

## **PROFESSOR LUC VAN GAAL**



Luc Van Gaal studied medicine at the University of Antwerp, where he graduated in 1978. He obtained a specialist degree in internal medicine and afterwards in endocrinology and metabolism in 1983. Since then, he has become responsible for the Metabolic Unit at the University Hospital Antwerp. In 1992 he became Professor of Medicine at Antwerp University and is currently head of the department of Endocrinology, Diabetology and Metabolism of the University Hospital.

Professor Van Gaal's main clinical and research interests are related to obesity, type 2 diabetes and lipid metabolism. He is a member of many scientific, national and international societies and a member of the Editorial Board of a series of scientific journals. He is board member of the Belgian Association for the Study of Obesity (BASO) and Past-President of the Belgian Diabetic Society. He is as a founding member also involved in the scientific activities of the Obesitas Forum (Belgium) and the International (IASO) SCOPE programme. He is the running secretary of the Belgian Endocrine Society. In 2000, he was the coPresident of the 10th European Congress on Obesity, organized in Antwerp in May 2000.

He has published more than 220 papers in international medical journals, mainly in the areas of general endocrinology, obesity, diabetes and lipids and has contributed to a number of textbooks about obesity.