium and her personal area of research included the management of infections in patients with Cancer and mainly Invasive Fungal Infections. She has over 150 peer-reviewed published articles.

Françoise Meunier was awarded the Belgian Laureate "Prix Femmes d'Europe 2004-2005".

She is a member of the Belgian Royal Academy of Medicine since 2006. In 2007, she was conferred the title of Baroness by His Majesty, The King Albert II of Belgium.

She received in 2009, the Pezcoller Foundation award as a recognition for her contribution to oncology.

Since 2011, she is a Fellow of the European Academy of Cancer Sciences.

From 2012 to 2016, she was member of the IMI (Innovative Medicine Initiative) Scientific Committee.

In 2013, she received the ECCO Life time achievement award. She was awarded a Ben de Pauw Medal for her dedication to Medical Mycology and her contribution to the EORTC Infectious Diseases Group. From 2013 - 2016, she acted as Chair of the Accreditation Council of Oncology in Europe (ACOE).

Since 2014, she is board member of "Centre Scientifique de Monaco".

Since 2015, she is Vice-President of FEAM (Federation of European Academies of Medicine) and board member of Alliance for Biomedical Research in Europe.

On 3 July 2015, she was admitted to the degree of Doctor of Medical Science (Honoris Causa) by the Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK.

Since 2017, she is member of the Scientific Panel for Health (SPH) of the European Commission.