

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFO

Name: Jean MARTIN

Nationality: French

PRESENT POSITION

- President CIAA



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Academic qualifications: Jean Martin (62) joined Unilever in France in 1968 after graduating from the *Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Economiques et Commerciales (ESSEC)*.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Professional experience before joining the European Institutions: After various positions in the finance/commerce fields in France, the Netherlands (1977-80) and the UK (1980-83) he was appointed Managing Director of the Retail Division of Astra-Calvé in Paris in 1983. In 1986 he moved to the Ivory Coast as Chairman of Blohorn and in 1990 he was appointed Chairman of Van den Bergh Italy with the additional responsibility of leading the development of Unilever in the olive oil category in Europe.

In 1992 he was asked to design, set up and run (as Chief Executive Officer) a new Regional organisation Unilever Personal Products Europe, headquartered in Paris. Four years later he became Business Group President for Central & Eastern Europe (including Turkey), based in the Rotterdam Corporate Head office and a member of the Unilever Executive Council. In 2000, following the acquisition of Bestfoods, he was appointed Global Integration Leader in charge of leading the integration process.

Professional experience in the European Institutions: In November 2002, Jean Martin was elected President of the CIAA. In October 2006, he was re-elected for a third mandate.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Jean Martin is a keen jogger (including the occasional marathon) and a fan of rugby. He has a great appetite for reading (with a particular interest in history). He chairs the group of Conseillers du Commerce Extérieur de la France in the Netherlands. In 1998 he was made a Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur.