

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. **Family name:** Van Mele
2. **First names:** Paul L.J.
3. **Date of birth:** 12-01-1968
4. **Nationality:** Belgian
5. **Civil status:** Married
6. **Education:**

Institution [Date from - Date to]	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
Ghent University [1986-1992]	MSc
Wageningen University [1999-2000]	PhD

7. **Language skills:** Indicate competence on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 - excellent; 5 - basic)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Dutch	1	1	1
English	1	1	1
French	2	2	2
Spanish	5	5	5

8. **Membership of professional bodies:**

Neuchâtel Initiative, Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services, Eco-Innovation, ENDURE

9. **Other skills:** (e.g. Computer literacy, etc.)

Good computer literacy (all major packages)

10. **Present position:** Director, Agro-Insight

11. **Years within the firm:** 5 months

12. **Key qualifications:** (Relevant to the project)

I am a dynamic extension specialist with good team leader and project management skills and experience of working in multi-cultural environments. For the past 18 years I have worked throughout South and SE Asia, Africa, S America and the Mediterranean on projects with Belgian universities, FAO, CABI, IPGRI, IRRI, AfricaRice, ICRISAT and multiple national partners, including NGOs.

These assignments involved evaluating and documenting extension methods and seed enterprises, assessing ways to integrate local knowledge into formal knowledge systems, innovation systems research, strengthening rural extension systems through farmer-to-farmer videos and rural radio programs, facilitating institutional learning and strengthening collaboration between research and other actors.

13. **Specific experience in the region:**

Country	Date from - Date to
Benin (residence), Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria, Tanzania and Uganda	03/2005-08/2010
Bangladesh	one year in-country (2004)
Bangladesh	Multiple missions from 2001-2003
Vietnam	Multiple missions from 2001-2003
Colombia	10 days in 2003
Bolivia	30 days in 2002
Vietnam	two years in-country (1997-1999)
Sri Lanka	05-08/1995
Malaysia	one year in-country (1993-1994)
Nigeria	06-12/1991

14. Professional experience

Date from - Date to	Residence	Company	Position	Description
09/2010-now	Belgium	Agro-Insight	Owner and Director	<p>Evaluating and documenting international agricultural research and development projects</p> <p>Development of effective farmer training videos and communication strategies for large-scale impact</p>
03/2005-08/2010	Benin	Africa Rice Center (WARDA)	Program leader, Learning & Innovation Systems	<p>Evaluating and documenting processes of participatory technology development and dissemination; innovation intermediation; enhancing learning and linkages among multiple actors in agricultural value chains.</p> <p>Activities undertaken in Benin, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria, Tanzania and Uganda.</p>

07/2000-02/2005	UK and Bangladesh	CAB International	Participatory Research and Extension specialist and Vietnam Country Manager	<p>Evaluating extension projects; managing projects dealing with sustainable agriculture; backstopping of projects on rice, vegetable, fruit and agroforestry; training on farmer participatory methods for staff of extension services, research institutes, universities and civil society organisations; and developing training materials for farmer field schools (discovery learning exercises, manuals, videos).</p> <p>Activities undertaken in Bangladesh, Vietnam, Colombia and Bolivia</p>
08/1997-07/1999	Vietnam	Catholic University Leuven	Project manager	<p>Coordinate research and extension activities for several fruit crops including citrus, mango, sapodilla, longan and durian</p> <p>Short missions undertaken in Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Malaysia and China</p>
11/1993-07/1997	Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Belgium	University of Ghent	Project manager (Malaysia) and research assistant (Belgium)	<p>Manage projects dealing with smallholder farmers (livestock, rice, vegetables) and biodiversity conservation (EC project)</p> <p>Activities undertaken in Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey, Israel and Italy</p>
07-12/1991	Nigeria	International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)	Research fellow	<p>Collaborate with a multi-disciplinary team and farmers to develop weed management strategies</p>

15. Other relevant information (eg, Publications)

International Awards and other Achievements

2004: the International Visual Communication Association handed over the Industry Award for Effective Communication to our 'Bangladesh Women-to-Women Seed Health Video Project'.

2009: CGIAR Science Award for Outstanding Communications; based on series of 11 farmer-to-farmer rice videos translated into 33 African languages and used by over 600 organizations.

Videos

Women-to-Women Extension for Rice Seed Health (2003)

Cashing in with Parboiled Rice (2005); Improving Rice Quality (2007)

Land preparation; Rice seedbed preparation; Rice transplanting; Weed management; Soil fertility management (2008)

Available in French, English and 33 African languages (Amharec, Ateso, Bambara, Bariba, Buli, Creole, Dagaari, Dagbani, Dendi, Diola, Ewe, Fon, Gonja, Guerze, Hausa, Igbo, Kusal, Lingala, Luganda, Luo, Mandinka, Mina, More, Peulh, Runyakitara, Serere, Sisali, Susu, Sonrai, Swahili, Twi, Wolof and Yoruba)

Books and Manuals

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