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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

I studied chemistry at the Universities of Nijmegen (NL) and Paris (FR) (MSc 1983), and did my PhD on food toxicology at the University of Maastricht (NL; thesis in 1989). From 1990-2000 I worked at the TNO Nutrition and Food Research Institute in Zeist (NL), and from 2000-2005 for Unilever in Vlaardingen (NL). From May 2005 I was employed at the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), Bilthoven, NL (www.rivm.nl/en): 2005-2012 as Head of the Centre for Nutrition and Health, and 2013-2015 as Senior Scientific Adviser 'Nutrition and Food Safety'. I was editor-in-chief of "Food & Chemical Toxicology" (<http://www.elsevier.com/locate/foodchemtox>; 1999-2004), and Chief Editor of the "European Journal of Nutrition & Food Safety" (<http://www.sciencedomain.org/journal-home.php?id=30>; 2011-2015). I was member of staff at the European Food Safety Authority, Parma, Italy (<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/>), from 2015 – 2018 as head of the Risk Assessment and Scientific Assistance Department, from 2018-2020 as Senior Scientific Officer.

I am a board-certified toxicologist (since 1990) and a board-certified nutritionist (since 2005). From 2006-2015 I was member of the EFSA-NDA panel (http://www.efsa.europa.eu/EFSA/ScientificPanels/efsa_locale-1178620753812_NDA.htm). I am a visiting professor at the University of Ulster from 2009 (NI; <http://biomed.science.ulster.ac.uk/niche>). From January 2021, I am also an adjunct professor at the Technical University of Denmark (<https://www.food.dtu.dk/english/research/risk-benefit>). As of November 2020, I am the owner and consultant at Food Safety & Nutrition Consultancy, NL (<https://www.fsncconsultancy.nl/>; <https://www.fsncconsultancy.nl/about-me>).

January 2025: Total number of Web of Science publications (includes EFSA Scientific Opinions): 844. Number of full peer-reviewed papers: 187 (plus: Other papers 157; EFSA publications 11; Publications as editor 16; Other publications in Dutch 16). Hirsch Index: Web of Science: 63; Google Scholar: 69; Scopus: 51.