

European Advanced Training Centre for Soft Tissue and Bone Pathology

Name of the Centre:

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Chair 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. She receives around 300 cases for bone and soft tissue tumours per year. Moreover, as the LUMC is a referral 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. She had an important contribution to the 2013 WHO classification for bone tumours, and she has delivered multiple educational lectures on bone and soft tissue tumour pathology, for instance at ESCOP. The Giordano fellow will attend her daily signout, 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, chair: Prof. P.C.W. Hogendoorn), 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. In addition, the fellow can study the educational case files that have been collected over the past years.

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 programme 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

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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 accomodation

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,

J.V.M.G. Bovée MD PhD