



### **Raymond Georis: A man of vision and intuition**

Raymond Georis was born in 1930 in Kuntich, Belgium. He studied Philosophy, and followed this with a Doctorate in Law at the University of Louvain and graduated in 1957 from the College of Europe in Bruges with a diploma in Economics and Political Science. Mr Georis served as the Secretary General of the European Cultural Foundation in Amsterdam from 1973 to 1995. He was until March 2008 the Managing Director of the Madariaga European Foundation and has been Chair of the board of Universal Education Foundation since 2006. He was the founding Managing Director of the Network of European Foundations for Innovative Cooperation, founding Chairman of the European Foundation Centre in Brussels (1989-1991) and Chairman of the Hague Club of European Foundations (1983-1985).

Raymond Georis is a man of vision and intuition and is widely recognized as the “father” of the European Foundation community. By establishing partnerships with the European Commission and between foundations, and by fostering a union of European foundations, Raymond Georis has embodied philanthropic innovation in Europe. The Prize aims to recognize Mr. Georis’ remarkable contribution to the foundation sector in Europe and to stimulate an interest in, and knowledge of, innovative philanthropic work in Europe.

Raymond Georis is the Chair of the Board of Universal Education Foundation.