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Re: The passing of Mr. Luub Wessels on June 27th, 2013



April 25, 1939 – June 27, 2013

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Marijke Wessels and Teun Swinkels of the Netherlands have informed the members of the UIA - PHG of the passing of our beloved former Director of the UIA - PHG, - Luub Wessels, in the Netherlands on June 27th, 2013.

Please see the special letter to all the UIA - PHG members below from his dear wife of 52 years, - Marijke Wessels, and Teun Swinkels, the former official representative of the Netherlands.

Luub was a gentlemen and a very excellent Director of the UIA PHG. He reached out to bring in members from all over the world, to reflect a diverse multicultural richness in the membership, the content of the annual seminars, as well as the location of our meetings.

Luub had a life long dedication toward the improvement of "Architecture for Health". We all will miss him greatly.

Our thoughts and prayers reach out to Marijke, their daughters Titia and Joscka and their partners and children as they mourn the loss of their beloved husband , father, and grandfather.

Sincerely,



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July 13, 2013

Dear UIA family,

It is very, very sad but I like to send you personally the message that Luub passed away on the 27th June, 2013. Three weeks before he died he left the hospital with the message that no treatment for his heart failure was available anymore. The expectation was that he had only a couple of weeks to live. The medical treatment he got during the last 7 years after his heart-attack couldn't work much longer as result of increasing kidney failure.

The first 2 weeks at home he still could enjoy life very much, because all the very warm supporting visits of family and friends. Even Gelun from China was one of them! As attachment of this message I send you his photograph in this period. The last 5 days he stayed in bed but happily he didn't suffer. I miss him very much, but I can look back on 52 year togetherness and that is a treasure.

Warm greetings,

Marijke Wessels

July 13, 2013

Dear George,

I send you a short biography of Luub Wessels , send to me by Marijke and his daughter Joshka . Perhaps you can add some personal observations.

I know that Luub was socially active in his hometown as member of the Board of an important group of institutions for the care of aged people, where he focused on the quality of the healing environment, bringing his ideals in practice.

Queen Beatrix distinguished Luub with a knightship in the Orde van Oranje Nassau for his services to the society, Luub was a good friend, a warm person and he went unpretending through his life.

With warm Greetings,

Teun Swinkels

Today I got the announcement of the death of Luub Wessels in Doorwerth in the Netherlands. Luub was born 25-04-1939. Luub had a heart problem, that was ultimately fatal. He died quietly with his family . Marijke, his wife and daughters Titia and Joscka, their partners and children mourn their beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

Luub,s cremation is on Monday 1 July at 1430 hr in Dieren, not far from Arnhem in the centre of The Netherlands. I tried to contact Roelof Gortemaker, who to my knowledge now the Dutch member of the UIA/PHG programme, but without success. I plan to go to the ceremony. My departure around 1100 hr [our time] and could give a short statement there in honour of Luub. He was Director of the PHG/Programme after Hans Evert Gatermann and before Hans Eggen , I think from end 2004 till 2009 . Perhaps you could send me an impression of Luub Wessels , a very earnest , honest and capable man, that I can quote in my speech. Luub was very involved in health care initiatives in emerging countries and was in the board of several foundations in the health care field , after his eminent career in the ministerial hospital Commission in our country.

We, Anneke and I are in good health and good spirits. I follow the activities of my former office at a distance, and with pleasure. Sketching on our trips to Japan and to the highlights of Europe gives me, as in the past, much pleasure,

Yours sincerely,

Teun Swinkels