

IHN medal awarded to Dr. Martin Schipperus at the International Haemovigilance Symposium in Athens



TRIP Foundation is proud to inform you that Dr. Martin Schipperus, the first TRIP director, was awarded the [IHN medal](#) on 12 April 2024 by the president of the International Haemovigilance Network (IHN), Dr. Shruthi Narayan, at the International Haemovigilance Symposium in Athens. *(The IHN medal is awarded to a person or organisation die vanuit wetenschappelijk oogpunt een belangrijke bijdrage heeft geleverd aan de vooruitgang van de hemovigilantie).*

Martin Schipperus was appointed as the first director of the TRIP Dutch National Hemovigilance Office in 2002; in 2012 TRIP's role was expanded to include biovigilance. Martin Schipperus played an important part in the development of the Dutch vision for hemovigilance, which has become well known internationally. In his work he has altijd promoted the scientific use of hemovigilance data to support clinical transfusion practice, and has authored a large number of publications on this. He is passionate about the need for standard definitions and about the importance of a network of dedicated hemovigilance professionals in the hospitals to monitor and support the data collection in the clinical setting. Right from the beginning he saw the need an annual transfusion and haemovigilance symposium. Since 2012 this has been organised jointly with the Dutch Society for Transfusion (Nederlandse Vereniging voor Bloedtransfusie, NVB).

Among Martin Schipperus' international contributions, he has served as the treasurer of the IHN (2013-2017) and as its president (2017-2019). Alongside his haemovigilance activities, Martin continued his work as an eminent and compassionate haematologist, clinical researcher and transfusion specialist.



Martin Schipperus was not able to receive the IHN medal in person but attended the ceremony virtually. Dr. Shruthi Narayan's speech can be [read here](#).



The IHN medal was later presented to Martin Schipperus by the present TRIP director, Jaap Jan Zwaginga.