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Short vita

Born on June 3rd, 1953 in Paris

Education :

- Docteur de 3ème cycle (Ph D), Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris 6, 1978
- Docteur d'Etat ès Sciences, Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris 6, 1989
- Laureate of the French Academy of Sciences

Work situation :

Scientist at the CNRS (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique) since 1982

Prizes :

- Botany award, French Academy of Sciences, 1993
- Innovation Contest Award Winner, Ministry of Research 1999
- Talent d'or (Golden Award), Sommet du Luxe et de la Création, 2002
- Virgile prize for the book « Etre Plante à l'ombre des forêts tropicales », 2003
- Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, 2005
- Silver medal, Architecture Academy, 2005
- One of 50 Best Inventions of the Year, Time Magazine, 2009
- RIBA Honorary Fellowship (Royal Institute of British Architects), 2010

Other Activities :

- Many lectures given all over the world since 1995.
- Scientific missions since 1972,
- Scientific publications since 1977
- Scientific Director with Francis Hallé for the « Canopy Raft » expeditions in French Guyana (1986 and 1989) and in Cameroon (1991).
- New plant species discoveries, including a new species of Begonia discovered by Patrick in the Philippines and named after him : Begonia blancii
- Promotion for new species in Horticulture and Botanical gardens.
- Lectures at Paris University, leading professor for PhD students.
- Invited speaker for radio and TV reports. Many interviews in newspapers worldwide.
- Scientific Documentaries since 2013 entitled "Field Trip with Patrick Blanc" filmed by Pascal Héli.

Books :

HALLE F. and P. BLANC (Eds) - 1990 – Biologie d'une canopée de forêt équatoriale, French Guyana. Xylo –Paris - 231 pages.

BLANC P. - 2002 – Etre plante à l'ombre des forêts tropicales. Nathan – Paris - 432 pages.

BLANC P. - 2005 – Le bonheur d'être Plante . Maren Sell Editeurs – Paris – 112 pages.

BLANC P. - 2006 – Folies Végétales. Chêne – Paris – 64 pages.

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BLANC P. - 2008 - The Vertical Garden, from Nature to the City - Norton Press, New York, London - 192 pages.

BLANC P. - 2012 (second edition) - The Vertical Garden, from Nature to the City - Norton Press, New York, London - 208 pages.

BLANC P. - 2015 - Vertical Gardens: The new challenges, in : Green Cities in the World 2nd Ed., Madrid, Chapter 19, Pages 330-355.

Lecture title

Nature: the only inspiration for sustainable vertical gardens

Short description of the lecture

will follow shortly