



## Ralph Appel

Certified Industrial Engineer

Executive Director and Member of the Board

VDI – The Association of German Engineers

Ralph Appel, born 1958 in Hamburg, is married and father of two children. He studied industrial engineering at the University of Hamburg and the Technical University of Hamburg-Harburg, where he graduated as a certified industrial engineer with specialized knowledge in automation, product engineering, materials management, industrial management and economics.

## Career

- Since 2013**     **VDI – The Association of German Engineers e.V., Düsseldorf**
- Executive Director and Member of the Board of VDI
  - Managing Director of VDI GmbH
  - President of the European Federation of National Engineering Associations FEANI
  - Vice President of the European Federation of National Engineering Associations FEANI (2015 – 2020)
  - CEO of the accreditation agency ASIIN e.V (2015 - 2020)
- 2002 – 2013**     **Cargill BVBA**
- Managing Director of Texturizing Solutions global business unit, Mechelen (B)
  - Managing Director of Cargill Deutschland GmbH, Krefeld (D), and Country Lead of Cargill in Germany
- 1987 – 2002**     **Cerestar SA/NV, Paris, Brussels and Krefeld**
- Held a number of leading positions in international functions, finally as Commercial Director Food Sector Europe, Paris
- 1986 – 1987**     **Maizena GmbH – Hamburg**
- Financial Trainee and Controller