
Jan Kimpen Appointed to the Supervisory Board of the University of Twente



Prof J.L.L. (Jan) Kimpen joins the Supervisory Board of the University of Twente with effect from 1 September. This has been decided by the Minister of Education, Culture and Science, Robbert Dijkgraaf. The appointment is for a period of four years. The Supervisory Board had a vacancy following the departure of Jeroen de Haas in November 2022.

For the past seven years, Jan Kimpen served as Global Chief Medical Officer at Philips, where he is still active as a part-time senior medical advisor. He started his career as a paediatrician at the UMCG in Groningen. He then served as a professor at UMC Utrecht, before being appointed dean of the medical faculty of Utrecht University. In 2009, he was appointed CEO of UMC Utrecht, a position he held for seven years. Jan, born in Lommel, Belgium, on 23 May 1958, studied medicine in Hasselt (bachelor's degree) and Leuven (master's degree).

Jan Kimpen on his appointment: "For me, technology, dynamic employability of professionals, digitalisation, and sustainability are key concepts that define the future of our society. This is what we must prepare young people for, and what innovation must be focused on. Because all these aspects come together in University of Twente's mission, it is a great privilege for me to be able to contribute as a supervisor."

Sylvia Butzke, chair of UT's Supervisory Board on the appointment: "We are delighted with Jan Kimpen joining our Supervisory Board. Jan's experience in both education and research and his network among policymakers in the Netherlands are a valuable addition to our board. But above all, his passion for the future of future generations and the role universities play in it, together with his warm, inquisitive, open and inclusive personality make Jan extremely well suited for this role. We wish him every success and pleasure in taking our university forward."

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