

Dear colleagues,

With grief and sadness we inform you that yesterday afternoon, on Monday, January 29, 2001 Prof. Dr. Jan Amesz passed away unexpectedly.

For more than 40 years Jan has been working in the Department of Biophysics at the University of Leiden. Over those years he has contributed greatly to the development of the Department and its international stature. Strongly driven in his commitment to science, Jan also had a keen interest in and felt responsibility for the daily course of affairs in the Department. He was very supportive and inspirational to his students, and they will remember with gratitude the tireless efforts and energy which he put forth in the interpretation of experimental data and in transforming these into manuscripts and theses.

Even after his retirement Jan wished to remain associated with the Biophysics Department and scientific activities. Unfortunately, his involvement has abruptly ended. We will miss the great expertise and knowledge which he contributed, and especially we will miss him as a colleague and a friend who was open for discussions and always had a valuable word of advice. We are very grateful to Jan for the dedication and efforts in the many years over which he provided leadership to our Department.

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