

Massart, Lucien

Born: August 22, 1908 - Lint

Died: September 5, 1988 – Gent

Having finished his secondary studies at the Koninklijk Atheneum of Antwerp, he obtains a Master's degree in chemistry at the University of Brussels (ULB) in 1932.

He completes every stage of his academic career, starting as assistant professor at the Veterinary School of the University of Gent in 1934, becoming professor at the same institute followed by his appointment as professor of chemistry and biology at the Faculty of Sciences (from 1961 on) and ending up as dean of the Faculty of Sciences and Vice-Rector of the University of Ghent.

Next he joins the University of Antwerp (then RUCA, now UA) as professor and later on rector.

In 1951, together with Edouard Bigwood, Jean Brachet, Christian de Duve, Marcel Florkin and Paul Putzeys he is co-founder of the “Belgian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology”.

In 1957 he obtains the Francqui-prize.

From 1960 till 1965, Massart is president of the NFW (National Fund for Scientific Planning). He is honorary director of the Institut für Gärungswissenschaften of Munich.

Massart is the author of “Medische Biochemie” (Medical Biochemistry – with M. Florkin), of “Biochemie en Geneeskunde” (1947 – also in French translation)