

## CV – Marie-Anne Persoons

Married with Sid Adriaensen in 1984 (this year, we'll have our for 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary!).

We have two kids.

One son Mike is an international driver for Disabled and Waterski.

One daughter, Kate, was a world-class waterski competitor, now more an international judge.

Hence the whole family is very involved in waterski.

By education I am a Doctor in Science, specialized in organic chemistry.

My real job is at an American company (Lubrizol), where I am the link between R&D and manufacturing, making TPU. Taking care of upscaling certain processes from R&D to full scale production and troubleshooting, translating problems in manufacturing, back to R&D.

Lubrizol is a global company with TPU production sites all over the world, and my role is a global role in the company. This means that I am in daily contact with colleagues all over the world, US, China, Malaysia, Korea, The UK, France, Spain,...

Working on such an international level in the company, I am used to communicate in different languages. My mother tongue is Dutch, but I am fluent French and English with some notes of German as well.

My personal waterski achievements are as a low-level competitor in Waterski and Cableski with jumping as my best event. Today I more enjoy myself on a trick ski.

I have been an international official in Racing, Cableski, Disabled and Waterski and was even the Chief Judge at the Cableski Worlds in 2016 and the Waterski Open Worlds in 2021. I am still doing several major events each year, as a judge or a scorer (Moomba, US Masters, Sesena Pro-Am, Titled events).

Outside the competition part, I was part of the start of the Cableski Council in 1987 and am a Council member since the first elections in 1988, being first the Secretary and later the Council President. I did represent the Cableski Council in the Admincom for more than 30 years and was part of the IWWF Executive Board as World Cableski Council President from 2011 till 2017.

With this, nearly all my holidays go to waterski, known at work as "my second life".

Working in a chemical factory and with a lot of years of anciency, I luckily have a lot of holidays that I indeed can spent for waterski.

With my language and administrative skills (used to take notes in English at meetings at work and in waterski), my experience and background in our sport, I believe to be a good candidate for the position of EC Secretary-General.

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