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Cisca Wijmenga (1964) studied biology at the University of Groningen with a specialization in biochemistry and genetics. After obtaining her PhD cum laude from the University of Leiden, she moved to the USA for a postdoctoral fellowship at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda. Subsequently, she became assistant, associate, and a full professor at Utrecht University. In 2007 she moved to Groningen where she became chair of the department of Genetics at the University Medical Center Groningen, and professor of Human Genetics at the University of Groningen. In 2015 she was one of the recipients of the Spinoza prize for the groundbreaking work in the field of complex disease genetics. She also received the 2018 UEG research prize, the ESHG award 2019, and the Gaijaard award 2022. In 2019, she became the rector of the University of Groningen. Cisca Wijmenga is a member of the Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), a EMBO member (European Molecular Biology Organization), and the Academia Europaea.

