

# THE SCIENTIFIC FAMILY TREE OF WILLEM R. VAN ZWET

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Willem van Zwet had 16 PhD students, 15 as supervisor (promotor in Dutch) and one as co-supervisor, and what I have tried to do is to get a complete list of the members of his scientific family up to 20 February 2000. By “A is a member of Willem van Zwet’s scientific family”, I mean that A can trace his “scientific ancestry” back to Willem van Zwet through (co-)promotors.

## 1 Introduction

The family members are listed by generation (with the PhDs of W.R. van Zwet as the first generation), within each generation by PhD-thesis supervisor (promotor in Dutch) and, for the PhDs of a given supervisor, in decreasing order of age. Further, for a given generation, the supervisors are listed in decreasing order of their own supervisors age and, in case two of them have the same supervisor, in decreasing order of their own age. In determining the age of a PhD, the date (year) of obtaining his/her PhD degree is taken as his/her birthday (birthyear). For each person in the list, his/her thesis title as well as the date on which he/she defended his/her thesis (or the year in which the degree was granted) is given. The university mentioned in the heading of each sub-list is, unless otherwise mentioned, the one at which the students in that sub-list received their degrees.

Note that, because students may have more than one tree-member as (co-)promotor, some PhDs are listed several times - once for each of their (co-)promotors who is a tree-member. In case the several (co-)promotors are not of the same generation, these multiply-listed PhDs show up in more than one generation. For such multiply-listed PhDs who are themselves (co-)promotors, the generation number of their PhDs is taken as “the lowest generation number among their (co-)promotors + 1”.

The table of contents lists all those in the tree who have been (co-)promotors, with mention of the generation number of their PhDs (i.e., their own number + 1), the number of PhD students they had up to now, as well as the numbers of the sections in which their PhDs are listed.

The total number of tree members (inclusive van Zwet) is 145 and of those 23 have been (co-)promotors of members of van Zwet’s tree.

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