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Born on December 12, 1956 in Eindhoven, The Netherlands. PhD graduation in 1989. Registered as Immunologist in 1991. From 1989 on employed as the Head of the Unit for Flow Cytometric Immunophenotyping of the Central Hematology Laboratory at the Radboud University Medical Center in Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

Past professional positions and functions. 1993: Assistant professor; 1996-2006: Deputy head of Central Hematology Laboratory; 2004-2006: Ad interim Head of Central Hematology Laboratory; 2009: Recognized as lecturer; Responsible Person for Cellular Therapy (EU dir 2004/23, 2006/17).

National and international board activities: Dutch working party of Stem Cell Laboratories (WSN-HOVON). 1999: Founder; 1999-2007: Secretary; 2007-2010: Chairman; 2010 on: Adviser; Coordinator of the EQA of HPC cultures and CD34 determinations (from 2002 on).

Dutch Foundation for Immunophenotyping of Hematological Malignancies (SIHON) / SKML section (EQA programs in clinical flow cytometry). Active board member of the SKML (2004–2014); Active board member SIHON (1999–2006); Chairman SIHON (2006–2007); Chairman of the SKML section for Immunological Cell Diagnostics (2007–2012); Active board member and Coordinator of the Nomenclature Committee (1999–2012) of EQA of Immunophenotyping of Hematological Malignancies.

Dutch Society for Cytometry and other Board Activities. Founder of the NVC (2006); Board member (2007 on); Secretary (2011 on); Chairman a.i. (2014).

President of the organizing committee of ESCCA 2013 (Luxembourg); Active board member of the Flow cytometry working party of the Society of Hematological Laboratories (2012 on); Active member of the world-wide Harmonemia working party (2012 on); Advising board member PNH Benelux (2014 on). Editorial board member "Austin Journal of Cancer and Clinical Research" (2014 on).

Memberships: the Dutch society for Immunology; the International Society of Cell Therapy (ISCT); the European Society for Clinical Cell Analysis (ESCCA); the working party for immunophenotyping of AML-MRD; the working party for immunophenotyping of MDS; the working party for Flow Cytometry.

Publications: More than 116 publications in peer-reviewed journals. Research gate ranking (July 2014): RG score 40.03, Impact points: 540.56.

Programme as an elected ESCCA Board Member: One of the major goals of the ESCCA is the continuous improvement of the application of (flow) cytometry. These goals are realized in educational programs and exchange of scientific achievements by organizing the yearly conferences and summer schools designed for the young as well as the more experienced cytometrist.

In my view, my experience in clinical flow cytometry, knowledge of external quality assessments, conference organization and society activities can be used to support these ESCCA initiatives. Furthermore, flow cytometry is a dynamic and fastly growing topic that urges for educational activities and scientific exchange of developments to

enable the application of the newly developed assays and methods. Although the ESCCA organizes a number of courses, more and easy accessible education is necessary. This will ultimately result in an enlargement of the society and an improvement of the quality of clinical flow cytometry.