

CV Bram Elsenaar (2021)

Bram Elsenaar (1943) studied aeronautical engineering at Delft Technical University. In 1967 he finished his master thesis at the Dutch Aerospace Laboratory NLR with experimental work under supervision of Prof. S.F. Erdmann and Prof. J. Steketee. Subsequently he got a Masters Degree in Applied Sciences at the University of Toronto (UTIAS) in 1969.

After returning to The Netherlands, he worked at NLR on fundamental experimental research in aerodynamics. He coordinated the experimental work in the transonic windtunnels on the development of supercritical airfoils and wings, in close cooperation with Fokker. In 1990 he became head of the Department of Experimental Aerodynamics, responsible for all wind tunnel testing in the low speed, transonic and supersonic wind tunnels of NLR.

He was always attracted by European cooperation. Already as a student in Delft he was a member of Euroavia, the European Organization of Aeronautical Students. He was active in Eurovisc, GARTEUR and the AGARD Fluid Dynamics Panel. He was also involved in various European Framework Programmes on aerodynamic design and wake vortex research. Between 1999 and 2001 he worked at the AIRBUS Large Aircraft Division in Toulouse on behalf of STORK Fokker Aerostructures.

He retired in 2004. Soon after that he became active in the Heritage Foundation of NLR. He has a specific interest in the history of science and aerodynamic research in particular.

Recent publications:

- '0.2<Ma<4.0 - 50 years high speed windtunnel testing in The Netherlands'; Heritage Foundation NLR (2012)
- 'Het ontwerp van de Eiffel windtunnel van het RSL' in 'Windtunnels en windtunnelmetingen in vroegere tijden bij RSL en NLL' door Berend van den Berg; Heritage Foundation NLR (2013)
- 'Onder de vleugels van Göttingen - Het Nationaal Luchtvaartlaboratorium in de Tweede Wereldoorlog'; Uitgeverij Aspekt (2020)