

CURRICULUM VITAE

Lina Engelen was born on May 19, 1974 in Trångsund, Sweden. In 1993 she graduated from the Erik Dahlbergsgymnasie in Jönköping. After one year administrative work in the Netherlands Antilles, she commenced a biology study at the University of Lund in Sweden specialising in physiology. During her studies, Lina studied one year at the Rijksuniversiteit Utrecht, the Netherlands as part of the Erasmus exchange programme. In 1998 she successfully finalised her masters degree with a research project on allergy, where plasma exudation in skin as a response to allergens was studied. Back in the Netherlands Antilles, she worked as a research assistant in two projects; one on marine biology and one related to haematology. Next she worked on a progress control and trial system at Rijkswaterstaat in the Netherlands. From September 2000 to May 2004, she was employed as a PhD-fellow at the oral physiology group at the University Medical Center Utrecht where she was seconded to the Wageningen Centre for Food Sciences. She is married to Peter.