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Yvonne van der Meer is associate professor and head of the department of Biobased Materials at Maastricht University. She leads the new research group on sustainability of bio-based materials at the Aachen-Maastricht Institute for Biobased Materials. She is chair of the Program Committee of the master Biobased Materials at Maastricht University and teaches bio-based materials and sustainability in undergraduate and master programs. Yvonne van der Meer has specific interest in the sustainability impact of bio-based products.

#### Career background

Yvonne van der Meer received her master degree in molecular sciences (chemistry & biochemistry track) from Wageningen University in 1997. She obtained her PhD from Delft University of Technology in the field of molecular heterogeneous catalysis in 2001.

From 2001-2007 she worked at the Dutch research council NWO as a program manager on national and European public-private partnerships in sustainable and bio-based chemistry. In her next job she was a consultant in the field of sustainable building materials and life cycle assessment. Yvonne joined Maastricht University as a policy advisor to the executive board in 2008. As an advisor she was involved in the foundation of Brightlands Chemelot Campus in Sittard-Geleen, The Netherlands.

The past five years she focused on setting up new bio-based materials programs. She co-founded a research group and a master Biobased Materials at Maastricht University and she co-founded two research institutes: the Aachen-Maastricht Institute for Biobased Materials and the Chemelot Institute for Science and Technology. Since 2015 she has set up a new academic group on sustainability of bio-based materials.

#### Current/past Chairs/Committees/Boards served on

- Member of the Program Council, BioBased Program, Chemelot Institute for Science and Technology (2014-present)

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- Chair of the Program Committee, Master Biobased Materials, Maastricht University (2015-present)
- Evaluator Flanders Innovation & Entrepreneurship (VLAIO) on sustainable chemistry and materials spearhead clusters (2016)
- Member Advisory Board, research group Materials Science, Zuyd University of Applied Sciences (2015-present)
- Associate member representing AMIBM, BioTreatCenter development, (Brightlands Campus) Greenport Venlo (2014-2016)
- First coordinator ERA-NET Industrial Biotechnology (FP6)

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