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Education

Baccalauréat (French high-school diploma) option mathematics/physics, 1980
Engineer degree in Electronic, Ecole Supérieure d'Electronique de l'Ouest - Angers - France, 1985

Professional experience

Jul. 1985 – Oct.1991, SMT Goupil, Créteil (Paris Area) *Software development Engineer*
Nov. 1991 – Jul. 1993, Telemco, Maisons-Alfort (Paris Area), *Software development Engineer*
Aug.1993 – Nov. 2021, IBM France, Noisy Le Grand (Paris Area) *IT Technical Specialist*
Several job roles including Product Support, Services and Technical Sales & Solutions
Certified as a Thought Leader Technical Specialist by a European board (2010-2021)
Special assignments and memberships
Technical Specialist Profession Leader for France – 2010-2011
Joined Technical Expert Council France in 2011, elected as vice-chairperson/chairperson (2016-2020)
Member of Woman In Technology (WIT) network
Instructor for Technical Leadership Master Classes
Member of several worldwide technical communities
Dec. 2021 – now – On early retirement, still IBM employee until Apr. 2025 but inactive.

Squash experience and engagements

Squash player since 1985
Best ranking in France #20
National Masters results: bronze 1998 & 1999 (+35), 2017 (+50), silver 2006 (+40), 2019 & 2021 (+55)
Leader of US Créteil Squash team for several years – Gold medal in National League 2 in 1997 and 2006,
Bronze Medal in National League 1 in 1998, 1999, 2007 and 2009
Leader of IBM Corporate woman team (1994-2021), member of IBM Corporate mixed team

Mandates

1989– 1998 Treasurer of US Créteil Squash association
1991 – 2001 Executive Board Member of “Ligue Paris Ile de France” (Region committee) - General Secretary
1994 – 1998 Executive Board Member of US Créteil (27 sport disciplines in a single association in Créteil city with over 20.000 members) - General Secretary
1998 – 2004 President of US Créteil Squash association
2008 – now Board Member of France Squash Federation
2016 – now Vice-President of France Squash Federation
Referee: Level 1 France (tournament) - Level 1 WSO (club) WSO / Competition organizer: Level 2 France (national)
Volunteer during World Team Squash Championships in Nîmes (2012), Mulhouse (2013), Paris-Issy Les Molineaux (2016) and Marseille (2017)
Representation during ESF/WSF General Meetings: represented France Federation at WSF EGM in Birmingham (2017), represented Switzerland Federation at WSF AGM in Marseille (2017), represented France Federation at ESF AGM in Birmingham (2019),

Hobbies and voluntary activities

Squash, Cooking, Travelling, Reading / Treasurer of IBM Paris cooking club (2010-2021)

Personal details

Age: 58 (5 Apr. 1963), Nationality: French
Languages: French (mother language), English (fluent)
Values of importance for me: ethics, respect, responsibility, inclusion and diversity.