

Prof. Maurice Moens is awarded an Honorary Membership of the Russian Society of Nematologists



Maurice Moens was born 7th November 1946. In 1972 he graduated as an Agricultural Engineer from the Ghent University, Belgium and obtained a PhD at the same University in 1990 on the 'Behaviour and control of plant parasitic nematodes in hydroponic-type systems'. Within the framework on the Belgian Cooperation, he worked from 1973 to 1985 as Head of the Laboratory of Nematology, Station Expérimentale de Manouba, and as Head of the Department of Crop Protection, Station d'Appui Nebhana-Monastir in Tunisia on control of nematodes in vegetables. Upon his return to Belgium in 1986, Maurice was appointed as Head of Research of the Laboratory for Nematology (1986) and Head of the Crop Protection Department (2000) of the Agricultural Research Centre (CLO) at Merelbeke. In 2006 Prof M. Moens became Director Research Co-ordinator of the Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research (former CLO) and served at this position up to his retirement in 2012. Maurice had also a part-time Professor position at Ghent University and gave several lecture courses on Agronematology and plant-parasitic nematodes in general at the Faculty of Sciences and Faculty of Bioengineering Sciences. Additionally, he served as Director of the Postgraduate International Nematology Course (PINC) and the EUMAINE Erasmus Mundus Initiative, which was organised in the Faculty of Sciences of the same University. Prof. Moens worked in many areas of plant nematology including molecular characterisation of plant and entomoparasitic nematodes, biology of nematodes and host-plant relationships, biological and chemical control, searching for resistance against nematodes and many others. He supervised twenty five PhD students and several dozen Master students, who now are active in nematology all over the world. He was a partner in various research projects being executed in Europe, Russia and several developing countries. Prof. Moens is co-author of over 100 research papers, several chapters in books, co-editor of books: *Plant Nematology* and *Root-knot Nematodes*. Prof. Moens is a member of the Editorial Board of *Nematology* and the *Russian Journal of Nematology*. He received Fellow Awards from the European Society of Nematologists and Society of Nematologists. Prof. Moens is an active member of the Russian Society of Nematologists since its establishment in 1993. He participated at several International Nematology Symposiums organised by the Russian Society of Nematologists. In 2013 the Russian Society of Nematologists has awarded an *Honorary Membership* to Prof. Moens for his distinctive contributions in Science of Nematology and development of scientific co-operation with Russian nematologists.