

CURRICULUM VITAE

Helianthe Sherida Marianne Kort was born on 23 July 1962 in Paramaribo, beneath the Surinam sun. In 1982 she obtained the Athenaeum B diploma at the Herman Jordan Lyceum in Zeist. She completed her Master's course in Biology in 1987 at Utrecht University, specialising in Medical Biology. In that same year she earned the grade-one teaching qualification in Biology.

From 1988 to 1994 she was assistant researcher ("toegevoegd onderzoeker") at the interuniversity task group 'Home and Health' of Utrecht University and Eindhoven University of Technology. She specialised in allergological home sanitation and was involved in the developing of allergological avoidance programmes. Both fundamental as well as applied research in the field of the biology of the indoor environment were her interests, with the inventory, isolation and determination of mites and fungi forming essential parts.

She has been secretary of the Association of Suppliers of Sanitation Products and Services (VLS) since april 1994.

In June 1992 she married Luciën Veldema and in January 1994 their son Félicien was born.