

Cor Pernot MSc: A tower of strength

Cor E.E. Pernot MSc has been a real tower of strength for the journal and was instrumental in saving the journal when it received its first hard blow.

In September 2001 Holapress Science (Valkenswaard, The Netherlands) published the first issue of *Gerontechnology*, but a year later in the middle of the production of the conference issue of 'Gerontechnology 2002' the publisher decided not to continue. Fortunately, the ISG obtained a loan from the 'Herman Bouma Foundation' so printing and distribution of the conference issue 2(1) was secured. But how to continue?

Although a friendly hand-over occurred of journal data and materials, panic lurked at the corner. The then small team of editors had little money and no experience in publishing, typesetting, or printing.

A free typesetting program, SCRIBUS, was found on the Internet. But it proved too complicated for both editors. I then reluctantly approached a colleague and good friend, a physicist who had no experience in publishing or typesetting, but who had proven to be helpful, accurate and reliable, and who knew computers in and out. Cor accepted to do the job for a very small fee, and ever since he did the typesetting, correction of photographs and other pictures, and registering the digital object identifiers (doi) of issues and articles. A few years later he also took over the journal website with the handling of digital versions of the journal.

After the first blow of Holapress leaving us, there were many additional small blows to the progress of the journal. But Cor always kept his cool and calmly answered all questions (even the impossible ones) and solved every technical or managerial problem. Without Cor Pernot the journal would have perished long ago. Now that he retires, I can only say that it was a pleasure to work with him



In the summer of 2012 Cor Pernot and his partner relaxed on a tourist boat in front of the Lycian rock-cut tombs of Dalyan (Turkey), after years and years of typesetting the journal and managing the journal website

and that I will be forever grateful for his work and support.
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