

Curriculum Vitae

Name : De Jong, Wilhelmus (Wim) Huibertus

Date of Birth : 14-11-1952

Current position : Toxicological pathologist at the Laboratory of Pathology and Immunobiology, National Institute of Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), Bilthoven, the Netherlands

Education : State University of Utrecht, Veterinary Faculty, 1978 Degree in Veterinary Medicine
1985 PhD Degree in Veterinary Medicine
Thesis: Immunotherapy of cancer with Bacillus Calmette-Guérin
BCG potency testing and BCG induced tumor immunity

Career

1978-1985 After graduation from university he worked as a fellow of the Dutch National Cancer Foundation on immunotherapy of cancer with Bacillus Calmette-Guérin (BCG), which resulted in 1985 in a PhD thesis. The research was conducted at the Laboratory of Pathology at the National Institute of Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), Bilthoven, the Netherlands.

1985-1989 Research scientist at the Laboratory of Pathology (RIVM) involved in both immunotherapy and chemotherapy of cancer. Research included preclinical animal studies evaluating efficacy and adverse effects.

1990-1992 Senior scientist Laboratory for Control of Biological Products (RIVM) involved in evaluating efficacy and safety evaluation of paediatric vaccines.

1993- Senior scientist Laboratory of Pathology and Immunobiology (RIVM), involved in research for the safety evaluation of various agents with special emphasis on medical devices.

Additional functions

Dr De Jong was head of two animal facilities at the RIVM, which were performing animal experiments within the RIVM. In addition he was member and chairman of the RIVM Ethical Committee on Animal Experiments (1987 – 1992).

From 1991 – 1999 he was secretary of the Dutch National Committee for Medical-Biological Research Training in the Netherlands an organisation which deals with training programs for post doctoral education and specialisation in the various areas of medical biology such as immunology, toxicology, pharmacology, experimental pathology, parasitology, and epidemiology.

From 1993 – 1996 he was member of Editorial Board of FEMS Immunology and Medical Microbiology.

From 1997 – 2000 he was member of the Scientific Committee on Medicinal Products and Medical Devices, DG SANCO, EC, Brussels, Belgium.

Dr De Jong is member and chairman of the Dutch Committee on Normalisation of Medical Devices “Biological evaluation of Medical Devices”. As NEN (Netherlands Normalisation Institute) representative Dr De Jong is participant in several working groups of ISO/CEN TC 194/206 “Biological Evaluation of Medical Devices”.

Current function

Dr W.H. De Jong is currently working as a toxicological pathologist at the department of pathology of the Laboratory for Pathology and Immunobiology of the National Institute of Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) of the Netherlands. He is part of a group of scientists involved in the pathological aspects of a wide spectrum of research items which are mostly performed in close collaboration with other laboratories within the institute. Science areas involved in the laboratory include toxicology, oncology, pathology, immunology, and laboratory animal science. Generally the research is focused on the side effects (safety evaluation) of products or product components which might be present in food, vaccines, medicines, or medical devices. With regard to the environment studies are performed on effects of air pollution on organisms.

Besides his general knowledge as a veterinarian, Dr. De Jong has a broad knowledge on immunology, toxicology, pathology, and laboratory animal science, and is currently involved in various research projects. These projects include histopathological evaluation of immunotoxicity of various products. The main research task is in the field of medical devices and involves research related to current biocompatibility problems in patients. The research in which he was involved, has been presented at national and international congresses, and has resulted in more than 80 international publications in peer reviewed scientific journals.

The RIVM is a research institute providing scientific support for government policy on public health and the environment. The institute's output is presented as advice, reports, publications, and products like vaccines, which are primarily intended to support government policy making and the execution of this policy. The output of the institute must therefore be of high scientific quality and free of bias. As such the institute is not allowed to conduct research for commercial parties. Dr. De Jong is fully supported by the RIVM in carrying out the proposed task in a scientific committee. Due to the multidisciplinary character of the institute support from a broad range of expertises in the field of biomedical research is directly available to answer questions related safety issues of the EU.