

## **Candidate Board member**

### **Pierre DEMUELENAERE**

Until 31 August 2015, Mr. Pierre Demuelenaere was President and CEO of I.R.I.S. (Image Recognition Integrated Systems), a company he co-founded in 1987 to commercialize the results of his PhD.

Mr. Demuelenaere has more than 30 years of experience in Imaging and Artificial Intelligence. He has accumulated solid experience in technology company management, R&D management and setting up international partnerships with US and Asian companies (HP, Kodak, Adobe, Fujitsu, Samsung, Canon, etc.).

Throughout the years, he remained very involved in defining the R&D vision of I.R.I.S and contributed to the development of new technologies, new products and the filing of a number of patents.

Mr. Demuelenaere received the "2001 Manager of the Year" award and I.R.I.S. the "2002 Company of the Year" award. In 2008, Data News elected him as ICT personality of the year. He is also a member of the Board of directors of Pairs Daiza and Guberna and served for seven years as a director on the Board of BSB, an insurance and banking software company.

In 2013, Pierre Demuelenaere successfully negotiated the acquisition of I.R.I.S. Group by Canon. The company has now become a member of the Canon Group.

Mr. Demuelenaere holds a Civil Engineering degree in Microelectronics from the Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL) and received his PhD in Applied Sciences in 1987.