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Professor Hendrik Marius Quanjér was born at Enkhuizen. He studied pharmacy in Amsterdam and after completing his studies in 1904 he was appointed assistant at the "Willie Commelin Scholten" Phytopathological Laboratory then established at Amsterdam. It was here that he wrote his thesis on "The most important cabbage diseases in North Holland" in which study the cause of *cabbage-top*, the Sweet Midge, was discovered and its control thus made possible.

In 1906 he went to the former Agricultural, Horticultural and Forestry School at Wageningen. Here his research subject was *potato leaf roll*. The connection of this disease with the incidence of phloem necrosis in the plant was described in 1913 in an article which became renowned owing to its importance. The solution of this problem was the beginning of the many virus investigations carried out by Quanjér and his pupils and which have had a great influence in the entire sphere of potato cultivation. By continually keeping in touch with practice he helped to evolve healthy potato cultivation. He not only examined potato virus diseases but also those of beet and other crops. He also studied diseases caused by *eehworms* and *fungi*.

When the Agricultural University was founded in 1918 he was appointed Professor. We should certainly not forget the great influence he had in developing phytopathology owing to his talent for communicating to his pupils his love of the profession.

Quanjér had many connections with foreign research workers and their visits to his laboratory were a mark of their great esteem for his work. This was also evidenced on his retirement as Professor, on which occasion both his own countrymen and many foreigners wrote articles for the Quanjér Number of the "Tijdschrift over Plantenziekten" (Journal of Plant Diseases) which was published in his honour and in which his work was described in detail.

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