

### EFIS Past President René van Lier



EFIS Past President Professor René van Lier received his medical degree and PhD from the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. He has been a Professor of Experimental Immunology at the Academic Medical Center, University of Amsterdam since 2000; the Vice chair of the Executive Board and Director of Research, Sanquin Blood Supply Foundation, Amsterdam since 2010; and the Director of Innovation Exchange Amsterdam (IXA) since 2018. From 2015-2018, he was EFIS President. He sits on numerous commissions of trust including being the Chair of the Scientific Advisory board of the Dutch Rheumatology Foundation, the Chair of the Scientific Advisory board of the Dutch MS society, he is a Member of the Scientific Advisory board of the Dutch Lung Foundation, and is on the Editorial Board of *Immunology Letters*. He has over 325 scientific publications in the field of immunology, having a longstanding interest in unraveling the processes that drive the differentiation of human virus-specific (CD8+) T-cells. Initially his studies were centered on T-cells that can be obtained from peripheral blood. However, in collaboration with the transplant immunology group at AMC, longitudinal analyses including characterization of phenotype, function and transcriptome have been performed. More, recently his group has included the analyses of virus-reactive T cells residing in tissue (Trm) in their studies.