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CHAPTER 13 | CURRICULUM VITAE

Pieter-Jan van Ooij was born on February 4th, 1961 in Deurne-Zeilberg. In 1981 he graduated from High school (Peelland College VWO) after first attending the school for lower general secondary education (Bernard Alferink Mavo, 1973-1977) and secondary modern school (Peelland College Havo, 1977-1979). As he failed to get a place in medical school due to the lottery system in the Netherlands he continued his education at the College of Nursing (HBO-Verpleegkunde Hogeschool Eindhoven). Finally, in 1983 he draws a place in the school of medicine and started his training in medicine at the Catholic University Nijmegen. From 1986-1988 he was on the board of the Medical Faculty Student Society (MFVN). In 1988 he gained his master degree in Medicine. Due to a waiting list for housemanships he worked as a student-assistant from 1988 to 1989 at the department of Anaesthesiology of the Radboud University Hospital on the topic of multidisciplinary pain treatment. In the same period he was also president of the Netherlands Medical Student's International Committee (NeMSIC). In 1989 he started his housemanships and got his medical degree in June 1991.

From June 1991 till December 1992 he worked as a resident in cardiology at the Groot Ziekengasthuis in Den Bosch. In 1992 he decided to switch tracks and started to work as a junior physician in occupational health at the Arbodienst Zwolle. From 1994 till 1998 he specialized as a physician in Occupational Health. As an active sports diver he was special interested in the topic occupational health and diving and attended the first course in "Assessment of professional divers" provided by the Netherlands Institute of Occupational Health in cooperation with the Diving Medical Centre of the Royal Netherlands Navy. In January 2000 he started to work as a physician in occupational health in the Royal Netherlands Army with special interest in diving medicine. From 2002 – 2006 he was head of the regional occupational health center Royal Netherlands Army in Harderwijk.

In May 2006 he switched over to the Diving Medical Center to become a fulltime physician in diving medicine. In order to become a senior diving medicine physician he followed apprenticeship at the department of respiratory medicine of the Academic Medical Center (AMC) Amsterdam and the department of Anaesthesiology at the Antonius Ziekenhuis Sneek. For the specialization in diving and submarine medicine he went for special trainingships to Diving

Research and Development Canada (DRDC) in 2007. Since august 2007 he is working as a senior diving medicine physician at the Diving Medical Center of the Royal Netherlands Navy.

Since his training as a diving medicine physician, he has a special interest in pulmonary oxygen toxicity in divers. In 2010 he started his PhD research regarding this topic under supervision of Prof. Dr. Peter Sterk and Dr. Rob van Hulst. The results of this work are presented in this thesis.

Pieter-Jan is married with Marie-Hella Benerink and they have two children Astrid and Peter.