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She was born in 1959 in Belgium. After Latin-Greek program in secondary school, she turned to scientific studies and obtained Masters in Chemistry with honours in 1981. A Post-Graduate grant from Industrial Research Council allowed her to complete her doctorate with honours in 1986 from the State University of Mons, Belgium on “Reactive Sintering of Mullite–Zirconia Composites”. During her PhD thesis, she spent a few months at the Ceramics Department of Leeds University, UK.

After a few years as researcher at Belgian Ceramic Research Centre in Mons, she became R&D responsible in a SME involved in fabrication of advanced oxide ceramics. In 1990, Anne joined the Ceramic Materials and Processing Lab (LMCPA) at Polytechnic University Hauts-de-France, Maubeuge. In 1994, she has been promoted to Professor and was Director of LMCPA leading 30 researchers from 1999 to 2016.

Her research topics are linked to microstructural control of ceramics. She has supervised 21 PhD students, participated in numerous European projects, published 210 papers and presented 37 invited lectures. She has served as Board Member of the Belgian Ceramic Society, President of the French Ceramic Society (9 years), President of the European Ceramic Society and of the JECS Trust. Today, she is treasurer of the ECerS. During her presidency of ECerS, she initiated contacts with ACerS (which were finalized by the signing of a MOU) and she contributed to setting up the January Winter Workshop.

She is Academician of the Academy of Ceramics and received the first ACerS-ECerS Award in 2020.