



Carl Koppeschaar studied astronomy and physics before dedicating himself to science writing. In 2003 he started www.degrotegriepmeting.nl or the “Great Influenza Survey”. Due to enormous media attention, 38,000 Dutch and Flemish ‘flu-meters’ filled in their health status voluntarily every week.

Today this Dutch language internet survey has grown into www.influenzanet.eu, a European flu survey that already encompasses twelve European countries. Carl is also responsible for the ‘Great Pneumonia Survey’ that has recently launched in The Netherlands, seeking to acquire data on low respiratory infections like pneumonia and acute bronchitis. This website not only attracts patients but is also meant for GPs reporting on cases in their daily practise. At present he is developing a website with mobile phone application that can act as a “disease radar” to monitor all kinds of (infectious) diseases, side-effects of prescribed medication, obesity and work related diseases and stress.

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