

Curriculum vitae – prof. Johanna H. Meijer



EDUCATION

- 1989 PhD (*cum laude*)
Dept. of Physiology, Leiden University, the Netherlands
- 1985 Master's degree (*cum laude*)
Departments of Biology, Physics, and Medicine, Leiden University,
the Netherlands

CURRENT POSITIONS

- 2007 – present Professor and Head of Neurophysiology- Dept. of Cell and Chemical Biology, Leiden University
Medical Center (LUMC), Leiden, the Netherlands

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 2013 – 2019 Visiting Professor- Nuffield Laboratory of Ophthalmology, Sleep and Circadian Neuroscience
Institute, Dept. of Ophthalmology, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK
- 2001 – 2007 Associate Professor Department of Physiology, LUMC, Leiden, the Netherlands
- 1992 – 2001 Assistant Professor Department of Physiology, LUMC, Leiden, the Netherlands

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2020 Dutch National Research Agenda grant for the BioClock Consortium (9,7 Million euro)
- 2019 European Research Council grant "The circadian clock in day-active species: Preserving our
health in modern society" (2,4 Million euro)
- 2016 Aschoff and Honma Prize in Biological Rhythm Research (most prestigious international prize
in the circadian research field, awarded biannually)
- 1999 Best Teacher Award in BioPharmaceutical Sciences (Fac. Natural Sciences, Leiden University)
- 1993 Aschoff's Rule (prize for eminent contributions in chronobiology supporting the
interdisciplinary spirit of the field), received from Noble prize winner J Hall
- 1989 Fellowship, duration 3 years, from the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences

SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

- 20 completed PhD dissertations, of which 2 are cum laude, 5 current PhD candidates
- 9 former postdoctoral fellows, currently 1 postdoctoral fellow
- Mentor of assistant and associate female professors, Women in Science program LUMC
- Mentor of female LUMC postdocs, "Vitaal" (female network) program LUMC

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 2015 – 2019 Development, Coordinator and Lecturer interdepartment honors class: Complexity Theory
- 2014 Development 10 week minor course "Advances in Neurosciences"
- 2013 – 2019 Lecturer and Co-organizer of the Circadian Summers School in Oxford
- 2011 – 2014 Development, Coordinator and Lecturer interdepartmental honors class: Obesity, a global
problem requiring global solutions
- 2009 – 2015 Lecturer, "Mechanisms of Ageing" (Leiden Academy)
- 2006 – present Lecturer and Co-organizer, "Introduction to Neuroscience" (Biomedical Sciences, Leiden)
- 2007 – present Lecturer, "Advances in Neuroscience", Frontiers of Science course
- 2007 – 2010 Lecturer, "The Nervous System", first-year medical students
- 2001 – 2003 Course Coordinator, Neurosciences for Life Science and Technology (Leiden and Delft)

2000 – 2012	Course Coordinator and Lecturer, “Physiological Regulation and Feedback Systems”
2000 – 2011	Course development, coordinator and Lecturer, “How to Write a Research Proposal”
2000 – 2005	Lecturer, Neuroscience Program (Dept. of Biology, Utrecht University)
1999 – 2005	Course Coordinator, “Cognitive Neurosciences” (annual interdepartmental course)
1996 – 2001	Course Coordinator, “Chronobiology” (interdepartmental course)
1993 – 2000	Course Coordinator, “Neurophysiology” (BioPharmaceutical Sciences, Leiden)

ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

2023	Dutch Chronobiology Meeting (Leiden)
2022-present	Annual BioClock consortium progress meeting (Leiden)
2022	BioClock consortium kick-off (Amsterdam)
2016	Annual Winter Lecture at the Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities (KHMW) by prof. G.D. Block, Chancellor at UCLA, USA
2016	Organizer, satellite symposium “Network Science” (Leiden)
2015	Organizer, “Complexity Science” (Lorentz Center Meeting)
2015	Organizer, “Modelling Human Circadian Rhythms” (Lorentz Center Meeting)
2014	Co-organizer, Chronobiology Summer School program (Oxford)
2013	Organizer, “Clinical relevance of circadian rhythms” (Lorentz Center Meeting, with C. Colwell, UCLA, R. Foster, Oxford, and D. Swaab, Amsterdam)
2012	Organizing committee, Complexity Winter School (NWO Program in Complexity, Zandvoort)
2011	Program committee member, Leiden International Medical Student Conference (Leiden)
2010	Organizer, “Assembling a Multi-Cellular Circadian Pacemaker: Seeking Principles of Neural Circuit Organization” (Lorentz Center Meeting, with W Schwartz, L Morin and Helfrich Foster)
2009	Program committee member, Leiden International Medical Student Conference (Leiden)
2006	Program committee member, Society for Research on Biological Rhythms conference (Canada)
2004	Co-organizer, “Time” interdepartmental lecture series (Leiden)
2002	Organizer, “The Circadian Clock” symposium in honour of Prof. W.J. Rietveld (Leiden)
2001	Organizer, “Neurobiology of Circadian Rhythms” (5th Endo-Neuro meeting)

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2023 – present	Confidant LUMC
2012 – present	LUMC representative, Life Sciences Committee, Bioscience Initiative (Faculty of NaturalSciences, Leiden University)
2012 – present	Mentor in ‘Woman in Science program’, for junior female academic staff members
2012 – 2022	Content Development and Coordinator, Annual Interdisciplinary Honours Courses
2009 – 2022	Selection committee MD/PhD program LUMC
2011 – 2020	Co-founder and Organizer, Committee for the Advancement of Female Faculty Members (Leiden University)
2010 – 2014	LUMC representative to the University Honours Council
2008 – 2022	Committee member, C.J. Kok Prize for promising young researchers at LUMC
2008 – 2011	Co-founder and Organizer, “Vitaal”-LUMC Network for Female Scientists and Clinicians
2001 – 2009	Coordinator Physiology education LUMC

REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

Editorial board member, *Journal of Biological Rhythms* and *Chronobiology International*;
Invited peer reviewer of 20-25 articles/year for Nature, Science, PNAS, Curr Biol etc;
NWO Vidi grant committee member;
Jury Member for the Young Talent Graduation Award in Life Sciences, Royal Dutch Society of Sciences;
Member of the Royal Dutch Society of Sciences;

National scientific member for non-academic hospitals and academic medical centers for design shift work recommendations and app;

Member of Life Sciences Board, Lorentz Center, Leiden;

Board of NWO "Complexity" program successfully launched 2015

MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

2021 – present Elected member of Academia Europaea, number 5901

2015 – present FENS member

2000 – present European Biological Rhythm Society

1998 – present Society for Neuroscience

1991 – present American Society for Research on Biological Rhythms (board member 2013–2015)

MAJOR COLLABORATIONS

Prof. R Foster, Oxford University, UK – Topic: Retinal processing

Prof. GD Block, and Prof C. Colwell UCLA, USA – Topic: SCN electrophysiology and aging

Prof. F Scheer, Harvard, Prof. EG Stanley, Boston University – Topic: Time series analysis

Prof. S Hattar, John Hopkins, US – Topic: Retinal processing

Dr. E Challet and Prof P Pevet, Strassbourg Univ, France – Topic: Circadian rhythms in *Arvicanthis*

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, RECOGNITION, AND MEDIA APPEARANCES (SELECTED)

- European Research Council: recognition of Coronavirus epidemic response efforts (2020)

- Elected National Ambassador of the Night (start 2020 – present)

- Article 'Excessive light has consequence for health' (Lucassen et al., 2016), covered in New York Times, New Scientist, Nature, and 30 others (2016)

- Academic Ambassador for the City of Leiden (2015 – present)

- 'Light round the clock speeds up aging in mice', *The Huffington Post* (July 14, 2016)

- 'Lack of exercise can disrupt the body's rhythms', DFA as mathematical measure for health (Gu et al, PNAS 2015), *The New York Times* (May 20, 2015)

- 'Wild mice use running wheels', highlighted and featured in *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Der Spiegel*, *NRC*, *Scientific American*, *The Guardian*, *The Huffington Post*, and 40 others (2014)

- Interview in *BBC Wildlife* magazine (August 2014)

- National television program "Labyrinth: Shedding new light on the biological clock" (October 2012)

MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EARLY CAREERS OF EXCELLENT RESEARCHERS

Former postdocs

- Tom de Boer: Associate Professor, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, LUMC

- Roman Yassenkov: Medical Scientific Liaison Manager at Abbott Diagnostics, USA

- Karim Fifel: Research Fellow at University of Tsukuba, Japan

- Changgui Gu: Assistant Professor, University of Shanghai for Science and Technology, China

- Nicolette Ognjanovski: Scientist at Michigan University, USA

Former PhD students

- Jos Rohling: Senior Researcher (tenure-track), Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, LUMC

- Martin de Vries: Researcher at pharmaceutical company

- Jeroen Schaap: Research position at Janssen Pharmaceutica, The Netherlands

- Mariska van Steensel: Associate Professor, Utrecht University Medical Center

- Floor van Oosterhout: Senior Researcher and Consultant for Sleep Disorders, AMC Amsterdam

- Sahar Farajnia: Postdoc at University of Amsterdam/Brain Institute

- Hester van Diepen: Senior Researcher in Ophthalmology, ProQR Therapeutics, Leiden

- Laura Kervezee: Assistant professor at LUMC, The Netherlands
- Claudia Coomans: Consultancy scientific writing of grant proposals
- Nienke Wevers: Scientist at biotechnology firm
- Henk Tjebbe van der Leest: Research position at Electro microscopic and neuroscience company, The Netherlands
- Maria Panagiotou: Associate professor, University of Delft, The Netherlands
- Ashna Ramkisoensing: position at Dutch Research Council (NWO), The Netherlands
- Eliane Lucassen: Internal medicine specialist, LUMC, The Netherlands
- Anneke Olde Engberink: Science advisor at Alzheimer Netherlands, the Netherlands
- Robin Schoonderwoerd: Senior data analyst at consultancy firm Valcon, The Netherlands
- Thijs Houben: Teacher biology at high school
- Renate Buijink: Project coordinator, researcher neurobiology, Utrecht, The Netherlands
- Rosanna Caputo: Postdoc at Biology department, Humanitas University, Italy
- Yumeng Wang: Postdoc at neuropsychiatry at UCLA, USA

RECENT PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED):

van Beurden AW, Tersteeg MMH, Michel S, van Veldhoven JPD, IJzerman AP, Rohling JHT, **Meijer JH**. [Small-molecule CEM3 strengthens single-cell oscillators in the suprachiasmatic nucleus](#). *FASEB J*. 2024 Jan;38(1):e23348. doi: 10.1096/fj.202300597RR. PMID: 38084798.

Schoonderwoerd RA, de Torres Gutiérrez P, Blommers R, van Beurden AW, Coenen TCJJ, Klett NJ, Michel SH, **Meijer JH**. (2022) [Inhibitory responses to retinohypothalamic tract stimulation in the circadian clock of the diurnal rodent *Rhabdomys pumilio*](#). *The FASEB Journal*. 2022;00 :e22415. doi: 10.1096/fj.202200477R

Wang Y, van der Zanden SY, van Leerdam S, Tersteeg MMH, Kastelein A., Michel S., Neefjes J., **Meijer JH**, **Deboer T**. (2022) [Induction of Fatigue by Specific Anthracycline Cancer Drugs through Disruption of the Circadian Pacemaker](#). *Cancers (Basel)*. May 13;14(10):2421. doi: 10.3390/cancers14102421

Schoonderwoerd RA, de Rover M, Janse JAM, Hirschler L, Willemse CR, Scholten L, Klop I, van Berloo S, van Osch MJP, Swaab DF, **Meijer JH** (2022). [The photobiology of the human circadian clock](#). *PNAS*, Mar 29;119(13):e2118803119. doi: 10.1073/pnas.2118803119. See also reply from **Meijer JH**: *PNAS* 2022 Vol. 119 No. 49 e2215410119 doi: 10.1073/pnas.2215410119

Van Diepen HC, Schoonderwoerd RA, Ramkisoensing A, Janse JAM, Hattar S, **Meijer JH** (2021). [Distinct contribution of cone photoreceptor subtypes to the mammalian biological clock](#). *PNAS* June 1, 2021 118 (22) e2024500118; <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2024500118>