

Obituary

Dr. Stefan Schifflers



Stefan Schifflers, born in Eupen on 21 November 1978, died suddenly this Sunday, April 3 2022, in a tragic bicycle accident.

Dr. Stefan Schifflers was a paediatric haematologist/oncologist working at the CHC-Montlégia Clinic in Liège. He was also very involved in several national and international groups in the field of paediatric oncology.

Stefan Schifflers has always been passionate about life, nature and technologies that can promote knowledge and harmonise relationships between people and living beings. After one year of training in agronomic sciences in Louvain-la-Neuve, he decided to join the medical school and graduated from the *Université Catholique de Louvain* in 2005. In 2011, he obtained a master degree in paediatrics at the *Université Libre de Bruxelles*. He specialised in paediatric haematology-oncology at the Queen Fabiola Children's Hospital in Brussels, the CHC-Espérance Clinic in Liège and the Curie Institute in Paris. Since October 2013, Stefan Schifflers has been working in the team of the CHC of Liège (Clinique de L'Espérance then CHC-MontLégia). He was unanimously appreciated by his colleagues for his medical skills, his intelligence, his humanism, and benevolence. Stefan was a man of collaboration, always concerned with the common good. He was invested in the Belgian Society of Pediatric Hematology Oncology (BSPHO), as treasurer. Within this society, he was also active in the working groups concerning neuro-oncology, sarcoma and molecular diagnostics and targeted therapies. He was also a member of the European Society for Pediatric oncology (SIOPE), the *Société Française des Cancers de l'Enfant* (SFCE) and the European Pediatric Soft Tissue Sarcome Study Group (EpSSG). He was the Belgian representative for the non-rhabdomyosarcoma treatment protocol. Stefan is the author of several scientific publications. He had a particular sensitivity for the management of adolescents and young adults and was currently participating in the Inter-University Diploma coordinated by the University of Angers, France. Within his institution, he also carried out a project in collaboration with the Justin Henin Foundation to promote physical activities among sick children.

Stefan was a friend who leaves us a great void. This emptiness is even bigger at home. Our thoughts go especially to Maria-Laura, his wife, Mathilde and Tristan, his children and to all his family.

Christophe Chantrain