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Due to the approaching retirement of Prof. Dr. Ruud Pijnappel as of May 2024, LRCB announces dr. Maartje Smid-Geirnaerdts as his successor. Maartje brings an impressive track record and in-depth knowledge of breast cancer screening. She obtained her PhD in Leiden and currently practices as a radiologist at the Admiraal de Ruyter Hospital in Goes. As a leading expert in the field of breast cancer screening, she has been involved with the LRCB for many years and will be a valuable addition to the board of directors as of January 1, 2024. First as an interim member of the Executive Board and after Ruud's retirement date on 23 May 2024, as a full member of the Executive Board.

Although Ruud's retirement will take a while, we inform you with concern that Ruud will be absent for an extended period due to health reasons. His contribution to the LRCB is sorely missed.

Throughout a remarkable career of dedication and extraordinary achievement, Ruud has made an invaluable contribution to the LRCB for many years and has always excelled in professionalism, competence and work ethic. His insights and extensive expertise have helped us grow as an organization and become who we are today. During his employment he has achieved numerous milestones and is a source of inspiration for colleagues and stakeholders.

In order to guarantee the continuity of LRCB, the current member of the Executive Board, Mr. Piet van Kalken, will temporarily assume all tasks and responsibilities of the Executive Board. This arrangement remains in force until the moment that Prof. dr. Pijnappel returns to his position or until dr. Smid-Geirnaerdts enters the LRCB. From that moment on, there is once again a two-person collegiate Board of Directors.

In the coming period, Maartje will be trained in phases to guarantee a smooth transition as much as possible. We are confident that she deserves the trust and respect both internally and externally, given her extensive experience in mammography and longstanding collaboration with the LRCB.

Because of the importance of a link with a university, Maartje is enabled to perform scientific work at Radboudumc for one day a week.

In response to her appointment, the Supervisory Board stated: ‘We are delighted to be able to appoint Maartje Smid-Geirnaerd as a member of the LRCB Board of Directors. Maartje is not only a skilled radiologist, but also very driven to innovate education in radiology and motivated to further develop herself as a scientist. For the future of LRCB, the connection with science remains of great importance’.

On behalf of the Supervisory Board and Board of Directors, we warmly welcome Maartje and look forward to a successful collaboration and her special contribution to the LRCB. Together we will take on the challenges and continue to work towards achieving our strategic goals.

Dr. AnneLoes van Staa  
Chairman of the Supervisory Board