

Curriculum Vitae

Nort Liebrand was born in Gennepe on 6 September 1942. After he had obtained his HBS (former Dutch High School) certificate, he studied mechanical engineering at the Eindhoven University of Technology, at which he graduated in 1966 under supervision of Prof. Ir. W. v.d. Hoek, with the specialities design and construction. After having completed his military service as an officer with the Inspection Technical Department, he started his career at Philips Electrotechnica, where he worked on the development of peripheral equipment for computer systems, at first in Eindhoven and later in Bremen. After a few years, he switched to Philips Medical Systems, where he was responsible for the development of equipment for X-ray diagnostics, especially for the manipulation of the X-ray in relation to the patient and vice versa.

In 1981, he took up office with "Bosch Verpakkingsmachines b.v." (Bosch Packaging Equipment) in Weert, where he had responsibility over the development of and application of new packaging equipment.

In 1986, he switched to "Van Doorne's Transmissie b.v." in Tilburg where he was vice-president, with the responsibility over the development and the testing of the continuously variable transmission, the push belt and the development of new production processes. In this position, he gave the keynote speech on the first CVT World Congress in Yokohama, Japan, in 1996.

During this period, he also was a member of the visitation committee Mechanical Engineering for the evaluation of the education on the institutes for mechanical engineering, and mechanical engineering as applied in medical technology and maritime technology in the Netherlands and mechanical engineering/electrotechnology and aviation and space technology in Flanders.

In 1996, he succeeded Ir. Paul de Bruin as president of VDT.

As from 1 January 2000, he is appointed as part-time professor at the faculty of Mechanical Engineering of the Eindhoven University of Technology, with the assignment to teach and do research in the field of the continuously variable transmission systems. Apart from that, he is still committed to VDT as general consultant.

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