Jacques McMillan awarded with the EOQ presidential Georges Borel Award for governmental achievements

The European Organization for Quality (EOQ) has celebrated the winner of the EOQ presidential Georges Borel Award for governmental achievements at the EOQ Presidential Breakfast, in Frankfurt/Germany on June 14, 2012.

This award recognizes individuals who have made an outstanding accomplishment through successful promotion and deployment of quality at governmental level through their professional activities and behaviours and thus created a visible impact in the field of quality at governmental level in their own countries or at European level.

Jacques McMillan is the 2012 winner of the EOQ presidential Georges Borel Award for governmental achievements, being awarded by EOQ for generous and successful contribution to quality.

Retired since May 2012, Jacques McMillan was Head of Unit in Directorate General Enterprise and Industry in the EU Commission spent almost all his career in the field of the elimination of technical barriers to trade, product safety legislation and the general free movement of industrial goods, both inside the EU and at the international levels. During this career, he has touched upon and been responsible for most issues involved: European standardization, better regulation, the notification directive in 1983 (now 98/34), the development of the New Approach to technical harmonization, conformity assessment and accreditation, quality policy for enterprises, market surveillance and more recently (2008) the development of the New Legislative Framework itself.

On the international level, he contributed to developing international relations in these fields, as well as technical assistance programs and mutual recognition agreements. Moreover, he chaired the WTO Working Group which led to the adoption of the new TBT Agreement, and has participated in many international fora such as GATT, WTO, ILAC, IAF, OECD, UN ECE, ISO CASCO, and many others.

EOQ Georges Borel Award recognizes individuals who have brought an outstanding contribution to the EOQ mission, who is: “Improve European society through the promotion of Quality in its broadest sense.

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