

## Dr. Peter J. Van Der Schaar, MD, PhD Eindhoven NL

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He was a visionary and a pioneer. A friend we trusted.

I first met this Dutch heart and lung surgeon Dr. Peter J. Van Der Schaar half a century ago at ACAM (American Academy of Advanced Medicine) conferences in New Orleans and elsewhere. That was in the 1980s and 90s. At that time, I represented my US laboratory, Trace Minerals International of Boulder, Colorado and often was invited as a speaker. My topic: Metal toxicology. He, Dr. Peter Van Der Schaar, then a practicing surgeon in Texas, was a member of the ACAM board of directors, speaking on chelation as it relates to atherosclerotic diseases.

He would occasionally walk past us exhibitors without engaging in conversation, seeming uninterested, yet he attended my presentations. We didn't speak to each other. At least not while I was living and working in the USA.

Several years later, when I had returned to Germany again, we met again. It was in early 2000, again at a conference. Once again, he was giving a presentation on chelation therapy and atherosclerosis, and I was speaking on diagnostics in metal toxicology.

He too had returned from the USA, had established his clinic in Leende, Netherlands and then founded IBCMT (International Board of Clinical Metal Toxicology), an organization modeled after ACAM. IBCMT, however, focused on a broader spectrum. Dr. Van Der Schaar made it his mission to counteract metal-related environmental illnesses. His many years of experience with chelation therapy provided convincing evidence.

He organized IBCMT training courses worldwide, in Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines, South Africa, South Korea (see picture), and many other countries. Internationally, medical interest was high. IBCMT's reputation grew, as did its membership.

At some point, my daughter and I visited his clinic, the Internationaal Biomedisch Centrum (IBC) in Leende, near Eindhoven. The atmosphere was exceptionally friendly, almost homey. Patients sat in neat rows (see picture), hooked up to IVs, chatting amongst themselves.



International Biomedical Centrum, Leende

Later, we sat in the in the kitchen of his home, drinking coffee while a dachshund sniffed at our cups and a bird trumpeted in Peter's ear, without bothering him or Riet, his wife. Over time, more dogs came in, and eventually, we were all sitting on the floor, petting dogs as if it were the most natural thing in the world.



Peter and one of his beloved dogs and bird

You had to be an animal lover to connect with this unusual physician, who had included ozone, cell, and chelation therapy into his medical practice. All this at a time when these treatment methods remained highly controversial in Europe.

What connected this physician and me is easily explained. Through my US laboratory, I had become familiar with Mg-EDTA chelation therapy and its application in vascular diseases. Furthermore, working with German environmental physicians had given me insight into DMPS chelation therapy, a treatment long established in Germany and at the time widely used for the treatment of so-called amalgam poisonings.

Peter, due to his many years of experience as a cardiac and pulmonary surgeon, was familiar with Mg-EDTA. DMPS was less familiar to him. Thus, we found common ground for exchanging information.

At some point, he visited MTM. I explained our analytical work to him, and he reviewed some data. He showed interest in how sample data was processed, what information we gained from it, and how it was used scientifically. He was very interested, and it wasn't long before he brought me on board as a speaker for IBCMT workshops.



Bild: Korea 2006

I travelled the world with him. We introduced physicians and related health professionals to chelation therapy and metal toxicology. Written and oral examinations were conducted., and

if an attendant did not pass an exam on the first attempt, it could be retaken at the next training course in any other country.

Over time, an international IBCMT community formed, fostering a lively exchange of knowledge and experiences. IBCMT members traveled from continent to continent to attend lectures and connect with one another. Friendships blossomed. An academically/medically oriented group had emerged, one that was open to naturopathic methods. Everyone involved valued Dr. Peter Van Der Schaar, his knowledge, and his advice.

We miss him.

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