

Urs Pfister



I was born in 1950 in Weiningen, Thurgau, Switzerland and grew up working with my parents in our Cheese Dairy. I chose the same profession as my father and my grandfather before me. My training was in Switzerland, Denmark and France. In 1975, I was certified as a Master Cheesemaker. Following my certification, I worked in Finland, but mainly in Switzerland, in the cheese sector. Starting 1992, I worked for various companies and organizations internationally, utilizing my expertise in the field of dairy and food management.

In 1999, while working in North Korea, I met my current wife Cheryl, who worked with the United Nations there, and in 2001 we got married during her assignment to Bhutan. Our next posting for approximately 3 years was in Afghanistan, where I worked with several UN organizations while Cheryl continued her work with the UNDP and ISAF (International Security Assistance Force), under NATO. After Cheryl's retirement from working in 2004, we repatriated to her home country, Grenada, The West Indies. We moved to Florida in 2007. I left Florida in 2012 to work in Milford, Michigan full-time as a Cheese Department Manager, and continued working in the same sector after our return to Florida in 2016. As of 2023, I worked part-time making Specialty Cheeses for a gourmet grocery store in Naples, Florida, and enjoy my hobby of making my own cheeses at home. I have served on the Swiss American Club board for the last three years as events director and look forward to continue in this volunteer position.