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Born in 1947 in the Hague. 1965-1972 Kees studied medicine in Leiden; 1974-1978 specialisation radiology and nuclear medicine in Leiden. 1978-2012 radiologist (and nuclear medicine) in Almelo. He worked also on Curacao, Aruba, American Samoa and (2012-2018) in Surinam.

From 1990 Kees had several functions; in the board of the Society of Netherlands, the board of the Almelo medical staff, head of training radiologists Almelo and member of the national training of radiology.

In 1995 Kees founded - together with 6 radiologists - the Historical Commission, and is still a member of that Commission.

Since 20 years he is one of the 10 members of the editorial board of MemoRad, the quarterly Journal of the Society of Radiology of the Netherlands.

Presents:

History of the Nederlandse Vereniging voor Radiologie and of the 'Historical Commission'.

In 1901 Wertheim Salomonson founded the Dutch Society of Electrology and Radiology. The name changed: in 1906 to 'Röntgenology' (because of vanishing electrology), in 1959 to 'Radiology' (because of advent ultrasound), in 1978 'Diagnostic Radiology' (independence of radiotherapy), in 1995 again to 'Radiology'. There are 1500 members (150 of these fellows in training).

1976-1995 a commission tried to found a Museum in Apeldoorn. After failure in 1995 a Historical Commission was founded, writing a book about the centenary of X-rays, and in 2001 a second book about the centenary of the Dutch Society, the second oldest in the world. 194 papers were published in MemoRad (the quarterly journal of the Society), and several books about history of Dutch hospitals or radiological departments. There was close cooperation with museums in Brussels, Remscheid and Boerhaave Leiden. In 2002 the 100th birthday of Ziedses des Plantes was celebrated. In 2005 there was a celebration in the house of Gunning in Utrecht, where Röntgen lived in 1862-1865 during his secondary school time (after his primary school in Apeldoorn). The mayor of Utrecht revealed an artistic plaque at the outside wall of the house.

We made yearly scientific excursions to places like Paris, London, Copenhagen, Bamberg, Erlangen, Würzburg, Zürich, Lyon, St. Petersburg.

Since 4 years we have a stock of historical material and books in Urk. Prof. Frans Zonneveld reported this last year. At present there are negotiations about a Röntgen museum near Apeldoorn.

In this talk several important radiologists will be mentioned, like Keijzer, Steenhuis, Ebbenhorst Tengbergen, Stenvers, Ziedses des Plantes, Daniel den Hoed.

The organisation of training in NL will be shown and the evolution of scientific work.