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2018 LEADERSHIP PRIZE | AWARD CEREMONY - November 5th, 2018 | Seated Dinner

Dear Alumni and Friends of Harvard,

We have the great pleasure to invite you to the award ceremony of the **2018 Harvard Leadership Prize**.

The Board of Directors has decided to award the 2018 Harvard Leadership Prize to **Professor Jean-Pascal van Ypersele de Strihou**, leading climatologist. He was a Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and took part as scientific adviser to most United Nations conferences on climate-related issues.

Since 1993, he is a member of the Belgian Federal Council for Sustainable Development. He currently teaches Climatology and Environmental Sciences and leads the Master's programme in Science and Management of the Environment at the Université catholique de Louvain.

The ceremony with seated dinner will take place on:

Monday, **November 5th, 2018** at **7:00 pm**
at **Chateau Sainte-Anne**,
Rue du Vieux Moulin 103, 1160 Auderghem

Mr van Ypersele will be introduced by Professor Jos Delbeke, former Director-General of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Climate Action, now Senior Adviser for Relations with the Florence European University Institute, and one of the driving forces behind the Paris agreement.

If you would like to attend, please confirm your participation before **Monday, October 15th, 2018**, via [this link](#).



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The fee for this event will be **€50 for young members (born after 1985), €70 for members and €95 for non-members (guests and non-member alumni)**, to be paid on Evenbrite or on our Club's account before the deadline date (only paid registrations will be confirmed). As always, please note that we do not reimburse in case of cancellation after the deadline above.

If you or your company would like to sponsor a table for this event, feel free to contact the Harvard Club directly and we will share the conditions with you.

The dress code for the evening is business attire.

We hope that you will be able to join us and look forward to seeing you on November 5th, 2018.

Warm regards,

Jean-Albert Nyssens
President, Harvard Club of Belgium

Renee Haferkamp
Chair of the Selection Committee



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Jean-Pascal van Ypersele de Strihou holds a PhD in physics from the Université catholique de Louvain, following his research on the effect of global warming on the Antarctic sea ice at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in the United States.

Since 1993, he is a member of the Belgian Federal Council for Sustainable Development, and chairs its working group on Energy and Climate.

Mr van Ypersele de Strihou was very much involved in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), for which he led the redaction of part of the Third Assessment Report, Climate Change 2001. He was elected Vice-Chair of the IPCC from 2008 to 2015.

Before and after that, he took part as Scientific Advisor to most United Nations conferences on climate-related issues.

In January 2017, he was appointed by former Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon as one of the 15 eminent scientists to draft the Global Sustainable Development Report, due in 2019. The Report is a key component of the mechanism to follow up and review progress on the agreed 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals. It aims to strengthen the science-policy interface and provide a strong evidence-based instrument to support policymakers in promoting poverty eradication and sustainable development.

He currently teaches Climatology and Environmental Sciences, and leads the Master's programme in Science and Management of the Environment at the Université catholique de Louvain.

His most recent books are « In het oog van de klimaatstorm » (2018, EPO) and “Une vie au coeur des turbulences climatiques” (2015, De Boeck).

He is active on Twitter: @JPvanYpersele