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Dr. Jelle Thole is director of TuBerculosis Vaccine Initiative (TBVI). He graduated in medical biology in 1984, PhD in Medicine in 1988 and has more than 25 years of experience in molecular and immunological research on mycobacteria (> 70 peer reviewed publications).

Since 2004, he acted as coordinator of TBVAC, a consortium of 33 European and African universities and research institutes that worked together to develop and clinically test new vaccines against tuberculosis (supported by the EC Sixth Frame work). The success of this project has been the basis for the establishment of TBVI, a foundation that facilitates the development of new vaccines to protect future generations against tuberculosis. TBVI financially supports and brings expertise to an integrated network of over 40 universities, institutes and industries to develop more effective, safe vaccines that will be globally accessible and affordable. Research conducted by our mostly European based network has already resulted in promising vaccine discoveries.