



**Prof. Dr. Maarten Mourits** finished his medical studies at the University of Amsterdam in 1980. His first medical position was that of a general practitioner in Djoemoe, in the interior of Surinam. After 1,5 years of general surgery not in training, he specialized in ophthalmology with Professor R.A. Crone in Amsterdam. Thereafter, he superspecialized in orbital, lacrimal and eyelid surgery with Professor Leo Koornneef and in Moorfields. He did his PhD in 1990 on Graves' disease, in which he introduced the so called Clinical Activity Score. Next, he went to the University Hospital of Utrecht to initiate Holland's second orbital center. After the Chernobyl disaster, he was sent by his

government to Belarus to set up thyroid eye clinics. Mourits has been executive editor of the Journal 'Orbit' for 10 years, president of the International Society for Orbital Disorders and of the European Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He is reviewer of many journals, member of several national and internal societies and committees, founding father of the Dutch Society of Meningioma Patients and of the Dutch Foundation of Esthetic Surgery and currently president of the Dutch Orbital Society. He became chair of the department of Ophthalmology of the Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam in 2004 and at the same time got the final responsibility for the ophthalmic training of 20 residents. Mourits wrote > 130 pubmed papers, among which in the Lancet and NEJM, and 23 bookchapters. He trained > 20 foreign and overseas fellows, presented > 100 invited lectures and performed thousands of oculoplastic operations. He developed a duction-meter and a parallax-free exophthalmometer. Recently he set up an Eye Hospital in Amsterdam, of which he became the medical director. Finally, he is involved in the training of residents and oculoplastic surgeons in Moshi, Tanzania. Mourits is married with two grown-up daughters, one of them a PhD student in oculoplastic surgery.