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John Topper gained his degrees at Loughborough University in the UK. He is a Fellow of the Energy Institute and of the Institution of Chemical Engineering in the UK and he is a Chartered Engineer.

For the past 9 years he has held the posts of Managing Director of IEA Clean Coal Centre and the CEO of the Operating Agency for the IEA Greenhouse Gas R&D Programme.

The IEA Greenhouse Gases R & D Programme has been studying carbon capture and storage since its foundation in 1991, whilst the IEA Clean Coal Centre has been examining latest developments and best practice applied to a wide range of coals across the world since 1975.

In 2000-2001 John worked for the UN Industrial Development Organisation in Vienna, concentrating on managing a GEF funded coal bed methane extraction project in India.

Previously he was for 5 years an executive director of a private energy and environment consulting company. He concentrated on international business, personally directing and managing many projects in the Former Soviet Union and several in China. Most of these projects concerned efficient and economic use of coal.

From 1975 to 1995 he worked for the British Coal Corporation until its privatisation, covering a range of coal use technologies, R&D planning and finishing as Commercial Director of the Coal Research Establishment.