



### In Memoriam Nico van Benten, founder of Aviculture Europe

The digital magazine Aviculture Europe was founded by Nico, together with Elly Vogelaar and started hesitatingly in the autumn of 2005. From the beginning it was intended to publish a bilingual (Dutch and English) magazine in the field of hobby poultry; Nico being Chief Editor of fancy pigeon section and Elly in charge with the poultry part. The intention certainly succeeded.

Aviculture Europe was the world's first free digital poultry magazine! He was very proud with the many contributors from all over the world and the interviews with breeders; and the exhibition visits were his passion and his life.

Over the past two years it became more and more difficult for him to keep up this monastic work because of his declining health, but only few people might have noticed he had to step back. The magazine continued to be published punctually, with the same high-quality articles in it, thanks to the commitment and loyalty of the other (pigeon) editors who seamlessly took over Nico's work. To guarantee the continuation of the magazine, it was converted into a Foundation.

On October 25th he passed away. He will be dearly missed by his wife, children and grandchildren; and also by the Team of Aviculture Europe.

Rest in peace, my dear friend.  
Elly Vogelaar

