

About Giel Notten

Giel is a true materials and corrosion expert who, before his retirement in 2004, spent thirty-eight years working with DSM in The Netherlands. After gaining his Engineering degree at the Higher Technical School of Heerlen, The Netherlands, he joined DSM's central laboratory. He was to remain with the company for the rest of his career and held several positions as a materials and corrosion expert there. For the last twenty years before he retired, Giel worked in the Corrosion Department as Managing Senior Corrosion Engineer. He has further participated in numerous conferences spreading the word about his broad experiences as a corrosion and materials specialist in chemical process plants.

For Stamicarbon, a subsidiary company of DSM, and licensing DSM's know-how, he set up programmes for lifetime extension studies in urea and ammonia plants and supervised them. He was also involved in the development of Safurex®, the super-duplex stainless steel grade (developed by Sandvik in cooperation with Stamicarbon) for application in Stamicarbon urea plants.

Giel has always enjoyed teaching so, after only five years working in the field at DSM, he already began to develop a Corrosion Engineering course. Since then he has taught many young engineers from both inside and outside DSM about the ins and outs of corrosion control in chemical plants. He was also a board member of NACE Benelux and a member of the Contact Group Corrosion of the Dutch Chemical Process Industry and the Studiekern Corrosion of the Dutch Corrosion Society (NCC).

Since his retirement from DSM, Giel Notten has remained active as a corrosion engineering consultant. He has devoted much of his time to passing on his extensive knowledge and experience on the complicated topic of corrosion engineering to a new generation of engineers. He has done this in the form of numerous corrosion courses and workshops.

Alongside his professional career, Giel has been very active in local societies and has been a Rabobank board member for about thirty-five years, twenty-five years of which as Chairman of the Board. Furthermore, he is an active cyclist. Together with his wife, Lianne, he has made trips up to 2500 km by bicycle to Santiago de Compostela, Spain and Rome, Italy.