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Curriculum Vitae

Koen Pieter Overmars was born on the 7th of August 1976 in the Noordoostpolder, the Netherlands. From September 1988 to June 1994 he followed secondary education at the Zuyderzee College in Emmeloord. In the following year Koen studied Industrial Design Engineering at the Delft University of Technology. During this year Koen found out that his interest was more in the natural environment than in the industrial world. After obtaining the propaedeutic exam (cum laude) in Delft he decided to change his field of study. In September 1995 he started the study Soil, Water and Atmosphere at Wageningen University. He finished his study in September 2000 (cum laude) in the specialisation Soil Inventory and Land Evaluation. Before starting his Ph.D. research Koen was working as a GIS and river modelling consultant for Meander Consultancy and Research. The research that resulted in this dissertation was conducted at the CML (Institute of Environmental Science) at Leiden University and at the Laboratory of Soil Science and Geology at Wageningen University. This research started in May 2001 and was finished in October 2001.