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Dr. George T. Waters

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Chairman of the DVB World Organizing Committee, engineer and broadcaster, Dr Waters graduated from University College Dublin and obtained his PhD from Trinity College Dublin with a thesis dedicated to High Definition Television. He joined Radio Telefis Eireann, the Irish public broadcaster, in 1956 as a member of the team that prepared the launch of television in 1961. He became Director of Engineering in 1968 and under his leadership RTE expanded its network and introduced colour television. He was Director General from 1978 to 1985, steering that broadcasting organization through its most dynamic development period. In 1986 he joined the headquarters of the European Broadcasting Union where he stayed until 1997 as Director of the Technical Department. Dr Waters was a co-founder of the International Academy of Broadcasting and is its President since 1993.

Dr. Waters is a Life Fellow of the SMPTE and a Fellow of the IET. He is the recipient of the IBC Award, the Award of Honour of the NAB and the Presidential Proclamation of the SMPTE.