

Claes I Helgesson

Biographical Sketch

Claes, born in 1936, received his M. Sc. in chemical engineering in 1959 at Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden. During his employment as a researcher at the Research Institute of the Swedish National Defense, he earned his Ph.D. in silicate chemistry (ceramic materials) at Chalmers in 1970.



During the latter part of 1970s and during the 1980s, Claes was mainly active in implementing results from scientific research into industry. In 1966 he was appointed adjunct professor in mineral processing at Lulea University of Technology. In the 1990s, he was appointed director (rector) first of the Swedish School of Mining and Metallurgy, Filipstad, Sweden, and then of the University of Kristianstad, Sweden.

Since his retirement 2001, Claes has been active as consultant professor to Chalmers University of Technology, the University of Boras and Lulea University of Technology in environmental and educational issues. At the University of Boras he was responsible for the development of an international Masters program on "Implementation of Sustainable Technology to SMEs" (financed by the European Union) with students from many parts of the world, including developing countries.

In 2001 Claes founded EWB-Sweden (INUG) and was their chairman until 2005. In 2002 he co-founded EWB-International and is now their vice chairman.

Claes is, furthermore, acting as a mentor for persons, who are in the process of starting their own companies, and to persons, which just have received their MBA-diplomas. Finally, Claes is active in the Swedish (Lutheran) church and chairman of the Church Board of his congregation. He is also an active member of Rotary International and Lions.