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He has an engineering degree in food processing and technology and a PhD in oils and fats crystallization, is author of numerous scientific articles and chapters in oils and oilseeds related books and has several patents in oil and oilseed processing technologies. He received in 2007 the European Lipid Technology Award and was given in 2015 the AOCS distinguished Oil processing division award. He was president of the European Federation for the Science and Technology of Lipids from 2010 till 2013.