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Dr. R. Maarten Egeler, M.D., Ph.D., the internationally reputed paediatric haemato-oncologist, is the Director of the division of Paediatric Immunology, Haematology, Oncology, Bone Marrow Transplantation and Auto-immune diseases of the Leiden University Medical Center. He is not only

a renowned figure within the world of paediatric haemato-oncology but also the final authority in the matters connected with this specialty, especially Stem Cell Transplantation in children with haemato-oncologic diseases. He is an international recognised expert in the treatment and research of Langerhans cell histiocytosis.

Dr. Egeler graduated in 1985 from the University of Leiden Medical school. After his training in Paediatrics at the University of Amsterdam, Dr. Egeler was awarded a research fellowship from the Royal Dutch Academy of Arts and Science, and was subsequently a research fellow at the University of Minnesota. This work founded the basis of his Ph.D.-thesis, entitled "Langerhans cell histiocytosis and other histiocytic disorders", which was defended in 1993 at the University of Amsterdam. After his fellowship, Dr. Egeler joined the Division of Paediatric Haemato-Oncology at the Erasmus

University of Rotterdam. Apart from his research and general clinical duties there, Dr. Egeler initiated a Paediatric Neuro-Oncology program. After his faculty position for five years in the Netherlands, Dr. Egeler moved back to North America and was appointed Deputy Director of the Southern Alberta

Children's Cancer Program at the University of Calgary. Now three years ago, he became Section Head and subsequently the Director of the largest Paediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Program in The Netherlands.

Over the years Dr. Egeler's research has focussed on clinical and fundamental problems of Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis. Besides many clinical relevant reports, his work on the role and characterization of cell lines, adhesion molecules, cytokines and chemokines is considered pioneering work in the field of Langerhans cell histiocytosis.

Dr. Egeler has authored and co-authored over 100 manuscripts and chapters. Dr. Egeler has been awarded the Fellow Research Award University of Minnesota in 1992 and the Young Author Award 1993 of the Dutch Journal of Medicine in 1994. Dr. Egeler is the current president of the International Histiocyte Society, a trustee of the Histiocytosis Association of America, and serves on the Nikolas Symposium steering committee. He is a board member of the Working Party Paediatric Diseases of the European Group for Blood and Marrow Transplantation, and Dr. Egeler is the current president of the Dutch Childhood Oncology Group.

Dr. Egeler, the master genius is considered as the final authority in the field of Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis. Dr. R. Maarten Egeler, who was born on 6th September 1955 in Amsterdam, was selected by the World Scientists Forum for "Eminent Scientist of the Year 2003" international award of International Research Promotion Council based on his research innovation and outstanding contributions in the field of Langerhans cell histiocytosis.