

Short CV Herman Eijsackers (updated Feb 2026)



Education

secondary school: Aloysius College The Hague hbs b, June 1963

university: Leiden MSc June 1970, Ecology, Applied entomology and Ethology, PhD June 1978 'Side effects of the herbicide 2,4,5-T on the soil fauna'

specialized courses: Publishing, R.A isotopes; Simulation modelling, Organization and management, Managementprogramme LNV, Project-management, Negotiating, Strategic management, Press contacts

Professional activities last decade

Nov 2001 - Sep 2004 Scientific Director Alterra + Dept. Environmental Sciences University Wageningen (one of the five combined university and research units of Wageningen UR)

Sep 2004 - May 2011 Chairman Science Advisory Board of Wageningen University and Research Centre

Dec 2009 - Dec 2011 Chief Science Officer Ministry Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Fisheries

Apr 2008 - Apr 2018 Vice chair Committee on Scientific Integrity (Wageningen UR)

Jan 2009 – Present Member Scientific Advisory Committee Ministry LNV on harbour porpoise research

Jan 2013 – Jan 2025 Vice chair of the Board for the Authorization of Plant protection products and Biocides

July 2011 –July 2019 Member Supervisory Committee National Institute for human health and the environment (nomination extended as external expert until Jan 2020)

Aug 2021 – Nov 2025 Confidential Councilor Scientific Integrity National Institute for Human Health and the Environment (RIVM, Utrecht)

Professional activities abroad last decade

Jan 2003 - Jan 2005 Extraordinary professor at Department of Zoology University of Stellenbosch

Apr 2005 - June 2005 Visiting Senior Scientist Institute for Ecology and Sustainability of the EU-Joint Research Centre, Ispra

Jan 2008 – Present Extraordinary professor at Environment Institute of North West University at Potchefstroom (SA)

June 2004+Sep 2004 Member Assessment Team Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, UK

Sep 2004 Member Assessment Team Copernicus Institute University Utrecht.

June 2006

Chair Assessment Team Environment Institute North West
University Potchefstroom.

Present activities

- Member Advisory committee Harbour Porpoise Research Programme (ministry EL&I)

Past activities specifically on tox and ecotox

- Expert EU Environment Programme, Member of special Ministerial Committee on Pesticides,
- Member programme-committee stimulation programme Biodiversity of the National Science Foundation,
- Chairman of programme-committee of the programme System-oriented Ecotoxicological Research of the National Science Foundation,
- Chairman steering committee European Science Foundation programme Food chain modelling for the assessment of contaminated soils.
- Lecturer at several international postdoc courses on ecology and ecotoxicology of EERO, PAON, PHLO, universities of Utrecht, Wageningen, Delft and Amsterdam, Scandinavian soil research programmes and summer schools Lund Sweden and Jyväskylä Finland. Leader of courses on environmental sciences and soil clean up. Co-author of Ecotoxicology course and Nature management course of Open University. Workshop leader on Vital soil at Universities of Stellenbosch and Potchefstroom.
- Initiator and chair of European network on soil ecotoxicity research SERAS (Soil Ecotoxicological Risk Assessment Systems).
- Chairman of the executive committee of the sub-commission on Soil biology of the IUSS.
- Initiator and editor-in-chief of Dutch journal on soil research, soil protection and soil remediation 'BODEM' (until 1998).
- Reviewer various soil ecology, ecotoxicology and environmental journals.
- Member of commissions and working groups of various other societies and interdisciplinary discussion groups working within the field of ecology, nature protection, ecotoxicology and integrated soil research.
- Organizer of international conferences on ecological aspects of agriculture, integrated soil research, and ecosystem effects of diffuse pollution. Member of organizing committees and session organizer of a number of international conferences on ecotoxicology, soil remediation, soil ecology.