

## **2015 Acta Biomaterialia Gold Medal Award Recipient Dr. Klaas de Groot**

Dr. Klaas de Groot, emeritus professor at the Tissue Engineering Group at Twente University, The Netherlands, has been awarded the highly acclaimed international 2015 Acta Biomaterialia Gold Medal Award. The award recognizes excellence in research and development in the field of biomaterials. Dr. Klaas de Groot, born in 1940, is since 2008 - emeritus professor at the Tissue Engineering Group at Twente University, The Netherlands. He studied physical chemistry at Groningen University, the Netherlands, where he received his B.Sc. in 1961 and his M.Sc. in 1965. Thereafter he received a fellowship to spend two years as a post-doc at the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, USA. He then returned to Groningen to obtain his PhD in 1968. In the 1980's he started to cooperate with Chinese Universities, which led to honorary appointments at several Chinese Universities, among them Beijing University and University of Sichuan. His research concerned mainly implants to replace bone, bone joints, and teeth. He received many awards besides the already mentioned Chinese Friendship Award. To mention a few: the George Winter Award, the Clemson Award, Sir John Charnley Award, Honorary Member of the Dutch Society for Biomaterials. He was a member, and elected as a Fellow, of various professional societies such as The European society for Biomaterials (ESB) and the American Society of Biomaterials, and was co-founder of the ESB. Currently, he is still active in science as scientific advisor at the Amsterdam School of Dentistry (ACTA) department of Oral Implantology.

