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Philippe Desmeth is the President of the World Federation of Culture Collections, a multidisciplinary commission of the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS) and a Federation within the International Union of Microbiological Societies (IUMS).

Dr. Desmeth has extensive experience on biodiversity management. He joined the Belgian Co-ordinated Collections of Micro-organisms (BCCM) in 1996 as international co-operation programme manager. He was appointed to set up the BCCM co-operation programme with institutions in developing and developed countries. He develops standard procedures and equitable co-operation schemes for BCCM co-operation projects, and has coordinated EU funded projects MOSAICC and MOSAICS. At the Belgian Science Policy Office that funds and runs BCCM, he was also involved in the management of the Belgian Biodiversity Platform which supports research in biodiversity and is the Belgian node of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility.