

Bio and background

Dr. Hugo Vandendorre is at present President and CEO of Solenco Power NV, a new venture he founded in 2015, having also Solvay SA and Giacomini SpA as chair holders and being active in residential energy storage based on Hydrogen Technology.

Dr. Vandendorre has among other things been Chairman of the European Electrochemical Engineers and the International Hydrogen Energy Association. He was founding member of HYPNET, the European Thematic Network on Hydrogen, Marine Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Association, Joint Undertaking of the European Commission and Masterplan & Implementation WaterstofNet.

He has sat on various European and International Committees and was selected as one of the 12 members of the High Level Group, who wrote the pathway towards Hydrogen and Fuel Cells for the European President Romano Prodi.

He was Chairman and Executive VP of Stuart Energy, a public company listed on Toronto Stock Exchange and after a merge became vice Chairman of Hydrogenics Corporation, a NASDAQ listed Company (HYGS).

He obtained his Doctorate of Science in Physics at the University of Leuven, Belgium *maxima cum laude*, after also having studied in the Institute of Science in Jülich, Germany and Brookhaven National Laboratory, New York, USA.

He was keynote speaker at various international hydrogen conferences and has published over 200 international articles. He has over 65 patents to his name.

In 1969, he married Grete Van den Troost, and had three children: Bieke, Hans and Dorien. He also gained two children-in-law: Kathie and Manu and eight grandchildren.

He was born in Kampenhout and lives in Kasterlee, Belgium.