



## **Bert Van Caelenberg**

Representing the interests of the health care professionals, Bert Van Caelenberg comes from a medical background himself. He studied at the Pius X School for nursing (St. Jans Hospital, Brussels) and later worked as a paramedic at the University Hospital (UZ) in Ghent.

During his studies as well as his working life, he has occupied various executive positions. From 1974 until 1984 he was a member of the Board of the University Hospital Ghent. From 1984 until 1988 he joined the board of the University of Ghent.

Before entering the work at European level, he worked as a trade union delegate and trade union secretary at regional and national level in the sectors Ministries, Local and Regional Authorities and Health for *ACV Public Services*, Belgium's largest public service trade union.

For over 15 years now, Bert Van Caelenberg has occupied the position of Secretary General of the European Federation of Employees in Public Services (Eurofedop), located in Brussels. Eurofedop defends the interests of professionals working in Public Services, including those working in the health care sector. Grouping 55 public service trade unions from over 22 EU member states and candidate countries, Eurofedop strongly encourages a representative and pluralist dialogue in the Public Sector.

As the Secretary-general of Eurofedop, Bert Van Caelenberg attaches great value to close contact with members as well as with EU policy makers and politicians, and other organisations active in the field of health care.

### International

Bert Van Caelenberg is also Secretary General of the International Federation of Employees in Public Services (Infedop). In his function as representative to the International Labour Organisation, he has actively participated in many public sector (health sector) meetings.