

Jean Stéphenne – Permanent representative of Innoste S.A., Chairman

Jean Stéphenne is a highly experienced life sciences executive, who has served in senior leadership roles at a large number of biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, most recently as Chairman of TiGenix. Together with the Board of TiGenix, he oversaw the clinical development and European marketing authorisation of its most advanced allogeneic cell therapy product for the treatment of complex perianal fistulas in Crohn's disease.

Jean Stéphenne was also previously a Member of the Corporate Executive Team of GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) and Chief Executive of GSK Biologicals (now GSK Vaccines). During his 40-year tenure, he grew a company of 50 people into a fully integrated worldwide leader in vaccine development, with 12,000 employees.

Jean Stéphenne currently serves on the Board of various life sciences companies including CureVac, Vaxxilon, OncoDNA and Bepharbel. Previous board positions include Besix Group, BNP Paribas Fortis, GBL and IBA. For his contribution to the Belgian economy and global public health, he has received diverse business recognitions and was honoured with various titles by the Belgian and British governments.