

Report of the Consultant over 2022

The beginning of 2022 was also marked by Covid. Dr Naafs hasn't travelled yet and has via Zoom participated in the 27th CME in Moshi. He lectured: "Follow-up of leprosy patients to prevent irreversible damage is not difficult". He also chaired the session: "Climate change impact on Dermatology".

Until he participated in the European CME in Milan, he worked from home. By now it was clear that he could not take up his professorship at KCMUco.

In Milan in September there was also a meeting of Tropical Dermatology. Here and during the EADV Dr Naafs mainly "networked" and saw many acquaintances. Unfortunately, he came home with Covid, which did not bother him, but he did suffer from the post-Covid, with concentration and memory problems.

This overshadowed his visit to the World Leprosy Congress in Hyderabad India. He gave a lecture "Insight in Leprosy reactions. What's new?" and chaired several sessions. He was appointed Counselor of the International Leprosy Association (ILA).

Not long after, but with a clear head, he went to Ethiopia, to Addis Ababa, and into Wolaita Southern Ethiopia to participate as Honorary President in the 8th edition of Skin on the Move, organized by the San Gallicano Dermatological Institute in Rome, Italy. This time because of the war not in Mekelle. He gave several lectures there: "Difference between light and dark skin", "Clinical Manifestations of HIV" and "Skin disorder in Migrants". In Addis, he saw patients at St. Pauls Hospital where a former student of his, Frehiwot Daba, heads the dermatological department. He also saw patients in a rural clinic in Wolaita, especially with podoconiosis, for which analysed the used treatment and advised on how to do it better.

Fortunately, he was able to get some financial aid through to the dermatologists in Mekelle who didn't have anything anymore. They had not been paid since the beginning of the war and could only give the patients "tender love and care". there was no medication nor bandages.

During the year, Dr. Naafs participated in several webinars as a discussant. He guides one doctoral candidate in Botswana, Dr. Bwanali, and supervises several authors in writing an article.

Dr. Nelson Mosha in Moshi is still sponsored by the Foundation and assisted by Dr. Naafs. Dr. Naafs also provides the other dermatologists in training with interesting articles.

He has recruited for Dr. Jurr Boer and Prof. Jemec several researchers in his network.

In total, he has reviewed 49 articles for international journals and did more than 400 consultations via the Internet and WhatsApp.

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