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Ronald van Ree was originally educated in history but switched to biochemistry and immunology, the field in which he defended his thesis on the topic of grass pollen allergens and their interaction with the immune system at the University of Amsterdam in 1994. From 1994 until 2005, he was Head of the Allergy Research Laboratory at Sanquin Blood Supply Foundation in Amsterdam. In July 2005, he moved to the Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam, where he was appointed as Associate Professor at the Department of Experimental Immunology. There, he is currently Head of the Laboratory for Allergy Research. In June 2009, Ronald van Ree was appointed as Full Professor of Molecular and Translational Allergology. The main areas of interest of the Allergy Research Group are:

- Protein-chemistry and molecular biology of respiratory and food allergens: what makes an allergen an allergen?
- Innovative approaches for in vitro and in vivo diagnosis of IgE-mediated allergy: from allergen extracts to molecular diagnostics.
- Innovative biopharmaceutical approaches for allergen-specific immunotherapy: recombinant technology, novel adjuvants and administration routes.
- Immunoepidemiology of respiratory and food allergies: the role of allergen exposure, environment, diet, infections and lifestyle in the development of allergy.
- Mouse models of allergy and asthma: how are sensitization and disease expression regulated?

Ronald van Ree has participated in many EU Framework Programme Projects, amongst which as coordinator of the CREATE Project (FP5) developing certified reference materials for allergen products, as vice coordinator in the Integrated Project (FP6) on Food Allergy, EuroPrevall, in the GLOFAL Project (FP6) aiming at integrating food allergy research of developing countries in the EU Framework Programmes, as coordinator of the ongoing project (FP7) on immunotherapy for food allergy FAST (2008–2015) and, most recently, as ExCom member of the iFAAM Project (FP7) on risk management of food allergy. He was recently elected Vice President for congresses in the Executive Committee of the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology and joined the HESI Protein Allergenicity Technical Committee as Co-Chair from academia. He is on the editorial board of several leading journals in the field of allergology and Associate editor of *International Archives of Allergy and Immunology*. Ronald van Ree has published over 200 papers in peer-reviewed journals and several book chapters, and his current H-factor is 48.