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Roger graduated in 1976 from Ecole Centrale de Paris, one of the French « engineers high schools ».

He began his career as a research engineer at the French Atomic Energy Commission where he developed an expertise in energy technologies. Two of his research results have been patented in 1977 and 1978. He also had the opportunity to be involved in international working groups, from 1979 on, within the framework of IEA (International Energy Agency) and EC (European Commission) Projects.

In 1979, Roger was given the management of an applied research institution linked to Ecole Nationale des Mines de Paris and to the French Ministry for Industry. Its core activities concerned the use of information technologies in energy systems. Roger developed there his expertise in the energy and IT fields (one of his research results was patented in 1981) and his international experience (being involved in international research projects and in the organization of international conferences).

In 1984, Roger then founded Sigma Orionis (www.sigma-orionis.com), a private and independent technology and market research company established as a French limited liability company (SA). Above and beyond the methodological experience that it can bring in varied fields of analysis, for over 20 years, Sigma Orionis has also been developing a recognized sector-based expertise in the ICT (Information and Communications Technologies) area. A network of international representatives (Europe, North America, Asia) enables the company to work efficiently at an international level.

During the last 10 years, Roger has been more particularly involved in Sigma's projects, funded by European Commission's DG Information Society and Media, and addressing the development of S&T cooperation on ICT between Europe and other countries and regions of the world. He has namely coordinated projects targeting China, Southeast Asia, Japan and Korea, and sub-Saharan Africa.

In the last years, he has coordinated the PARADISO FP7 project investigating how ICT can contribute to a more global sustainable future, and has initiated (and is chairing) the "ICT for sustainable homes" international (annual) Forum.

Roger is often invited by national or international institutions to act as an expert. He has been namely acting (from 1990 on) as an evaluator or reviewer within the framework of many European Commission Programs.

Getting more personal...

Roger was born in Nice, France, in 1953

His passions: mountain climbing, philosophy, photography, modern art, and basketball