

ESP Advanced Training Centre for Bone and Soft Tissue Pathology

Name of the Centre:

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Head of training programme: Prof. J.V.M.G. Bovée

Details about specific areas in which training can be offered:

The LUMC is a tertiary referral centre for bone and soft tissue tumours and is the largest centre for bone tumours in The Netherlands. Judith Bovée is a consultant pathologist, specialized in bone and soft tissue tumour pathology, providing reference pathology at a national and international level. The bone and soft tissue tumor section is co-headed by Dr. S.W. Lam. They receive around 300 cases for bone and soft tissue tumours per year. Moreover, as the LUMC is a national and internationally recognized expert centre for bone and soft tissue tumours, around 40% of all malignant bone tumours and around 20% of the soft tissue tumours in The Netherlands are diagnosed and treated in the LUMC.

Dr. Bovée was expert editor for the WHO 6th edition classification for bone and soft tissue tumours (2026), and she has delivered multiple educational lectures on bone and soft tissue tumour pathology, for instance at ESCOP, ESP and USCAP.

The Giordano fellow will attend the daily sign-out, which will give exposure to the regular diagnostic case load from the LUMC. In addition, the fellow can study the consultation cases sent to Prof. Bovée. The fellow can participate in the LUMC multidisciplinary team meetings (every Friday), the soft tissue tumour reference pathology meetings (every second Monday of the month) and the multidisciplinary meetings of The Netherlands Committee on bone tumours (every last Friday of the month), in which histology will be interpreted within the clinical and radiological context. Moreover, the fellow can participate in the analysis of molecular diagnostic tests for sarcoma.

Prof. Bovée also leads the research group on bone and soft tissue tumour pathology, aiming at elucidating the molecular events underlying sarcoma development and progression in order to establish improved diagnosis, prognosis and treatment for patients with bone and soft tissue tumours. Therefore, depending on the interest of the fellow, and the length of the fellowship, a small research project may be performed, crosslinking patient care with research. In the past few years already multiple foreign pathologists (Spain, Greece) have visited the Department of Pathology LUMC to do a fellowship of bone and soft tissue pathology, in a similar program as described above.

Number of positions offered for each year, expected duration of the training: 2 fellows can be hosted per year, for a duration of 3-6 months each. Specific periods of the year when the visit may be realized: Will be defined in direct contact (the summer period (July/August) can be more difficult)

Contact address for requesting details by the applicant: Y.P.M. van der Bent:
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We further declare that we meet the requirements to host a fellow:

No charge for training

Help in finding a low cost accommodation

Help in getting necessary visa, insurance or other documents if required

After completion of the training period the trainee receives a detailed certificate describing the work

We can provide a letter of invitation for the applicant

I would be happy to answer any questions or to give more information if required.

Yours sincerely,

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