

ISDE tribute and farewell to Wim Zwart Voorspuij.

On Saturday, July 6th, our colleague and ISDE member from the Netherlands, Wim Zwart Voorspuij, passed away.

Dr. Zwart was a chemistry teacher and a medical doctor with specializations in forensic medicine, health & environment, and disaster response (large-scale accidents, disasters, and events).

He was always dedicated and active, putting his professional services at the community's disposal as a municipal councilor and faction assistant (environment committee) in Uithoorn, a board member of professional associations, and an advisor to politicians.

He was active as a member of the International Society of Doctors for the Environment in the Netherlands and at an international level, advising, researching, publishing articles, and participating in the organization of national and international conferences in the field of Health & Environment.

After his retirement, he remained very active, involved in other activities as a member of the members' Council of ANBO, representing the interests of members in other social organizations, especially in politics. In this field, he focused on combating loneliness and paying attention to problems in the care of the elderly.

Wim made a substantial contribution in all the areas of activities he was involved in because he had a great interest in making changes and always showed empathy and collaboration. He cared about the well-being of our generation and future generations.

But his great passion was music; he was an excellent guitar player and shared many performances with family and friends in his band.

Today, we say goodbye with these words to a committed colleague and also a warm and cordial friend with whom we shared many joyful moments that are among our fondest memories in the history of ISDE.