

## Biography Rokus A. de Zeeuw

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Rokus A. de Zeeuw, born April 20, 1939 in Maartensdijk, The Netherlands, is Emeritus Professor of Toxicology and Bioanalysis at the University Centre for Pharmacy, State University of Groningen, The Netherlands.

He studied pharmacy and biochemistry at this University and graduated as a licensed pharmacist in 1964. After serving his military duties in the Medical Corps, he returned to Groningen and received a Ph.D. with highest honors in 1968. In 1969 he spent a post-doctoral year in the USA in Washington, D.C., Athens, Georgia, and Pasadena, California. From 1972-1974 he was Professor of Chemistry at the University of Maryland, College Park, MD, teaching separation sciences and conducting research on hashish and marihuana and phospholipid analysis. In 1974 he returned to the University of Groningen, where he was responsible for the teaching and research in drug analysis in biological systems and forensic and clinical toxicology. From 1979-1982 and from 1992-1997 he was Dean of the University Centre for Pharmacy. His research interests included systematic toxicological analysis and micromethods in early drug development. He is the author or co-author of some 425 publications on these subjects in peer-reviewed journals, has lectured extensively around the world and was among the top-ten most cited authors in the forensic sciences around the world (Science Watch, 1995). 34 scientists completed their Ph.D. studies under his supervision. He also served on the Editorial Board of various international scientific journals and was consultant to various organizations and industries. During 1990-1996, he was President of The International Association of Forensic Toxicologists (TIAFT). In 2001 he retired from his chair, but is still active as a consultant in toxicology and in drug development. In 2002 he was appointed Officer in the Order of Oranje-Nassau by HM Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands.

In 1984 he was co-founder of the Foundation for the Evaluation of Ethics in Biomedical Research (Dutch acronym BEBO) and was chairman of its research ethics committee until 1994. He then served on the board of BEBO until 2009, either as secretary or as chairman. He was a member of the Dutch Auditing Committee of REC's from 2003-2011.

Rokus is married to Hiltje Taconis and they have two daughters and 5 grandchildren

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