

Reumapatiëntenbond (BOND)

The Dutch Reumapatiëntenbond is a national umbrella organisation and brings together more than 100 regional and local patient organisations and 6 national, disease-specific organisations, all working for people with rheumatic conditions.

Over more than 30 years Reumapatiëntenbond has worked in the interest of people with rheumatic diseases in The Netherlands, currently representing almost 30.000 individual members.

The Reumapatiëntenbond is a patient led organisation working for a better quality of life by:

- Supporting individual patients with advice, information, self-management courses and contact with fellow patients;
- Standing up for the joint interests of people with rheumatic diseases when discussing health care services with the national and regional government, health insurance companies and health care providers;
- Promoting and organising a strong arthritis patient movement and building strong coalitions with other organisations working for people with long term conditions.

Key Staff

Hans Sureveen, interim CEO, manager

Femke Wiersma, Miatros The Hague, project manager

Margot Wassink, secretary

Maarten de Wit has been active in organisations of patients with rheumatic diseases at local, national and international level for many years. From 2005 till 2009 he has been the EULAR Vice President representing people with arthritis/rheumatism in Europe. He has been leading the working group for the EULAR autumn conference for PARE where they idea for the EUMUSC.net project was born.

He is currently responsible for scientific research and international contacts within the Dutch Arthritis Patient League. His interest in research increased since 2002 when he participated in OMERACT 6. Since 2009 he is involved in a PhD study (VU Medical Centre Amsterdam, Department of Medical Humanities), evaluating effective methods of patient participation in arthritis research. Maarten has experienced psoriatic arthritis for over 30 years and is successfully treated with anti-TNF α .

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