

Faculty Bio



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Professor Emeritus, Ignace Vergote MD, PhD was Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Gynaecologic Oncology at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium from 2003 until 2020. He is currently Emeritus Professor with scientific assignment at the Catholic University of Leuven and consultant at the University Hospitals Leuven, Belgium.

Dr. Vergote initially trained in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Antwerp, Belgium, before specializing in gynecologic oncology in the Department of Gynaecologic Oncology at the Norwegian Radium Hospital, where he later became a staff member and, in 1991, Deputy Chairman.

Dr. Vergote was the Co-founder and first Chairman of the European Network of Gynaecologic Oncology Trial group (ENGOT) from 2007 until 2012 and is Founder of the Belgian and Luxembourg Gynaecological Oncology Group (BGOG). He chaired the ENGOT/GOG-Foundation Liaison Committee from 2017-2024. He was Chair of the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer-Gynecologic Cancer Group (EORTC-GCG; 1997–2003) and served as President of the European Society of Gynecological Oncology (ESGO) in 2003–2005. From 2006 to 2008, he was President of the International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS).

In 2019, Dr. Vergote received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the ESGO, the University of Navarra, Spain, and from Nord-Ostdeutsche Gesellschaft für Gynäkologische Onkologie (NOGGO). He received the Wertheim Prize in Austria and the COBRA Prize for surgical expertise in the Netherlands. He is an Honorary Member of the Finnish Society of Gynecology and Obstetrics (SGY) the Flemish Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American College of Surgeons (ACS).

Dr. Vergote's main areas of clinical and translational research focus on gynecological cancer. He has authored more than 1075 original full papers in peer-reviewed journals and was cited more than 98,000 times. He has an h-index of 144 and was a promotor of 33 medical PhDs. He is currently Editor of the *European Journal of Cancer*.