

## **Laudation of Professor Pancras Hogendoorn**

Pancras Hogendoorn is professor of pathology, member of the Board of Directors and the dean of the Leiden University Medical Center, The Netherlands. He received his MD and PhD degrees from Leiden University and specialized in oncologic pathology at the Netherlands Cancer Institute and the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

In the past 25 years his research focused on the pathogenesis, morphology and molecular pathology of bone and soft-tissue tumors, which resulted in over 400 original publications, several review articles and 23 book chapters. He organized numerous international pathology courses across 5 continents.

He served as member and chairman of various national and international societies, including the Netherlands Committee on Bone tumors, the Pathology and Biology subcommittee of the Soft tissue and Bone Sarcoma Group at the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer, the European Osteosarcoma Intergroup, the EuroEwing Consortium, the Connective Tissue Oncology Society and the European Musculoskeletal Oncology Society.

In recognition of his achievements, in 2002 he was invited into the Working group of the World Health Organisation on the classification of the tumors of soft tissue and bone. Professor Hogendoorn is the recipient of numerous international honors and awards, including a membership of the Belgian Society of Pathology, the European Oswald Vander Vekenprijs, the Corrine Farrel Award of the International Skeletal Society, the Jeremy Jass prize for research excellence, and membership in the Academia Europaea.

The collaboration between Professor Hogendoorn and Semmelweis University began more than 15 years ago. As a result, numerous joint scientific papers were published in the field of bone and soft tissue tumors. It was Professor Hogendoorn who nominated Semmelweis University to become a member of the EuroLife Consortium, an assembly of prestigious European universities including Leiden, Karolinska, Strasbourg, Innsbruck and Edinburgh.

Considering the very intensive scientific relations and the prospect of future collaborations, I am delighted to welcome Professor Pancras Hogendoorn to confer upon him the „Doctor Honoris Causa” title.