

CV:

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Current responsibilities

- Vice-President, Conference of INGOs at the CoE;
- Delegate of lofC-International to the Council of Europe;
- Coordinator, INGO Dialogues “From Polarization to Participation”;
- Special Advisor for Human Rights and Business;
- Specialist, International Institute for Human Security.

Work experience

- Trained in Mechanical engineering and electronics;
- Worked in the telecom industry; in technical aspects of theatre tours; in electro-acoustics; in producing documentary films;
- Part time correspondent for Swiss newspapers on international affairs in Geneva;
- Editor of a quarterly trade journal for 25 years;
- Website editor 10 years;
- 1981-2017 Member of the Council, *CAUX-Initiatives of Change*, a Swiss based registered charity NGO.
- Steering Group member of the *Agenda for Reconciliation*, an NGO programme;
- Coordinator, international conferences of Caux-lofC and NGO coaching 1998-2008;
- Convenor of the International Corporate Leaders Workshop 2008 in Switzerland;
- Convenor of the Middle East Peace Process Joint Venture 2009 in Switzerland;
- INGO Project Manager, Elaboration of the CoE White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue 2006-2008;
- INGO Expert for the European Union/CoE Joint Programme “Minorities in Russia: developing languages, culture, media and civil society” 2009-2011
- Invited speaker at various academic and professional meetings in Barcelona, Tunis, Moscow, Lahore, The Hague, Paris, Bucharest, Stockholm, Cairo, Pune (India).

Publications

Correspondent articles in “Vaterland” and later “Der Bund” (Swiss Daily Papers);

Regular editorials and articles in trade journal ‘Caux-Information’ 1986-2002;

Contribution of a chapter in “Human Rights in culturally diverse societies - Challenges and perspectives” Council of Europe, 2009;

Pioneers Column in Journal of Conflictology (Open University of Catalonia, Spain) Vol.2 no.1

Subject “Breaking through Walls: A Look at the Life of Leif Hovelsen”, 2011;

Lead Editor and Co-Author of the “INGO Dialogue Toolkit” 2012, EAN: 97828803375263.

Founding Editor and writer of the website <http://www.dialoguetoolkit.net>

Personal:

Born 1942 in Bern, Switzerland

Married to Marianne, née von Orelli since 1972

Enjoys hiking, concerts, reading and history.

