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Key qualifications / Fields of expertise

- Teaching, learning and research in higher education
- Scientific research at university level
- Education and development
- Managing educational change
- Educational project design and implementation
- Educational project management and supervision
- Science teacher education and training (pre-service and in-service)
- Curriculum development and design of learning and training materials.

Summary of work experience

From graduation as a MD I have been self-employed and working in health education of which there are many examples available in the Netherlands and abroad. For this work I received the Van Walree prize in 2005 by the KNAW. Earlier, in 1987, I received the Mary Zeldenrust for my work on sexual education for adolescents.

In 1978 I worked in Gonoshasthaya Kendra, a renown PHC project in Bangladesh, involved in the training of paramedics (community health workers). Since then until 1986 I have been involved in the GK project and its implementation of a rural medical school, with a curriculum to train doctors for the villages.

From 1980 till now I did several consultancies for NOVIB, DGIS, WHO in Indonesia, Bangladesh, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Cambodia.

From 1991 until now I was involved in founding and organization of the Asian network for the promotion of the right to health for migrants (Coordination of Action Research on AIDS and Migration, CARAM). I supervised capacity building and technical assistance). In 2005 and 2007 this resulted in the State of Health of Migrations report).

From 1991 to 1998 in cooperation with KIT I have been involved in the formulation and organisation of the programme Improving teaching in 4 medical faculties in Vietnam.

From 1992 to 1996 through my membership of RAWOO I have been involved in the DGIS Meerjaren Research programme, specifically in Vietnam, Mali and Uganda, and in organising the newsletter on this programme for demand-driven research.

From 1996 to 1999 I have been involved in a research programme on reproductive health of sex workers in three cities in Indonesia, working on identification of needs for services and development of information through participatory methods.

From 2000 to 2002 I was involved in a reproductive health programme for vulnerable women in Johannesburg, focussing on needs of sex workers in Hillbrow.

In 1998 I founded the Research 4 Sex Work Newsletter, a tool to link research to the actual needs and realities of sex workers. This newsletter was produced by VUMC until 3 years ago. I supervised the editing staff and in 2004 it was adopted by the International network of sex work projects as their newsletter.

From 1994 until now I have been involved in formulation of the Ghanaian Dutch Research for development research programme in Ghana, for which I am still member of the Joint Programme Committee (JPC). This programme is based on demand-driven research and capacity building based on needs identified during the work.

In 1997 I developed a training and toolkit for WHO on training media people about hiv/aids. With this training I did workshops in Turkey, Bangladesh, Thailand, Malaysia, Cambodia and Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh City, Da Nang and Hanoi).

Language proficiency

<i>Language</i>	<i>Speaking</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Writing</i>
Dutch	Mother tongue	Mother tongue	Mother tongue
English	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
French	Good	Excellent	Good
German	Good	Excellent	Good
Portuguese	Basic	Sufficient	-
Spanish	Basic	Basic	-
Italian	Basic	Basic	-
Bahia Indonesia	Basic	Basic	-

Educational record

Graduated from the Medical Faculty of the State University of Utrecht in 1975.

Graduation as General Physician in Utrecht in 1976.

PhD in 1987 at the State University of Leyden with a thesis called 'Changing Traditions in Health Care (Sri Lanka)'

Employment record

Since 1976 self-employed consultant in Health Education and Health in Developing Countries.

Since 1987 self-employed consultant in social aspects of HIV/AIDS.

1989 appointed as professor in 'Health Care in developing countries' at the department of Social Medicine of the VU-University in Amsterdam.

Since 1990 founder and editor-in-chief of the publication series 'Primary health Care in Practice'.

1990-1996 member of the RAWOO, the council of advice for the ministry of International Cooperation (DGIS) on scientific research in developing countries.

Since 1995 in charge of the development of a research cooperation programme between African countries and The Netherlands on 'Health and Development' for the Ministries of International Cooperation (DGIS) and Research and Education (OC en W).

Since 1997 member of the AIV (Adviesraad Internationale Vraagstukken).

Since 1999 member of the Joint Programme Committee of the Ghanaian-Dutch Research Programme on Health and Development.

