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Vinus Zachariasse

Vinus has made a very relevant, continuous and outstanding contribution to the advancement of agricultural economics in Europe over a period of more than 30 years.

Two years after the defence of his PhD, Vinus contribution to science was recognised by what is today Wageningen University by awarding him the LH-Fonds Research Award. In 1994 he received the Theodor Brinkmann-Preis by the Theodor Brinkmann Stiftung and the Landwirtschaftliche Fakultät der Universität Bonn.

From 1988 he was part-time professor in Wageningen.

Vinus became involved in management at the Agricultural Economics Research Institute (the LEI) soon after his PhD and became its Managing Director in 1990 and Director General and Chair of the Board of Directors of LEI Ltd in 2001. In his roles over those critical years Vinus has overseen the transition of LEI from an input financed governmental organisation in the 1980s to an output financed, non-profit, research institute merged into Wageningen University and Research Centre in the 1990s, where he became director of the Social Sciences Group. The organisational model that has been adopted for agricultural research in the Netherlands in the 1990s has been studied as an innovative and interesting model by several other countries.

Vinus served on the Executive Committee of our Association for 15 years. He joined the Executive Committee in 1984 as Treasurer; in 1994 he became Secretary-General, a position he held for five years, until 1999. Those were the years in which the EAAE was shaped and gained the strength on which we build upon today. Based on this experience he co-founded the Global Club for directors of Agricultural Economic Research Institutes.

