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University Studies:

- MSc. Zoology, University Ghent, Belgium, July 1983.
- PhD. Zoology, University Ghent, Belgium, December 1988.
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- MSc. Computer science, University Ghent, Belgium, July 1985.
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Jobs:

- Belgian national Fund for Scientific Research, University of Ghent,
Research fellow, October 1984 - September 1988
- Belgian national Fund for Scientific Research, Free University of Brussels,
Postdoctoral researcher, October 1989 - September 1991
- Netherlands Institute of Ecology, the Netherlands, Postdoctoral researcher October 1991 - March 1992
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- Netherlands Institute of Ecology, the Netherlands, Postdoctoral researcher 1993 – 1997.
- Netherlands Institute of Ecology, the Netherlands senior researcher, 1999 – 2009.
- Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ), head of the department Ecosystem Studies), 2009 – 2016
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Lecturer at Ghent University: Environmental modelling, 2001-now. Master Oceans and Lakes and master Global Change Biology.

(Co-)promotor of PhD thesis's

Succesfully defended:

- Henrik Andersson, 2007. Respiration in Ocean Margin Sediments. Utrecht University.
- Cox Tom, 2008. Oxygen and primary production in the freshwater reaches of the Schelde estuary. Universiteit Antwerpen.
- Andreas Felix Hofmann, 2009. Quantifying the influences of biogeochemical processes on pH of natural waters. Utrecht University.
- Karel Van den Meersche, 2009. Carbon flows in the planktonic food web of temperate estuaries: a combined approach using stable isotopes, biomarkers and modeling. Ghent University.
- Van Engeland, Tom, 2010. Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen Dynamics in coastal ecosystems. Utrecht University.
- Braeckman, Ulrike, 2011. Macrobenthos structuring the sea floor: importance of its functional biodiversity for the benthic ecosystem. Ghent University.
- Anna de Kluyver, 2013. Carbon flows in natural plankton communities in the Anthropocene. Utrecht University.
- Lara Pozzato,, 2013. Prokaryotic, protozoan and metazoan processing of organic matter in sediments: a tracer approach. Utrecht University.
- Christina Mueller, 2014. The sum is more than its parts. Key species in the functioning of cold-water coral reef communities. Utrecht University.
- Lorenz Meire, 2016. Quantifying the influences of biogeochemical processes on pH dynamics in a subarctic fjord (Godthåbsfjord, Greenland). University Ghent.

Ongoing PhDs

- Sandra Maier, Ghent University. Deep-water corals – (NWO-funded)
- Tanja Stratmann, Ghent University. Deep-sea mining – (EU-funded)
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- Jeff Wilson, Ghent University. Predicting environmental responses in coastal systems using a system-based hydrodynamic modeling approach (MARES-funded)
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Memberships and editorships

Past:

- Member of the national Oceanographic Data Centre.
- Member of ESF working group in innovative modelling.
- Member of Generic Estuarine Model group (the Netherlands)
- Member of the Comite International d'Orientation et d'Evaluation Scientifique du Programme Seine-Aval.
- Member of Veni-commision 2005-2007, ALW.
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- Member of vidi commission, 2014, ALW
- Member of FWO commission, 2007-2017, Belgium.

Current:

- Member of the scientific and technical advisory committee of the Copernicus marine environment modelling Service, CMEMS.
- Member of the ERC starting grant panel.
- Associate Editor of the journal of statistical software (impact factor 2015: 9,91)

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Honorary fellow of the European Society of Computational Methods in Science and Engineering. 2010.

Books

- K. Soetaert and P.M.J. Herman, 2009. A practical guide to ecological modelling – using R as a simulation platform. Springer, 372 pp. <http://www.springer.com/life+sciences/ecology/book/978-1-4020-8623-6>.
- K. Soetaert, J.R. Cash, F. Mazzia, 2012. Solving differential equations in R. UseR, Springer, 248 pp. <http://www.springer.com/statistics/computational+statistics/book/978-3-642-28069-6>.

International publications

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- Soetaert, K., C. Heip & M. Vincx, 1991. The meiobenthos along a mediterranean deep-sea transect off Calvi (Corsica) and in an adjacent canyon. *Marine Ecology* 12 (3): 227-242.
- Soetaert, K., C. Heip & M. Vincx, 1991. Diversity of nematode assemblages along a mediterranean deep-sea transect. *Mar. Ecol. Progr. Ser.* 75: 275-282.
- Heip, C., D. Basford, J. Craeymeersch, J.M. Dewarumez, J. Dorjes, P. De Wilde, G. Duineveld, A. Eleftheriou, P.M.J. Herman, U. Niermann, P. Kingston, A. Kunitzer, E. Rachor, H. Rumohr, K. Soetaert, T. Soltwedel, 1992. Trends in biomass, density and diversity of North Sea Macrofauna. *ICES J. mar. Sci.* 49: 13-22.
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Invited events last 4 years

- Solving differential equations in R. Use R conference, Los Angeles, July 2014. Plenary talk
- Open-source software development. International conference on numerical analysis and applied mathematics, Rhodos, 22-26 September 2014. Plenary talk
- Regime shifts in tidal estuaries: biogeochemical implications, workshop Hamburg, 4-5 September 2014. Invited
- Modeling Benthic-Pelagic coupling. 8th European Conference on Ecological Modelling. Beyond boundaries: next generation modelling. October 27-30, 2014, Marrakech, MOROCCO. Plenary talk.
- SCOR workshop on benthic processes. Naples. September 2015. Invited.
- Workshop on multiparametric boundary value problems. Februari 2016. Bari, workshop, invited.
- Member of scientific commission of the North Sea Open Science Conference, Oostende, November 2016. (<http://www.northseaconference.be/en/>)
- useR conference Brussels, July 2017. Tutorial: Environmental modelling using R: from local to global applications. With Thomas Petzoldt, invited.

Ongoing projects

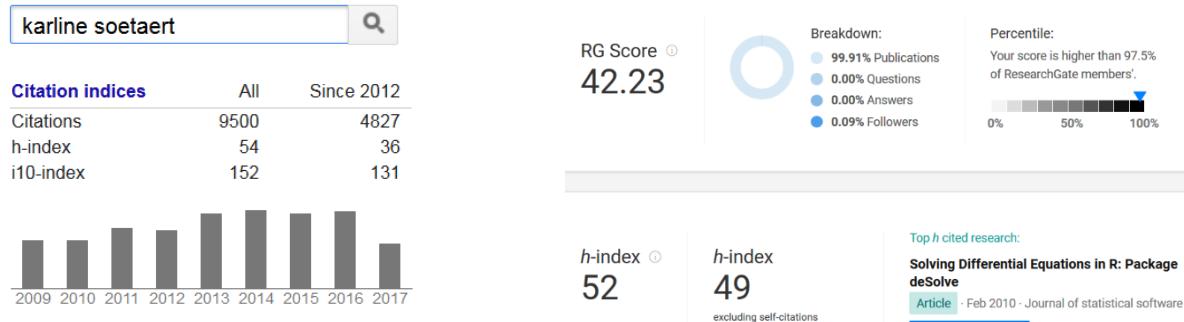
- PULS – effects of pulse fishing on biogeochemistry of the Northsea. EU-project, NIOZ.
- SANDBOX – Smart and sustainable design for offshore operations in a sandy seabed. NWO project, NIOZ.
- EMODnet biology. EU-project, NIOZ
- Face-It. Functional biodiversity in a Changing sedimentary Environment: Implications for biogeochemistry and food webs in a managerial setting. Belspo project Ghent University.
- PERSUADE. Experimental research towards sustainable management of artificial hard substrates in the North Sea. (Experimenteel onderzoek naar een toekomstig duurzaam gebruik van artificiële harde substraten in de Noordzee). Belspo project, Ghent University.
- The role of microbial biodiversity in the functioning of marine tidal flat sediments (BIO-Tide) Proposal BiodivERsA3-2015-124. Biodiversa project, Ghent University.

Statistics.

Scientific output in terms of papers

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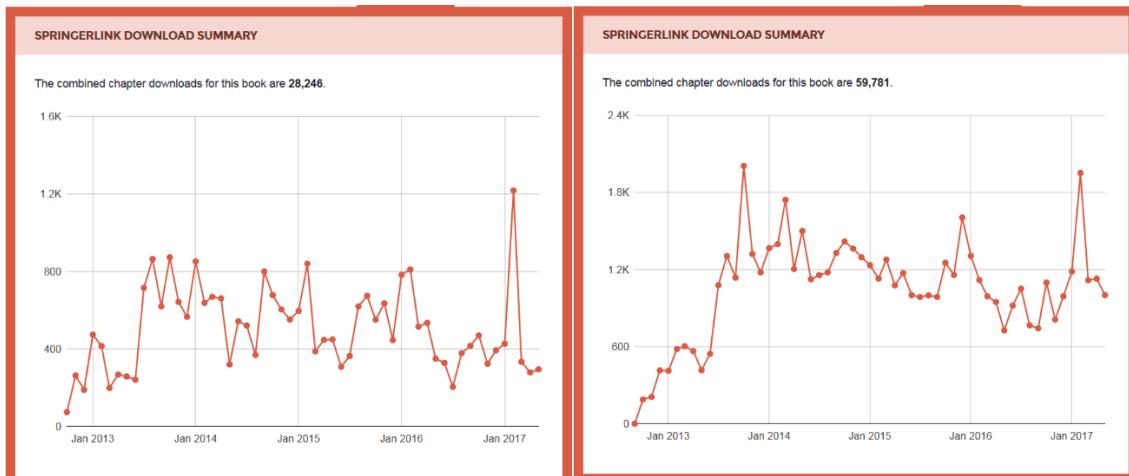


Books - downloads per month

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Right: Soetaert, Cash and Mazzia, 2012. Solving differential equations in R



R-packages – installations per day.

Summed number of installations since 2013 > 1 million.

