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Dr. Frederik P.L. van Loon, presently employed at the Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta and the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health, USA, worked between 1984 and 1990 as a scientist at the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B), after completion of the specialization in internal medicine. In 1991 he obtained a Ph.D. degree at the University of Amsterdam.

Apart from his accomplishments as a researcher, dr. van Loon has assisted and supervised more than 20, mostly medical, students from the Netherlands in their research endeavours for an elective period.

Some of these projects have lead to publications in scientific journals.

Through this effort dr. van Loon has made a substantial contribution to the training and education of Dutch undergraduate students interested in health problems of developing countries.

He has also been deeply involved in successful attempts to raise interest with the Dutch government to provide financial support to ICDDR,B.

In Dhaka, he acted as a medical adviser to the Netherlands embassy and as physician for members of the Dutch community.

Dr. van Loon has, in my view, followed a remarkable career. In the process he has shown a wide range of interests, professionally as well as socially, which he pursues with great perseverance.



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