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Martien Broekhuijsen, born 1955, studied Molecular Sciences at Wageningen University (NL) and received his master diploma with honours (*cum laude*) on majors Organic Chemistry and Molecular Biology in 1982. He later obtained the Dutch NIMA marketing-A diploma. In addition, he is a certified Biosafety Officer for level BSL3. He has 25+ years of international CBRN and Biosafety experience.

In 1982 he started working at the Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (TNO) and worked for 10 years on genetic modification of bacteria and fungi. Since the early 1990s he worked in CBRN Defence and Security of TNO. During this time, he was a visiting scientist at the Swedish Defence Research FOI in Umeå for a full year.

During his career at TNO, Martien Broekhuijsen was project manager, senior scientist, and CBRN consultant, but also had responsibilities as business developer and biosafety officer. He set up the biosafety organisation at TNO from the start and was also responsible for setting up and maintaining the culture collection of dangerous pathogens.

He has been a guest lecturer for several years at the HAN University of Applied Sciences (NL), teaching the topic bioterrorism and infectious diseases. He was an invited lecturer at an EMBO course in South Africa in 2003, teaching on molecular diagnostics.

In 2010 he left TNO and started his own company: Marble ChemBio Consulting B.V., providing CBRN and Biosafety consultancy services for government and industry, including testing and training with *live* CBR agents. He is a regular invited speaker at international training courses and symposia on biosafety, biosecurity, and biothreat. He is also doing independent audits of BSL3 laboratories in the Netherlands.

He is a member of the Dutch Association of Biosafety Officers and the Royal Dutch Society of Microbiology.