

# Karel Bolcksman

Karel Bolckmans holds a Master of Agricultural Sciences from the KU Leuven in Belgium. Over the past 30 years he has worked with the leading biological control companies. He started his career in 1992 as a Market Development Manager with Biobestin Belgium. In 1998 he moved to Bugs for Bugs Pty Ltd in Australia and from there to Koppert BV in the Netherlands, where he became responsible for the R&D Department and in 2000 additionally for the Production Department of Beneficial Insects and Mites. In 2010 he became the Global R&D and Production Director for Beneficial Insects and Mites and 2 years later also for the Microbials Department. In 2014 Karel joined Special Fruit, a Belgian importer of berries and exotic fruits, as their Business Development Director. In 2016 Karel joined Biobest again as Chief Operating Officer and became Chief Technology Officer in 2022. Karel is an Honorary Member of the International Organization for Biological Control (IOBC) for his contribution to the development of new biological control agents and innovative production technologies. He also received an Award of Excellence from the North-American Association for Natural Biocontrol Products (ANBP).