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In this document you will find the biography of the main spokespeople of the International Nut and Dried Fruit Council. If you are interested in interviewing one of them, please contact our media manager.

Goretti Guasch



Goretti Guasch is a collegiate Economist, holds a degree in Business Science and an Executive MBA by Ramon Llull University, ESADE Business School in Barcelona, with international educative programs in the business schools of HEC Paris- France, Indian Business School in Hyderabad- India, and Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland- USA.

She is the INC Executive Director since 2003. Prior to this position she was the Coordinator of the INC headquarters and before that she worked as finance responsible for the organization.

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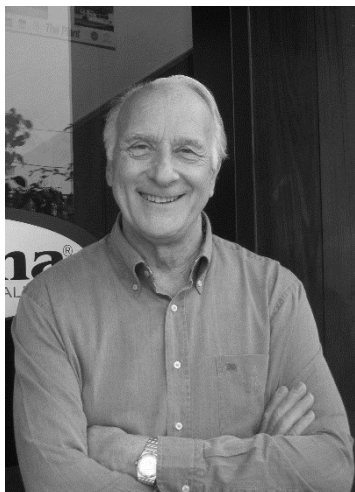
Mark Mariani



Mark Mariani has held leadership positions in the Dried Fruit Industry for over 40 years; introducing tropical dried fruits into North America, and the first Brand to market Turkish Apricots to every supermarket in the United States. The Mariani Family pioneered a Global supply chain starting in 1960 with operations in Australia, Thailand, and China. Mark has served on the California Prune Board and initiated major promotional programs into Europe which has opened up opportunities for multi-national market penetration of prunes. Mark is Chairman of the 106 year old Dried Fruit Association that is internationally recognized as the technical experts in the Industry. Mark Mariani is presently serving as Chairman of the INC, and Chairman of Mariani Packing Company, the largest Independent handler of Dried Fruits.

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Pino Calcagni



Active in the nut and dried fruit industry for about 50 years, Pino Calcagni took over the enterprise from the Besana brothers, founders of Besana Group, having led its strong expansion through many years. In fact, Besana is today a leader in Europe dealing in nuts, dried fruit, seeds and chocolate. Soon he took over important roles, first in national and quickly also in European and worldwide organizations. In 1982, he is among the passionate founders of the INC. He was President of the INC during the early 90's and he is today Vice Chairman. For many years he has been active in spreading the importance of nuts and dried fruit as healthy foods, and always emphasizing the deep social and environmental aspect, as thousands of people worldwide live with and from these natural commodities. With zeal and devotion he carries on his personal commitment towards the sector and the consumer. All of that has allowed him achieve significant international goals, for which he was honored with the Golden Nut Award in 2010.

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Michael Waring



Michael Waring is Chairman/Managing Director of MWT Foods and MWT Agri Services (Australia), Chairman of MWT Foods USA LLC, and of Laurel Nut Company USA (Hazelnut Processor), and Chairman and CEO of Waring Group, comprising above businesses and other investments, including nut processing operations in Vietnam. Vice Chairman of INC, Member of the Board of Trustees and serving on the INC Executive Committee. He serves on the Scientific and Government Affairs Committee, is an Ambassador to Australia, served as Chairman of the Ambassadors Committee (2009-2015), and was Chairman of the INC Congress Melbourne 2015. He is a founding Management Committee member of Nuts for Life Australia, Director and Deputy Chair of Australian Macadamia Society, and Chairman of that bodys' Marketing Committee.

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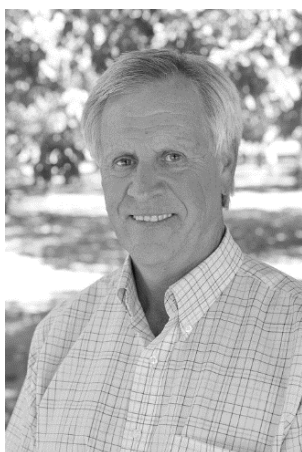
Giles Hacking



Born 1963 in London, England, Giles' first job was working for Chanel 10 in Sydney, Australia, in various TV shows. At the age of 20 he headed back to England, stopping in California to learn about the Almond and Walnut business. In the UK he joined a small tech business, worked in the advertising industry, and joined cocoa & nut traders V.Berg & Sons. From there, he moved to one of the great commodity goliaths of the time, JH Rayner (part of Berrisford PLC). After 12 years in the cocoa business, his father, Chris Hacking persuaded him to join CG Hacking, which he had established in 1971, having formerly worked for TM Duche. He has been here ever since, and has extensive knowledge about the tree nut industry. Chris was also one of the original founders of the INC. In 1997 Giles helped to organize the INC Congress in London, and the following year joined the Board. He joined the Executive Committee upon its formation, and served as INC Chairman from 2011 until 2015.

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Jack Mariani



Jack Mariani has been member of the INC since 1984. He served as INC Chairman from 2007 to 2011. During Jack's chairmanship, he oversaw and instigated the whole Mas Barrufet project, an historical building restored by the contribution of over 70 INC members that hosts INC's headquarters. Previously, Jack Mariani chaired the DFA of California. He is a partner in Mariani Nut Company. Jack Mariani is also on the board of directors of the California Walnut Board, DFA of California, California Walnut Commission, INC-NREF and University of California-Davis Foundation. He has been chairman of the Macadamia Working Group since its inception in Budapest in 2011. In 2016, he received the INC Individual Golden Nut Award.

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Prof. Jordi Salas-Salvadó



Prof. Salas-Salvadó has occupied teaching and research posts at the Faculty of Medicine in Reus, Spain, since 1984. At present, he is professor of Nutrition and director of the Human Nutrition Unit of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences of the Rovira i Virgili University (URV). Since 1989, he has occupied a variety of medical posts at Sant Joan University Hospital, and since 1991, is Head of Nutrition of the Internal Medicine Service. He has directed 16 research projects financed by public bodies and 28 projects in conjunction with the pharmaceutical or food industries. He is one of the leaders of the PREDIMED study and has published more than 280 original articles. Nowadays he is the Chairman of the PREDIMED-PLUS Study, a multicenter (n=22 centres), randomized, parallel-group, primary prevention clinical trial conducted in Spain with 6000 participants in order to assess the effect on CVD morbidity and mortality of an intensive weight loss intervention program based on an energy-restricted traditional Mediterranean diet, increased physical activity and behavioural support, in comparison with an usual care intervention only with energy-unrestricted MedDiet. In 2014, he was elected winner of the DuPont Science Award for his scientific contributions in the field of nutrition and expertise in the investigation on obesity, metabolic syndrome, diabetes and the effect of diet in modulating cardiovascular risk.

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