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Hereditary haemolytic anaemias with special reference to
Abnormal Haemoglobins (~~Structural studies~~)

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*Attended Genetic Congress in Sep. 1963 at the Hague

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* Had met my guide in Netherlands (Prof. Jonxis) in 1957 when I attended a symposium on Abnormal Haemoglobins at Istanbul (Turkey) where he presided¹/₂

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In the field of my training, as far as I know, I am second from my country. The first one, I believe, is well placed and is continuing the programme profitably.

From the people of my country I met at various social gatherings in Netherlands arranged by the NEBUTA periodically I feel that this study programme is gaining ground. Personally I had not known of such programme till 1962, perhaps due to want of publicity. When compared to other foreign country training programme, this has not received due recognition (in the field of my specialization). The reason may be that this field is a very specialized and only few laboratories are engaged in this type of work here, hence it may not be correct to say 'insufficient recognition'.

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No field work done

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On the whole I have no complaints. In fact, the various facilities I recieved in the field of study, laboratory, library and even social life were beyond my expectation. Netherlands being a former colonial power, I was rather sceptic about the treatment I would receive but surprisingly my experience was to the contrary. I feel I should have had little more information about the country although "get to know Netherlands" programme arranged by NEBUTA was really useful. All the same this was no handicap to nor the language, as practically every one knew little if not more of English, my second language. The few who in the streets and other places who couldnot express in English became an advantage to me as it helped me to pick up a little working knowledge of Dutch.

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* Perhaps due to want of equipment facilities for me here which in turn is due to foreign exchange stringency in my country some of the costly equipments could not be purchased up to now. It is hoped that this gap would soon be filled up.

The friendly, courteous and even affectionate treatment received from many Dutchmen specially the family with whom I stayed (Dr. F.C.Gerretsen) has left a lasting impressieon in my mind. It was fortunate that I was staying with such affectionate people who very soon took me into their family fold and treated as a member of family. Similar experience I had with few other families. This human relationship has prompted me to be in contact with them even now.

Professionally I received complete freedom of work with utmost co-operation from the members of the staff. This is largely due to the earnestness with which my guide wanted to help me to make the training useful on my return. Except for a very minor incident in a railway restaurant, I had no difficulty at any place or stage during my stay to get along with Dutch people of different walks of life. Helpful nature of Dutch people and their knowledge about my country is amazingly good. In short, besides getting benifited professionally, much was gained by acquainting with cultural and social life of Dutch people- a very enterprising lot.