Dr. Paul G.M. Luiten is professor at the University of Groningen heading the Institute of Molecular Neurobiology. For more than 10 years he was the director of the Institute of Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience which brings together Neuroscience research from 5 Faculties of the University of Groningen. The scientific achievements of this Universal Research Institute also contributed to the outstanding result of the Groningen University to find a place in the rank of the first 100 most outstanding universities in the world. Furthermore, I may also mention that Prof. Luiten is in the editorial board of several scientific journals, he was member of the board of the section Life Sciences of the Dutch National Science Foundation, and in recent years coordinator of Research Programme of Healthy Ageing at the University of Groningen. In 2011 Prof. Luiten was awarded with a knighthood of the Netherlands Lion.

Professor Luiten started his research career as neuroanatomist pioneering on the hypothalamic autonomic nervous system. He received his PhD degree in 1977. Later he extended his research activities towards the neurobiology of learning and memory, afterwards to studying neuronal aspects of dementia, neuroprotection and neurodegeneration with special emphasis on the cholinergic brain. He is one of the most honored scientists in the world in the field of studying brain vascular neurobiology and pathology. Recently one of his major interests is how to preserve a healthy brain aging by applying a broad research area including human studies as well by means of cooperating with research experts from different countries.

His exceptionally rich scientific scientometric record includes a large list of scientific publications in international journals with more than 9000 citations and a Hirsh index of 50 (five zero). Together with Hungarian authors he has more than 130 international publications based on the continuous cooperative research with a number of university groups in Hungary. It may be mentioned here that Prof. Luiten has been a very regular guest of Hungarian universities during the last 30 years. We may recall here also three NWO-OTKA collaboration grants among the dozens of common research grants between the two countries. Recently, he is also supporting another emerging research field in our collaboration related to movement science in both human and animal research.

Professor Luiten, as PhD promotor, supported four Hungarian PhD students, including two students graduated at Semmelweis University, to receive a PhD degree at Groningen University. The fifth promotion is on the way these years.

Professor Luiten is an internationally well-known neuroscientist, who helped research activities at different Hungarian universities especially at Semmelweis University in a great degree, and he is worth having the award *Doctor Honoris Causa Universitatis de Semmelweis Nominata.*