

Raymond Dedonder (1920–2004)

Raymond Dedonder died on September 5, 2004 at the age of 84. He began his scientific career in 1943 as an early member of the French National Scientific Research Centre (CNRS), where he became research director in 1961. From the 1960s, Raymond made major contributions to *B. subtilis* genetics which led to the establishment of a set of reference strains. Raymond was also interested in the use of

Bt against lepidopteran larvae and Bti against Diptera.

In 1982, he was appointed Director General of the Institut Pasteur where he oversaw research on sequencing the AIDS virus. From 1987 till retirement he was President of the Board of Governors of the World Aids Foundation.

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