

PHILIP JENNINGS

Philip Jennings first became General Secretary of the Geneva based FIET in 1989 and has been elected at World Congresses in San Francisco in 1991, in Vienna in 1995 and in Sydney in 1999. FIET founded in 1904 is a global trade union organisation with 10 million members in 120 countries. As the global economy has emerged so has the need for global trade union co-operation and solidarity. FIET's members are drawn from throughout the services sector and includes white collar workers in industry, the IT sector, finance, commerce, property services, tourism and professional and managerial staff. Union education and training, research, campaigning for equality and promoting trade union rights are part of FIET's daily work. In Europe, Euro-FIET has a social dialogue with employers that covers 1 in 3 of the EU workforce. A social dialogue has also been established with the European Central Bank. FIET has over 100 agreements with multinational companies. FIET has pioneered a global IT network for its members. FIET along with three other Internationals, the Communications International, International Graphical Federation and Media and Entertainment International aim to create a new international for the new millennium. The four-way merger will create Union Network International UNI as of January 2000. Philip J. Jennings joined FIET's staff in 1980 following a four-year spell with a union in the finance sector in the United Kingdom.

He was born in Wales, United Kingdom, in 1953 and is married with two children.