

Peter Germonpré, MD



Peter was born and raised in Belgium, and is married, with two daughters. He has been a scuba diver since 1984; never bothered too much about certification, but has survived more than 1,000 dives. Graduating from medical school at the University of Ghent, Belgium in 1988 he started out as a general practitioner, then commenced as a specialist in hyperbaric medicine in 1990, receiving his postgraduate certification in hyperbaric and subaquatic medicine from the University of Lille, France in 1993. He also has postgraduate certification in emergency medicine, aviation medicine and sports medicine, and is an Advanced Military Education (Superior Officer) of the Royal Institute for Defense Studies, Brussels. Since 1991, Peter has been the Medical Director of the Centre for Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy of the Belgian Military Hospital, Brussels. He joined EUBS in 1993 and has been its webmaster since the sites' inception in 1997 and is the current President of EUBS. He is also Medical Director of DAN Europe Benelux and co-founder of the COST B14 Action "Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy". Peter's special interests in diving and hyperbaric medicine include patent foramen ovale (co-authoring the text book on PFO with Costantino Balestra, see above) and pulmonary risk factors; hyperbaric intensive care, sudden deafness and acoustic trauma and evidence based medicine. His other interests in life he describes as "*speed, altitude, video, hiking,...little sleep*".