

Min-Kai Wu retires



On September 29, 2011 Dr Min-Kai Wu retired from his active academic career at the department of Endodontology of the Academic Centre for Dentistry Amsterdam (ACTA) with a final lecture and a reception that was attended by many colleagues and students.

Dr Wu first came to Amsterdam in 1988 as a visiting scholar from China for a period of 6 months but returned to ACTA in 1989 during the ESE congress in Amsterdam and stayed thereafter, first as a guest scientist and later on as a PhD student to finish in 1993 his thesis: "In vitro determination of leakage in endodontic research". Part of this thesis was his still very frequently cited paper; "Endodontic leakage studies reconsidered".

After completing his thesis Dr Wu continued to work at ACTA focusing on various aspects of endodontic research and educating postgraduate students by teaching them a critical approach towards dental research, stimulating them to analyze the literature and assess existing evidence. He was the scientific mentor of several PhD students and guest researchers.

Dr Wu published about 90 articles in SCI indexed journals and was key note speaker at many major endodontic congresses. His thought provoking papers and lectures have made him a special person in the endodontic arena. He is a visiting professor at the University of Peking in Beijing, China, and served for several years as an associate editor of the International Endodontic Journal. Hopefully he can still function as a free lance scientist after his retirement, and guide more young researchers to become mature independent scientists that can take over what he has sown and planted.

We are very grateful for what he has done for the science of endodontics.

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