

DR. E. KITS VAN WAVEREN
(1906–1995)

With the death on 3 September 1995 of Dr. E. Kits van Waveren, the Dutch mycologists lost one of their most prominent, internationally known amateurs, a specialist on the taxonomy of the genus *Psathyrella* and an ardent collector.

Dr. Kits van Waveren, honorary staff member of the Rijksherbarium at Leiden since 1970 and honorary member of the Dutch Mycological Society since 1983, will be most of all remembered as the author of the monograph 'The Dutch, French and British species of *Psathyrella*' published in 1985 as Supplement 2 of the mycological journal *Persoonia*. In this book of 300 pages about 100 species of *Psathyrella* are extensively described and illustrated, 10 of which were new to science. This publication, together with 7 later papers between 1986 and 1995, greatly stimulated the study of the genus in Europe and is still much in demand. On pp. 289–291 of his book a curriculum vitae of the author is given.

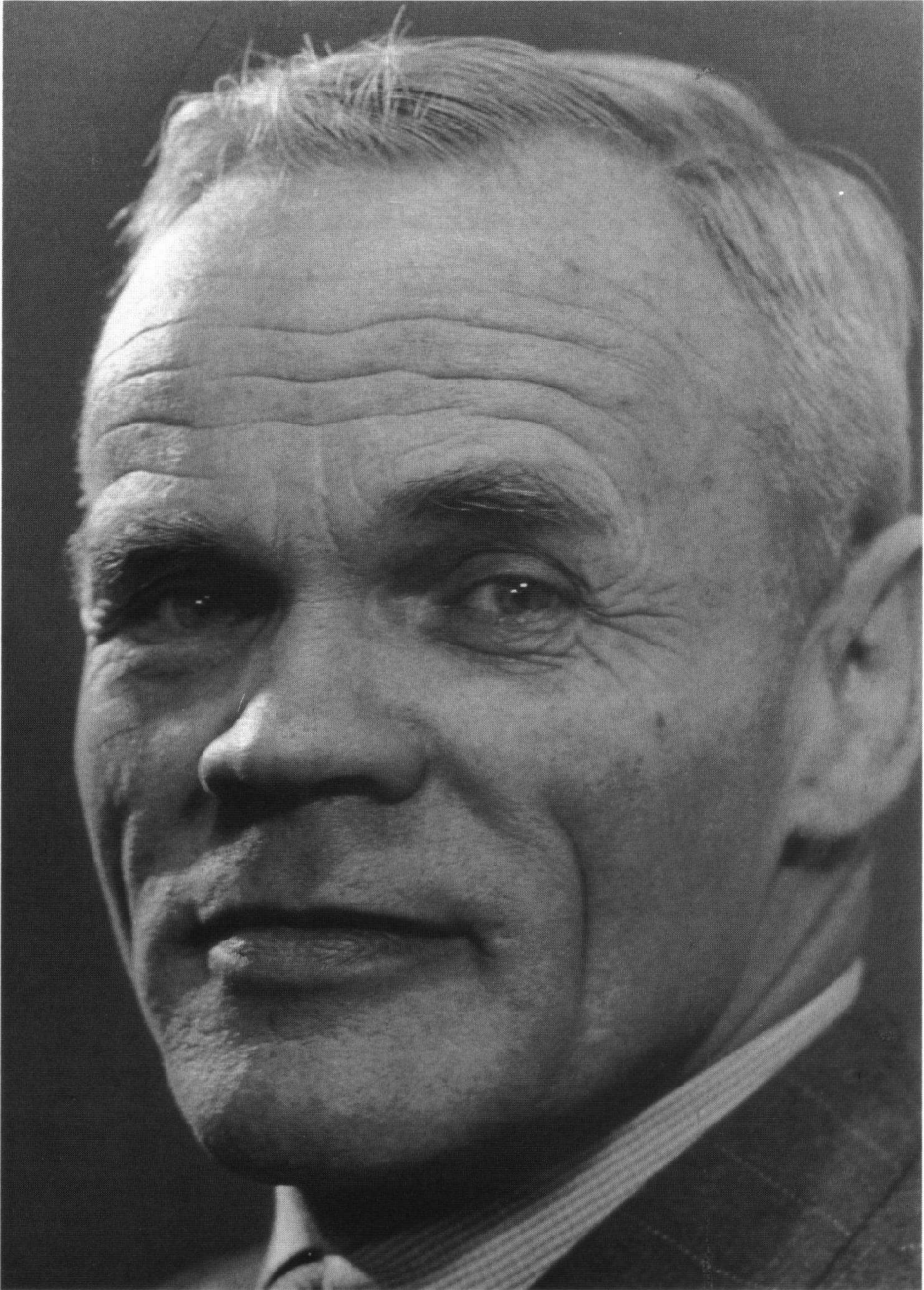
Because of the medical and other activities of Dr. Kits van Waveren, there is a large gap between his first mycological publication on the genera *Gastrum*, *Astraeus* and *Myriostoma* in the Netherlands (1926) and his series of publications on agarics starting in 1968. But already that first paper is remarkable for that time, because the author thoroughly studied Persoon's types and strictly followed the then current rules of botanical nomenclature.

Also in his later publications Dr. Kits van Waveren showed himself to be a very thorough observer and a meticulous recorder and he soon acquired a professional approach to mycological problems.

Because at first, particularly in the sixties and seventies, Dr. Kits van Waveren still was medically fully engaged, he kept a strict regime during his mycological season which ran from April to deep in November: collecting on Saturday, examination of the collected fungi on Sunday and checking the outcome of his studies on Monday at the Rijksherbarium. Collecting in the Netherlands was mainly restricted to a small number of well chosen rich areas (Amsterdamse Bos, Duin en Kruidberg, Mook, Vorden, Delden and Denekamp), but later he rather frequently explored a number of areas in Scotland (Braemar), Wales (Lake Vyrnwy), England (New Forest), etc. Many of his collections are accompanied by cards with extensive descriptive notes and drawings of spores and cystidia. His herbarium, consisting of more than 5000 collections, has been donated to the Rijksherbarium at Leiden and is there now incorporated in the general mycological collection.

Dr. Kits van Waveren did not forget the other amateurs. His humorous and witty lectures at meetings of the Dutch Mycological Society were much appreciated and his clear and well-written more popular mycological papers in *Coolia* count up to 30.

Dr. Kits van Waveren discovered and described 31 new species, while four new species have been named after him (*Psathyrella waverenii* Arnolds 1982, *Entoloma kitsii* Noordeloos 1983, *Psathyrella kitsiana* Örstadius 1986, and *Psathyrella waveriana* Marchetti 1993). For his role in the resistance during World War II he was awarded the 'Verzetskruis', an official and highly esteemed decoration. The Prince Bernhard Foundation awarded him the 'Zilveren Anjer' for his scientific achievements as an amateur in mycology.



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In 1981 Dr. Kits van Waveren founded the 'Rijksherbarium Foundation Dr. E. Kits van Waveren' which aims at promoting research on Agaricales s.l. at or under the wings of the Rijksherbarium. Although the capital of this foundation was rather modest at first, it nevertheless facilitated the publication of several mycological books. By a large legacy Dr. Kits van Waveren has made it now possible for this foundation to finance a series of fellowships at the Rijksherbarium for many years to come.

The Dutch mycologists have many reasons to remember Dr. Kits van Waveren with respect and gratitude.

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