

Jacques Biot

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Former President of the Ecole Polytechnique in Paris



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Ecole polytechnique.

Jacques N. Biot has international professional experience in higher education and research, life sciences, industry and technology financing, and public administration. The motto of his career has been about how to turn scientific innovation into societal and economic value. He currently serves as a Board-member or advisor to companies in the field of digital transformation and artificial intelligence, and a Trustee to several scientific academic institutions.

Jacques served (2013-2018) as the first executive President of Ecole polytechnique in Paris, the leading public university of science and technology in France, ranked 3rd worldwide by the Times Higher Education for the education of CEOs of Fortune 500 companies. During his tenure he undertook a profound transformation of the institution to make it more science-driven, more entrepreneurial and more international. He developed a strong network of strategic partnerships with leading universities in the US, in Asia, in Israel, in Europe, in Brazil, in Russia, and in Lebanon, and rolled-out a specific collaborative program to support the upgrade of selected establishments in Africa.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Institute d'Optique Graduate School (since 2014), member of the scientific committee of the French Weizmann council (since 2017), member of the International Board of the Moscow Institute for Physics and Technology (since 2014), member of the Board of Directors of GENES (Group of National Economics & Statistics Schools) (since 2017).

From 1992 till 2012, he was the founder, chairman & CEO of JNBD, a strategic consulting firm in life sciences and health technology with a focus on market access issues, which he successfully divested to MAPI, now part of the ICON group. Concurrently, from 2002-2013, he sat as an independent director, chairman of the audit committee and vice chairman of Guerbet Laboratories (GBT, Euronext), a worldwide leader in contrast agents for medical imaging.

He had previously served (1985-1992) as a member of the executive committee in highly innovative international biopharmaceutical companies (Roussel Uclaf and Pasteur Mérieux Serums and Vaccines, both later integrated into the Sanofi Group).

His early career (1977-1985) started within the French administration, in charge of industry and technology funding and company turn-around (CIASI/CIRI) and then as a policy adviser in the office of the Minister of Industry and Research, then in the Prime Minister's office (Laurent Fabius, now chairman of the French Constitutional Court), in charge of industry and technology.

Jacques is a graduate of Ecole polytechnique (X71) and a member of the *Corps des Mines*.

He is a father of three daughters. His recreational interests are in Performing arts, mountaineering, sailing, and flying. He holds a French & Australian license as a private pilot.

Jacques is an Officer of the Legion of Honor and of the French Orders of Merite, and a member of the Lion's Order of Senegal.