

Dr Paul Sutmöller (1925-2019)
An inspired veterinarian and investigator



Dr Paul Sutmöller, a Dutch veterinarian whose expertise on Foot and mouth disease (FMD) reached far beyond The Netherlands, passed away in the beginning of this year.

In the mid-1950s Dr Sutmöller was in charge of the Veterinary Services of Aruba (Dutch Antilles) and from there, he went on to work in research - field surveys, virological studies, and quality controls of FMD-vaccines - in the central laboratory of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center (PANAFTOSA) in Brazil. In 1974, he became Head of PANAFTOSA Laboratory. After his retirement in 1985, Dr Sutmöller remained an active consultant for the OIE and was a prolific author in the OIE *Revue scientifique et technique*. His contributions focussed notably on FMD infections and carriers; importation of beef from countries infected with FMD; risk assessment based on surveillance systems for FMD in South America; and the contamination of animal products.

For many friends and colleagues, Dr Sutmöller will remain an example of an amiable, accessible and modest person and a valued expert in the animal health field.

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