

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE MAGED YOUNES**

Maged Younes holds a MSc and a PhD degree in Biochemistry/Physiological Chemistry from the University of Tübingen, Germany, and the degree of Dr. habil. in Toxicology and Biochemical Pharmacology from the Medical University of Lübeck, Germany. He qualified as an Expert in Toxicology ("Fachtoxikologe") through the German Society of Pharmacology and Toxicology, and is a EUROTOX-Registered Toxicologist. Following an academic career as Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and Professor of Toxicology and Biochemical Pharmacology, Dr. Younes joined the German Federal Health Office in Berlin, where he was Director and Professor in charge of a unit on Biochemical Toxicology with both, research and regulatory responsibilities.

In 1991, Dr. Younes joined WHO, starting as Manager, Chemical Safety at the WHO European Centre for Environment and Health. In 1995 he was re-assigned as Chief, Assessment of Risk and Methodologies, International Programme on Chemical Safety, at WHO/HQ. Subsequently, he has occupied the positions of Senior Adviser, Health and Environment, and Coordinator, Occupational and Environmental Health, Acting Director, Department of Protection of the Human Environment, and Director, Office of the Assistant Director-General, Sustainable Development and Healthy Environments. Dr. Younes joined UNEP in 2006 as Head, Chemicals, and acting Executive Secretary, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions, before returning to WHO as Director, Governing Bodies. Since November 2010 he is Director, Food Safety at WHO.

In his career with WHO and UNEP, Dr. Younes dealt with various aspects of environmental health policy and management, and led various multidisciplinary teams on several environmental health issues. He managed groups dealing with risk assessment (including burden of disease and cost-effectiveness of interventions assessment), chemical safety (including food chemicals), cross-cutting environmental health issues, and occupational health. He performed work on establishing linkages between science and public and environmental health policies, on ensuring coordination with other international bodies and NGOs, and on providing policy advice to counterparts in Member States.

Dr. Younes is a member of several professional societies. He published over 130 original papers and more than 40 book and review articles. He is co-editor of 6 books and special journal issues. He is an Adjunct Professor of Toxicology/Biochemical Pharmacology at the Medical University of Lübeck, Germany, and a Visiting Professor with the Postgraduate Programme on Environmental Toxicology, Technology and Management, a joint degree programme of Mahidol University, Chulabhorn Research Institute and Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand.