



Looking beyond horizons

Savi Rangarajan is Project Leader Genomics at VitroMics in Den Bosch. Her middle name is curiosity: "A good scientist does not have to know all the right answers, but must be able to ask all the right questions." She studied in India, California and Utrecht, but a few years ago the compass of challenge pointed to Den Bosch. Now she is taking part in the Master course of the Anton Jurgens Institute.

Always looking beyond the horizon: that is what Savi is all about. In the nineties she gained her Master of Science in Biotechnology in India - "an exciting and trendy study in a booming scientific field and business" - and her PhD in Molecular Biology at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. In 2000 she moved to Holland. With a laugh she says: "My husband owns a company in India but he has a lot of business in Europe and the States. Holland is conveniently in the middle of it. Two other good reasons were the fact that the level of biotechnology in Holland is very high and English is widely spoken."

Challenging companies

In Den Bosch she was recruited by innovative companies on the forefront of research in Life Science and Pharma like PamGene International, NOTOX and VitroMics. Savi: "I wanted more contact with people, more team spirit, more variation and more opportunities to develop my skills and bridge the gap between science and business -all of these things I have found at the Anton Jurgens Institute." In recent years Savi has gained expertise in the Genomics area encompassing bioinformatics, toxicogenomics and nutrigenomics.

Paving the way

Her decision to do the Master course of the Anton Jurgens Institute arose from her desire to know more about business and business creation. "The Master course is helping me to get a complete view of the field of nutrition and health. I am gaining insight in the markets and expanding my network at the same time. I am learning from the course materials, from the experts and from my fellow students. I'm also able to contribute ideas and share my background. Taking an active part in the Business Creation Project on tailored beverages



with Agro & Co is exciting and challenging. I am of the optimistic view that the combination of scientific skills and business development skills is key to paving the way for new innovations and ventures."

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