

Dermatology report 2021

2021 was just like 2020 a year in which Covid had a great impact on the activities of dr Naafs. It turned him into a homemaker. Luckily his colleagues and former pupils were able to do some work in the field and to whom he could give support.

In January he contributed via Zoom to the yearly CME in Moshi, by being chairman of two sessions and by giving a lecture: "Why can't we control leprosy". Also via Zoom, he gave a lecture in Amsterdam-south about "Child with the dark skin". Idem in Manaus, Brazil, about "Neurological Manifestations of Leprosy". In April there was a Zoom congress in Rome, organised by the Instituto Dermatologico San Gallicano: "The Covid-19 pandemic divides the North and the South of the World. A new geopolitical and health context after SARS-CoV-2". Dr. Naafs gave a presentation about "COVID-19 in "The North" and "The South" of the World". That same month he participated for two days. in the discussion about the projects of the "Leprosy Research Initiative"

Webinars: Over the year several webinars took place in which dr Naafs participated, organized by the WHO, Gloderm (directed to dermatologists in training) and ISNTD (an organisation which deals with "Neglected Tropical Diseases".

Dr Naafs considered, commented on, and approved the curriculum for the training to become a dermatologist to be started in Rwanda, an initiative of former pupils, Rwandese educated in Moshi and nowadays dermatologists in Rwanda. He supervises a PhD student in Botswana (Bwanali Haji Ntaibu Jereni) as well as Nelson Mosha, in Moshi, Tanzania, a dermatologist in training, sponsored by the Nederlandse Vereniging voor Dermatologie en Venereologie (NVDV) through the Stichting Global Dermatology.

The situation in Mekelle, Ethiopia, is terrible. Dr Naafs only had contact with the people there for a few minutes, two weeks ago. Those who used to be in Mekelle were all still alive in August. There are no medicines and they can't be sent either. Stichting Global Dermatology does have money for a contribution in cash. During those two weeks they worked on a article about HIV and bacillary angiomatosis. Due to lack of food a doctor in training had already fainted. During the process of writing this report it became worse in Tigray. The troubles in this robbed and bombed out country is so bad, that the donation of a egg by a patient makes doctors happy.

The Stichting supported financially a Dutch leprosy patient, a patient in Ethiopia and one in Tanzania For dr Jurr Boer, pensioned dermatologist in Deventer, the Netherlands, and for prof dr Gregor Jemec, Zealand University Hospital, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, dr Naafs facilitated cooperation with researchers in his network in connection with an epidemiological study on Hidradenitis Suppurativa.

He advised Janssen Pharmaceutica on training their doctors who work in leprosy, in dermatology of the dark skin.

For international journals Dr Naafs reviewed (Peer Review) 34 articles and he did 330 dermatological consultations through the internet and WhatsApp.

A Dutch Wiki page has been published: "Ben Naafs".

Many chapters and publications are still in press. Corona slowed everything down.

However, the following publications have appeared in 2022:

1. Naafs B. High tech in rural dermatology. *Medicus Tropicus* 2021;59(2):17-19
2. Naafs B. and Balak D. Myiasis. *Medicus Tropicus* 2021;59(3):20-22
3. Balak D. and Naafs B. Tungiasis. *Medicus Tropicus* 2021;59(3):22-24