

GEORGES HADDAD

Born in 1951 and a graduate of the *École Normale Supérieure*, Mr Haddad has an Master's degree. in Mathematical Sciences from the University of Paris VII and a *Diplôme d'études avancées* (postgraduate diploma) in Mathematics from the University of Paris VI. He also holds the *Agrégation* in Mathematics and a *Doctorat d'Etat* in Mathematical Sciences.

Mr Haddad started his career in 1976 as an Assistant Lecturer, spending a year at the University of Tours, followed by six years at the University of Paris-Dauphine. In 1983, he was appointed Lecturer at the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne and the following year a full Professor at the University of Nice. In 1987, he returned to the Sorbonne as a full Professor, and was elected the University's President from 1989 to 1994, as well as *Premier Vice-président* (Chair) of the French Conference of University Presidents (1992 to 1994). He was appointed Chairperson of the Steering Committee of UNESCO's World Conference on Higher Education (1994 to 1998), and a member of the World Bank-UNESCO Task Force on Higher Education in Developing Countries from 1997 to 2000.

Besides being an Honorary President of the Sorbonne, Mr Haddad is a member of several scientific councils and the jury of the Eugénie de Rosemont Prize for the Sciences (fellowships and prizes awarded by the Chancellerie des Universités de Paris). He is the author of many publications in the field of applied mathematics, founded the Marin Mersenne Laboratory for Mathematics, Informatics and Interdisciplinary Applications, and has written a number of articles on education, higher education and research.

Mr Haddad is a member of the International Scientific Council of the Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne, and the Scientific Council of the World Knowledge Dialogue, also in Switzerland.

Mr Haddad was made a *Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur* and an *Officier des Palmes Académiques* in recognition of his contributions to Scientific Research and Education respectively. Since April 2004, he has been Director of the Division of Higher Education at UNESCO, and is the Organization's Representative on the Board and Council of the United Nations University.

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