



John A.E. VERVAELE

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President John Vervaele was born in 1956 in Belgium. He graduated in Law and in Criminology at the University of Ghent in Belgium and obtained his PhD in Law at the University of Antwerp in Belgium, where he also started his academic career in the field of criminal law and criminal procedure. Before moving to Utrecht University in the Netherlands, he was nominated as researcher at the National Center of Criminology (Belgian Ministry of Justice). In the Netherlands he did specialize in the field of criminal procedure and human rights, European criminal justice, counterterrorism and comparative

criminal justice. He also became a criminal law expert in Latin America.

He is the recipient of numerous academic honours, including the prestigious scientific award Pioneer (VICI) of the Dutch Scientific Organisation and many subsidy grants from the EU and Dutch Ministries. His teaching and research record of 43 years of experience is mainly in the fields of enforcement of EU law, comparative economic-financial criminal law, judicial cooperation in criminal matters, European agencies and criminal evidence, terrorism and money laundering, procedural safeguards and human rights. Vervaele is a regular visiting professor at European and International Universities in the US, China and Latin America.

President Vervaele is Emeritus Professor at Utrecht Law School, former Director of Utrecht Centre for Regulation and Enforcement in Europe (Renforce), and Professor at College of Europe, Bruges (Belgium). He is also member of the steering committee of the European Criminal Law Academic Network (ECLAN) and has been elected member of the Council of the European Law Institute (ELI) in Vienna. He is the recipient of numerous academic honours, including the prestigious scientific award Pioneer (VICI) of the Dutch Scientific Organisation and many subsidy grants from the EU and Dutch Ministries. He always promoted a strong link between academic scholarship and criminal justice praxis. In that context his contribution to the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office has been of great value.

His links with the AIDP go back to the beginning of his academic career. Since 1989 he has actively participated in all AIDP Congresses. At the Congress of 2009 in Istanbul he was general rapporteur for section 3 on special procedural measures and respect of human rights. From 2009 to 2014 he was appointed as Scientific Vice-President. At the Congress in Rio de Janeiro in 2014 he was elected as President of the AIDP and re-elected as President at the Congress in Rome in 2019. In 2024, at the Congress of Paris, he was appointed as Honorary President of the AIDP. The performance of his duties within the AIDP has been intense and has led to important achievements. Under his leadership the AIDP developed as a *société savante* that contributes to contemporary debates on criminal justice at the international and national level. He was also in charge of the Centenary Celebrations of the AIDP in Paris (2024) at the Académie des Sciences Morales et Politiques de L'Institut de France.