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Curriculum vitae

Jan was born in Bandung (1937) and grew up in the Dutch East Indies/Indonesia. He obtained a Physics Degree (1961) at the Delft University, the Netherlands. As a student he worked as a freelance journalist.

He worked during 20 years for IT companies and universities. His specialty was health and medical informatics. He founded Dutch, European and worldwide scientific societies in health and medical informatics and is honorary president of the International Medical Informatics Association.

From 1981 - 2002 he worked for the European Commission. Initially in the field of IT R&D and large-scale applications. Later, he focused on the cross-road of *language and technology*. He designed and launched the *European Multilingual Information Society* programme, promoting language diversity in the upcoming networked age.

After retirement he continues to focus on the preservation of language diversity. He was (vice-) chairman of the Dutch and European Terminology Associations. Since 2009 he chairs the Stichting Nederlands (Dutch Language Foundation). He is a member of European and national committees for multilingualism.

Jan Roukens is married and has six children and a growing number of grandchildren. He lives in Brussels.