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He has been vice president of the Belgian National Association of Hearing Aid Professionals (CEUPA) since 1992, he joined the AEA (European Association of Hearing Aid Professionals) technical workgroup in 2009 and was elected AEA president in 2014. EFHOH (European Federation of Hard of Hearing People) is a very strong partner for AEA, we value the principle of “Nothing About Us Without Us”, and we walk the talk. In all new regulatory initiatives, new and updated standards, the code of conduct and the relation with international association and stakeholders, EFHOH is always fully involved and consulted, to ensure that what we do is certainly also in the interest of the users.