

Jean Guéguinou (born in 1941) is a French Ambassador. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Agence France-Muséums and chairs its remuneration committee.

He is a law graduate and former student at the *Ecole nationale d'administration* (1967), and in 1967 he joined the press and information directorate of the French Foreign Ministry. He was then assigned as a senior envoy in the office of the Minister of State with responsibility for national defence, and then chief of staff for the Foreign Minister. After acting as Consul General in Jerusalem (1982-1986), he was appointed as Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador to Prague (1990-1993), and then to London (1993-1998). Elevated to the office of Ambassador of France in 2000, he has served as Ambassador to the Holy See in Rome (1998-2000), as Permanent Delegate of France at UNESCO (2000-2006) and as Chairman of the French section of the Franco-British Council.

He is presently a member of the French cultural heritage committee (Ministry of Culture), a member of the Council [*Conseil supérieur*] of the *Agence France Presse*, Chairman of the association of the friends of the Abbey of Abu Gosh (Jerusalem), a member of the Board of Directors of the society of friends of the Louvre, and sits on the Board of Directors of the society of friends of Versailles (Vice Chairman), as well as on the Board of Directors of *Les Arts florissants* (Vice Chairman), the Council of the World Monuments Fund France, and on the Board of Governors [*Conseil supérieur*] of Lille Catholic University.

Jean Guéguinou is an officer of the *Légion d'honneur* and an officer of the *Ordre National du Mérite*, a commander of the *Ordre des Arts et des Lettres*, holds the Grand Cross of the Victorian Order and the Grand Cross of the Order of Pius IX, and is a commander of the Order of *Saint-Grégoire-le-Grand*.