

**Prof. Cees Th. SMIT SIBINGA**  
MD, PhD, FRCP Edin, FRCPath

*Cees Th. Smit Sibinga* is a University of Groningen graduate, clinical haematologist and specialist of Transfusion Medicine. He is special professor of International Development of Transfusion Medicine at the University Medical Centre Groningen and University of Groningen. He has been involved in the development of Transfusion Medicine and quality systems and management for economically restricted countries since 1980 through his work with the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Federation of Haemophilia (WFH) and the International Consortium for Blood Safety.

*Cees Th. Smit Sibinga* is the former Medical Director and founder of the Dutch Regional Blood Bank in Groningen (1976, northern part of the Netherlands), IQM Consulting (2001), Sanquin Consulting Services and the Academic Institute for International Development of Transfusion Medicine in Groningen (2001), and the AABB Consulting Services Division, Bethesda, MD (2002).

For 25 years he has served as the Managing Director of Sanquin Division Blood Bank Noord Nederland in Groningen, the Netherlands (1976-2001).

Since 1993 his Blood Bank did incorporate the WHO Collaborating Centre for Blood Transfusion and the WFH International Hemophilia Training Centre in Groningen. In 2001 the Blood Bank became the first Collaborating Centre of the International Consortium for Blood Safety (ICBS). When he left in 2004, these functions were no longer continued.

## **Quality Management –**

*Cees Th. Smit Sibinga* is the Founder of the Dutch Blood Bank Inspection and Accreditation Program and Haemovigilance System. His blood bank was the first non-American civilian blood centre accredited by the AABB in 1981. Since then he served the AABB inspection and accreditation program as a lead inspector/auditor till 2004.

He also is the founder, and was the first Director (2001-2004) and Manager Operations (2001-2010) of the Consulting Services\* of the Sanquin Blood Supply Foundation and of the Academic Institute for International Development of Transfusion Medicine (IDTM)\*\* at the University of Groningen (2001-2010) in the Netherlands.

He served (2000-2004) as the regional coordinator to the global WHO Quality Management Project for the Europe region. In addition, Cees Smit Sibinga has also been the first Vice President and Director of the AABB Consulting Services Division (2001-2004) *providing quality and process improvement solutions to Transfusion Medicine and related biological therapies worldwide*. From 2004 till 2011 he served the Consulting Services Division as the Senior Medical Advisor.

\* created in 2001 and ISO 9001:2000 certified since December 2004

\*\* created in 2001, registered under Dutch law as a Foundation since 2004 and ISO 9001:2000 certified since June 2007



## Science and Education –

*Cees Th. Smit Sibinga* has organized 28 international symposia on Transfusion Medicine in Groningen, published over 350 peer reviewed scientific articles and chapters in books, and edited over 35 books. He was the chairman of the organizing committee of the 1986 12th International Scientific Meeting Society for Low Temperature Biology in Groningen, the 1990 3<sup>rd</sup> WAA congress and vice-chairman of the 1994 International Congress of ISBT in Amsterdam.

In 2012 he organised and chaired the 11th European Conference on e-learning (ECEL) in Groningen.

*Cees Th. Smit Sibinga* has served and still serves ISBT in numerous working parties and committees (e.g. Socio-economic, Education, Publications, Clinical Transfusion, Global Blood Safety, etc.) and served as the Editor-in-Chief of Transfusion Today from 1992 till 2004.

*Cees Th. Smit Sibinga* is the founder of the European Society for Haemapheresis (EFSH, 1980) and a co-founder of the World Apheresis Association (WAA, 1984) and served both organizations as a President.

*Cees Th. Smit Sibinga* is the founder of the Academic Institute for International Development of Transfusion Medicine (IDTM, 2001) at UMCG, Groningen focused on restricted economy countries. This unique institute did provide a post-academic Master course (e-learning) in Management of Transfusion Medicine (MMTM) which is currently run by the Graduate School of Medical Sciences (GSMS) at the University of Groningen.

He has written and edited over 35 books on Transfusion Medicine, published over 350 peer reviewed articles and chapters in books. He presented countless scientific posters and orals at numerous international professional congresses and meetings.

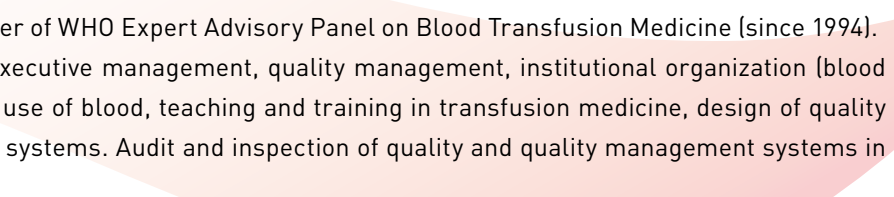
*Cees Th. Smit Sibinga* has been recognized and honoured as an honorary member of the Brazilian, Dutch, Hellenic, Hungarian and Indian Societies for Blood Transfusion and Immunohaematology, received in 2001 the AABB Joel Solomon Memorial Award for Quality Management in Transfusion Medicine, and in 2019 the AABB President's Award for education.

He was honoured to present the Mayo Clinic (1994), Leela Moolgaokar Memorial (1997), Tibor Greenwalt (2002), and Claes Högman Memorial Lecture (2007), and invited as a Harvard Medical School JPTM Grand Rounds Lecturer (2010).

In 2018 the 'Ubbo Emmius Colleghe' of the Groningen Congress Bureau awarded him the second Groningen Congress Medal for his lifelong efforts to promote International Congresses in Groningen, as an important educational element.

*Cees Th. Smit Sibinga* is an expert (professor at the University of Groningen) in international development of transfusion medicine, involving all aspects of the management and operations of blood supply and clinical use systems at national level.

He is a Long-term member of WHO Expert Advisory Panel on Blood Transfusion Medicine (since 1994). His special skills are - executive management, quality management, institutional organization (blood supply systems), clinical use of blood, teaching and training in transfusion medicine, design of quality and quality management systems. Audit and inspection of quality and quality management systems in blood transfusion.





## International Consulting –

Since 1980 he has been increasingly involved in international short term consulting missions and medium and long term projects focused on the development of Transfusion Medicine in economically restricted countries in Asia, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Africa, Western Pacific and the Middle East. Many of these missions and projects were undertaken and completed on behalf of WHO and/or on a specific request of country Ministries of Health.

### The most recent experiences (2004 – 2020)

- ADB – WCHD Component 3 on Blood Safety (Uzbekistan >4 years),
- ADB – FHSDP Component 1 Blood Safety (Mongolia 4 years, ongoing),
- EU – IPA project Croatia (8 months),
- EU PHARE – Blood Safety project Romania (Quality Management, 1 year),
- EU Twinning Light – Blood Safety project Cyprus (6 months),
- Expertise France - Mendami Project to Strengthen the Blood Transfusion System in Libya; senior guidance and advice on improving the blood collection system (VNRB) and the development of a M&E system for blood processing. (6 months),
- GFATM/WHO – Blood Safety project Cambodia (clinical use, 1 year),
- GIZ – Safe Blood Project Pakistan (>4 years),
- UNFPA (Somalia country office) - Operational Plan for National Blood Bank, Mogadishu, Somalia (2 months),
- US HSS/CDC PEPFAR – AIHA project CAR (5 years),
- US HHS/CDC PEPFAR – Blood Safety track (Uganda and Zambia, >5 years),
- WB – Blood Safety project Georgia (4 months),
- WB – Blood Safety project Kazakhstan (28 months)
- WB – Blood Safety project Bangladesh (assessment, 6 months),
- WHO-EMRO – Availability and Safety of Blood Transfusion: a Strategy and Framework for Action for the Eastern Mediterranean Region 2016-2025. Primary Technical Advisor (10 years)
- WHO-EMRO/EU – Blood Safety project Iraq (1 year, on hold),
- WHO-EMRO GFATM – Blood Safety project Sudan (Quality Management, 1 year),
- WHO-EURO/EU – IPA project Montenegro (2 years)

### Fluent in Dutch, English, German. Conversant in French.

#### Biodata –

**Born**

- 17-06-1939, Makassar, Indonesia

**Marital status**

- married, 4 children, 8 grandchildren

**Education**

- 1965, MD at University of Groningen
- 1971, Clinical Haematologist, University Medical Center, Groningen
- 1972, PhD University of Groningen
- 1992, FRCP Transfusion Medicine, Edinburgh, Scotland
- 1995, FRCPATH Transfusion Medicine, London, UK

**Professional functions (current) –Transfusion and Immunohematology**

- WHO, member expert committee on blood transfusion
- Editor in Chief, International Journal for Clinical Transfusion Medicine

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  - Chairman Publications Ethics Committee, Edorium Journals
  - Vice-president Transfusion Medicine Foundation
  - Member ISBT Working Party on Clinical Use of Blood
  - Member ISBT Working Party on Global Blood Safety
  - International Advisor Asian Association of Transfusion Medicine
  - President 2014-2017 RI RAG 'Global Network for Blood Donation'
  - Vice-President 2019-2021 RI RAG for Blood Donation

***Social functions (current) –***

- Chairman National Polio Committee, Dutch Rotary Districts
  - TRF officer RC Groningen-West, Zuidhorn, NL
  - Chairman RI D1590 International Service Committee
  - Multiple (6) Paul Harris Fellow Rotary International
  - Member RI Paul Harris Society
  - Secretary Foundation Community Service, RC Groningen-West, Zuidhorn, NL
  - Past Chairman 'Ubbo Emmius Colleghe' (Advisory Board Groningen Congress Bureau)
  - Past Chairman Jubilee Committee '250 years De Groote Sociëteit, 1765-2015', Groningen, NL
  - Member Excursion Committee De Groote Sociëteit, Groningen, NL
  - Member of Merit, De Groote Sociëteit, Groningen, NL
  - Chairman Presidium Senior Academy Society (SAS), University of Groningen, NL
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