

Short biography:

Pim van Lommel, M.D., born in 1943, graduated in 1971 at the University of Utrecht, and finished his specialization in cardiology in 1976. He worked from 1977-2003 as a cardiologist in Hospital Rijnstate, a 800 beds Teaching Hospital in Arnhem, the Netherlands, and is now doing full-time research on the mind-brain relation. He published several articles on cardiology, but since he started his research on near-death experiences (NDE) in survivors of cardiac arrest in 1986 he is the author of over 20 articles (most of them in Dutch), one book and several chapters about NDE. In 2005 he was granted with the *Dr. Bruce Greyson Research Award* van de International Association of Near-Death Studies (IANDS). In 2006, the president of India rewarded him the *Life Time Achievement Award* at the World Congress on Clinical and Preventive Cardiology in New Dehli. Recently he received the *2010 Book Award* van de Scientific and Medical Network.

In November 2007 his book '**Endless Consciousness**' (*Eindeloos Bewustzijn*) was published in The Netherlands, which is a bestseller with more than 140.000 copies sold (20th edition). It was nominated for the 'Book of the Year 2008' in the Netherlands. His book was published in Germany in 2009 by Patmos Verlag: '**Endloses Bewusstsein. Neue Medizinische Fakten zur Nahtoderfahrung**' (already the 9th edition), and it has been published in the English language by Harper Collins in 2010, entitled: **Consciousness beyond Life. The science of the near-death Experience**. In 2011 the Polish edition was published [Artvitae: '**Wieczna Swiadomosc. Naukowa wizja 'Zycia po zyciu'**'], the Spanish translation [Atalanta: '**Consciencia más allá de la Vida**'] was published in March 2012, and in May 2012 his book was published in France by Dunod, entitled '**Mort ou Pas?. Les dernières découvertes médicales sur les Experiences de Mort Imminente**'. In 2015 the book will also be published in Italy and in Latvia. By now more than 200.000 copies have been sold in Europa en the USA.

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