

Curriculum vitae

Dimitri Consten was born on February 22th, 1973 in Utrecht. After finishing his secondary education in 1991 at College Blaucapel in Utrecht, he started reading Biology at the University of Utrecht in 1992. He passed his freshman year with honors and continued his education in a physiological/molecular direction. As an undergraduate student, he participated in two research projects. His major research project he performed at the Research group for Comparative Endocrinology under supervision of dr. F.E.M. Rebers, studying the regulation of gonadotropin subunit mRNAs in the African catfish. As a second research project, he worked at the Hubrecht Laboratory under supervision of dr. J. Charité and dr. J. Deschamps, during which he investigated a regulatory element in one of the mouse *Hox* genes. He obtained a grant from the Erasmus programme (the present Socrates programme) of the EC to do a three month research project at the University of Algarve, Portugal, where he participated in a study of the discards of commercial fisheries from the South coast of Portugal. After graduating in November 1996, he worked as a PhD student at the Research Group for Comparative Endocrinology at the University of Utrecht. During this period he performed the research described in this thesis and obtained his licenses for the use of laboratory animals (art. 9) and radioactive materials (Radiation Hygiene, level 4B). In addition, he contributed to the education of undergraduate students in Biology. The author was a member of the Research School for Developmental Biology.

