

Dr Frans Kampers

After completing his PhD in physics in Eindhoven Frans Kampers joined DLO, which is now part of Wageningen UR, in 1989. He headed a department on instrumentation and measurement technology for several years. This department was involved in research on sensors, microelectronics & microtechnology.

Among others Frans Kampers was chairman of an ISO working group that defined the international standard on RFID for animals, chaired a working group on Microsystems and Agriculture and was responsible for a DTO project Sensors for Sustainable Food Production.

After a brief period in which he was involved in information strategy Frans Kampers in 2003 was asked to investigate the possibilities of bionanotechnology in Wageningen, to define the structure in which these should take place and to develop a business plan for these activities. He soon discovered that the Wageningen expertise on food and nutrition could very well be combined with the possibilities of bionanotechnology. The result is a strong combination of an application field in which Wageningen and the Netherlands traditionally are strong and trend setting and a new technology that is generally viewed as a very strong motor for innovation.

Frans Kampers is currently director of BioNT, the Wageningen biotechnology centre for food and health innovation.

