

## **Martien van den Oever**

### **CV and Research Interests**

Martien obtained a masters degree in chemical engineering from the Eindhoven University of Technology in 1993. His master thesis work was on 'Fatigue behaviour of continuous glass fibre reinforced polypropylene composites' in the group of dr. T. Peijs (currently prof at Queen Mary, University of London) and prof. P.J. Lemstra.

After doing his military service, he joined Agrotechnology & Food Innovations bv (A&F) as a scientific researcher in 1995. His main research interests are natural fibres, structure-property relationships of natural fibres and their composites and structural materials from natural resources. Research projects include work on flax, hemp and jute fibres for textile and composite applications; structure-property relationships of flax fibres; agro nanofibre reinforced composites; development of light weight panels based on natural fibres; natural pigments for application in thermoplastics; binderless board material from coconut waste. The projects have a fundamental, applied or development character. Part of the research was published in journals and presented at conferences, part of the work was confidential (bi- and multilateral projects).