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Prelude

From humble beginnings as scientist in a (very) small private company, I started my journey to big Europe, putting my feet firmly down on the soil of Amsterdam. Experiencing an international flight for the first time, followed by a two and a half hour train ride to (what seemed to me) the end of the earth, I greeted the brisk winters sunshine in Groningen. Well, my journey did not start out smoothly: my luggage got delayed at Frankfurt airport, so, there I was, South African meeting the European winter with nothing more than jeans and a T-shirt. In the following weeks I quickly adapted to understanding and communicating (in my own way) in Dutch, a language closely related to my mother tongue Afrikaans, and started to wind myself into the everyday life of Groningen.

During my stay in Groningen I have met a group of interesting and motivated colleagues from different geographical backgrounds: Dutch, German, Polish, and Spanish, to name but a few. During my years of research at the Centre for carbohydrate Bioprocessing (CCB) I have experienced and learned a lot from these people, both on scientific as well as personal level. As always, there are too many names to mention, but, I would like to highlight a few: First of all, my promotors Lubbert and Marc, and my previous supervisor Gert-Jan..thank you for your enthusiasm (when times got tough), support and guidance through the past few years. Francois, my old University of Pretoria partner in crime, and very close friend (and paranimf!)..thank you for your great ideas when I got stuck in the abyss of scientific research, and most of all, for your friendship. Marta, my other paranimf..thank you for your friendship..you made this South African boytjie respect the fiery patriotism of the Catalans! My Irish friend Ronan (ROC, as ever present on his tip boxes) - thanks for great times watching rugby, having the occasional creamy pint (G-force) and being a terrific tour guide during our visit to the emerald isle. Rachel, thanks for your enthusiasm and support during our collaboration in this project, and for your advice when I needed an objective view and support. Lukasz, Slavko (Slavvie), Kamila, Pieter, Wieger (ladies☺) and all members of Micfys..what can I say..it was a pleasure to work with all of you! To my two students, Derma and Jolanda..nice job done guys ☺!

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