

## BIODATA SPEAKERS

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Loek de Vries (year of birth 1951) studied mechanical engineering and business administration at the TH Twente (Twente University of Technology). He began his career in 1979 as a marketer at the construction company Wilma Nederland. In 1986 De Vries moved to Holec Nederland, where he was engaged in international marketing and business development.

In 1990 De Vries started work at TenCate, as the group director of TenCate Advanced Textiles. In 1998 De Vries joined the executive board, where he concentrated on the Technical Textiles sector.

From 2000 till April 2016 De Vries has been president and CEO of the executive board of Royal Ten Cate in Almelo. As of June 2016 De Vries is member of the supervisory board of Royal Ten Cate. Loek de Vries is married and has two children.



Educational Background:

1986 -1990 ME (ing.) Senior Technical School (higher professional education)  
Hogeschool van Arnhem en Nijmegen, Netherlands

Professional Experience:

1991 - 1992 Project Engineer , Koninklijke Grosch  
1992 - 1996 Product Engineer / Head Technical Services,  
Hesling BV  
1996 - 2000 Mechanical / Project engineer, METAL BV  
2000 – Present Technical director/Co- Owner METAL BV

Expertise:

Marcel Prinsen is a mechanical engineer and co-owner of METAL machinebouwers BV. He has more than 20 years experience in special machine building and advising clients in various industries for custom made solutions. These industries vary from product handling, food, medical, packaging, agriculture, utility, construction, textile, etc. His strength lays in a no-nonsense approach to offered problems and also a solution-oriented approach to all kinds of challenges in respect to mechanical engineering and industrial automation. In respect to flame retardant fabrics based on THPC principle he is closely involved in the mutual development of the needed equipment with the chemical suppliers and of course the customers who apply this technology.

METAL BV is a leading company in the best sense of the word. A driven team of 20 professionals from different disciplines work daily on unique machines and deliver them Turn-Key to consumers all over the globe. It is a flexible organization, which during the last fifty years, has proven itself to be a decisive and innovative partner combining expertise in the areas of metal processing and process control together with a profound knowledge of the production techniques of its clients. Sometimes a client knows exactly what he wants and provides the basic design. But always, machines are realized with close cooperation with the client. Only then an optimal result for the client can be achieved. With METAL applies; "Specials are Standard".

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Former Prof. Textile at University College Ghent and University Ghent

Former Head of the Textile Department and Textile Research Lab TO2C

President UNITEX (SME-association of Textile in Belgium and The Netherlands, [www.unitex.be](http://www.unitex.be))

Organizer of international congresses and chef-editor of UNITEX-journal (periodic Textile journal - see [www.unitex.be](http://www.unitex.be))

Owner of 8 patents

Author of 6 books

Number of lectures given in Belgium and abroad › 300 (lectures in Hong Kong, Singapore, South Africa, USA, Brazil, Canada, India, Thailand, Turkey, Spain ...)

Number of national and international publications: › 200

Member of the Centexbel board

Senior consulting at Centexbel

Owner and founder of TexZeppelin - Consultancy company dealing with emerging technologies (digital technologies, UV-LED coating/printing), plasma, laser, nanotechnology...)

