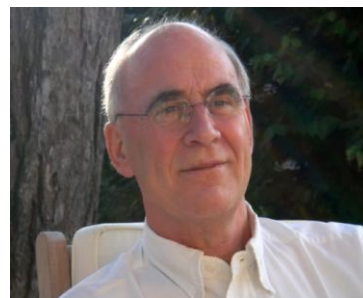


Brief biography of HERMAN B.W.M. KOËTER

Herman B.W.M. Koëter is the founder and Managing Director of the Brussels based Orange House Partnership (OHP), which is a non-profit partnership organization providing scientific expertise, assistance, advice, and training in the areas of food and chemical safety and management primarily to the public sector in developing countries and emerging economies. The Partnership consists of international senior experts in risk assessment and risk management with governmental, academic and private sector backgrounds who are passionate about sharing their expertise and experience with professionals in countries with limited access to such sources of knowledge. Reports of all activities and achievements of OHP can be found on its website: www.orangeOhouse.eu.



Dr Koëter started his professional career in 1967 at the TNO Toxicology and Nutrition Institute, Zeist, the Netherlands where he held several positions before he was appointed in 1986 as Associate Head of the Department of Biological Toxicology. A major part of his scientific work has been in the area of food and feed safety assessment, occupational health, on the development of functional testing in animals, and on the replacement, reduction and refinement of experimental animals.

From 1991-2003 Herman Koëter was Principal Administrator at the Paris based OECD Environment, Health and Safety Division. There he was responsible for the Programme on Harmonization of Classification and Labeling of Chemical Substances resulting in the adoption by the UN ECOSOC Globally Harmonised System for the Classification of Chemical Substances (GHS). He was also responsible for the OECD Test Guidelines Programme, the OECD Special Activity on Endocrine Disrupters, and OECD's Special Activity on Animal Welfare Policies. Dr Koëter was also senior adviser for OECD on human health hazard and risk assessment policies.

Before establishing Orange House Partnership in May 2008, from 2003 through 2008 Herman Koëter was Scientific Director and deputy Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) in Parma, Italy. From 2005-2006 he was also Acting Executive Director. He has largely contributed to the establishment of the organization (which became operational in May 2003), providing it with a management structure and management plan to adequately tackle the many issues related to food and feed safety in Europe. He established the Science Directorate of EFSA and led EFSA's scientific work, the output of which forms much of the basis of EU decisions on food, feed, plant health and protection and animal health and welfare.

Herman Koëter holds an MSc in biology and experimental pathology and took his Doctoral Degree in Biological Toxicology *summa cum laude* from Utrecht State University. He is an Internationally recognized Board-Certified Toxicologist (ERT) and honored Doctor of Toxicology (DTox) by the Johns Hopkins University.

During his career, Dr Koëter has always been active in the field of experimental animal reduction, replacement and refinement. In 1982 he was chief editor and co-author of a European Commission Report on the use of animals in toxicity testing. He was co-editor of the book "Animals in Biomedical Research", published in 1991 (Elsevier, New York/Amsterdam). He is member of the Advisory Board of the Johns Hopkins University's Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing, Baltimore, US. Dr Koëter is also President of the Alternatives Congresses Trust (ACT) and Chair of the Netherlands National Policy Committee on the Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes.

He is member of the US Harvard University Policy Group on "Private and Public, Scientific, Academic and Consumer Food Safety Policies". He is recipient of several academic awards in recognition of his achievements in the area of international harmonization of regulatory assessment methodologies.