

**Name, age & hobby's**

Thomas Hankemeier, 53 years

Hobbies: father (I have 3 lovely kids that keep me busy), travelling, tennis, soccer, running, theatre, reading (but I am very busy so do not have much time to read)

**In which institute/organization are you working?**

Leiden Academic Centre for Drug Research at the Faculty of Science of Leiden University

**What's your role in VOILA? What would be the best outcome for you?**

I will be responsible for the metabolic profiling. We will develop and implement HT metabolic profiling to characterize patients better. I aim to contribute finding metabolic profiles that will inform about the needs of elderly. I think also nutrition can play there an important role. Addressing questions like: What are the needs for proteins? Which fatty acids? What is dysregulated? How about the signaling networks? Will it help to modify the gut microbiome?

Helping to understand these interactions will help to stratify patients better to add ultimately a few healthy years. I also hope that we can make some steps towards implementation such profiles in the clinical decision support, and to support primary care physicians. I am also leading the associated NEUROMET project, where we aim to understand neuroinflammation better. For that we will use metabolic profiling and organ-on-chip models.

**Mention your Pension. What will you be doing?**

I have not thought about that, as I do not want to wait to do something till my pension. But I can imagine that life will be slightly less hectic, and I can walk more often through forests or along the beach, or can stay longer somewhere when travelling.

And I think I would still like to be active, depending where I think I can be most useful at that time . Not sure whether I would like to go into politics.....