

Short biography of Jean-Pierre Gouzy

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Jean-Pierre Gouzy was born on 3 June 1925 in Antananarivo, Madagascar, where his father was a customs official. He began his career as a journalist at a very young age. After the Second World War, he worked for various Paris-based newspapers and, later on, for foreign daily newspapers. At the same time, he was involved in movements in France which were working for the unification of Europe on a federal basis. In 1946, he became a member of the Executive of the French Movement for the United States of Europe and then of the French Union of Federalists.

Jean-Pierre Gouzy attended the Congress of Europe, held in May 1948 in The Hague and organised by the International Committee of the Movements for European Unity (ICMEU), both as a journalist and as a member of the French delegation. Shortly afterwards, he became Secretary-General then President of the European Federalist Movement in France. He remained in this post until 1973. He was also a member of the Federal Committee of the Union of European Federalists (UEF) and subsequently became Vice-President of this organisation. Jean-Pierre Gouzy was appointed Deputy General Secretary then General Secretary of the *Centre International de Formation Européenne* (International Centre for European Training — CIFE) upon its establishment in Nice in 1954. This Centre was led by his friend Alexandre Marc, a key figure in federalist and personalist circles. Gouzy became Vice-President of the Centre in 1983. Between 1960 and 1990, he also taught at the *Institut Européen des Hautes Études Internationales* (European Institute of High International Studies).

From 1963 onwards, Jean-Pierre Gouzy was Editor-in-Chief then Political Director of the journal *L'Europe en formation*, and in 1969 he won the European journalism prize awarded by the Commission of the European Communities. He was elected International Vice-President of the Association of European Journalists in 1974 and became International President in 1978 and Honorary President in 1982.

Jean-Pierre Gouzy is the author of numerous publications. Since 1978, he has been Vice-President of the Maison de l'Europe in Paris.