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1. New KNVM website, including a subsite vaccinology

The KNVM has launched a new website www.knvm.org with not only a contemporised look, but also some major under-the-hood upgrades, which will improve reading the website on mobile devices. It has now become possible to apply online for membership. Later this year we will implement iDeal payments allowing users to purchase items via the website. Together with these upgrades a brand new subsite has been launched for our vaccinology division (www.knvm.org/vaccinologie). Here, you'll find information on available vaccines in the Netherlands.

2. KNVM-NVVM Microbiology Congress 2016



The dates for this annual Scientific Spring meeting are 2016 March 22 and 23! This congress will again take place at Papendal (Arnhem).

The topics for the plenary and parallel sessions are settled and an exciting programme has evolved.

Further information on this congress may be found at www.knvm.org/events/annual-spring-meetings/spring-meeting-2016. On this webpage you'll also find the link to the online registration page, and the programme.

Several prizes & awards will be presented at the congress, such as Poster prizes, Kiem prizes, and Westerdijk and Van Leeuwenhoek awards (see www.knvm.org/knvm/awards-and-grants).

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3. KNVM-NVMM Bachelor Master Symposium 2016

The 5th Bachelor Master Symposium (BAMA symposium) of the KNVM and NVMM will take place on 2016 March 23 during the Spring Meeting in Congress Centre Papendal.

Abstract submissions for oral or poster presentations and registration for the BAMA symposium was possible until 2016 February 2016.

The primary aims of the BAMA symposia are:

- To offer microbiology students the opportunity to present their research project, and thereby get experience in oral or poster presenting on a national platform.
- To create opportunities for students and teachers to experience the scientific practice and atmosphere of a symposium/congress: exchange of ideas, exploring possibilities in the research or diagnostic area, making contacts and networking.
- To create a better understanding of microbiological opportunities among students and teachers for internships and jobs in various institutes, universities, hospitals and companies in the Netherlands and abroad.
- To offer teaching institutes and companies the opportunity to present their (research) programme and/or products.

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www.knvm.org/onderwijs

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4. Participation in VICE video's about microbiology

KNVM and VICE Motherboard (see e.g. www.vice.com/nl/video/achter-de-hekken-van-het-apentestlab-in-rijswijk-274) have agreed to explore the possibility to release 6-10 freely accessible microbiology video's. This will be an ultimate opportunity to promote your particular area of microbial research and education!

We ask you to propose topics and to contribute in these documentaries. The videos will be 10 minutes long with 30 sec trailers for face-book. Selection criteria will be: societal relevance, a new finding, unique access to a facility, and several groups in the Netherlands or abroad that are active in the field.

VICE Motherboard has 800.000 unique viewers in the Netherlands and Flanders. Videos that are of interest from an international perspective will also be released in other countries making use of voice over and/or subtitles (see www.youtube.com/watch?v=jnMXH5TqqG8). Please send your proposal before 2016 March 01 to Han Wösten (h.a.b.wosten@uu.nl) or Joop van Doorn (j.vandoorn@enzazaden.nl) addressing the issues described above. We are looking forward to make the videos together with you!

5. KNVM membership has grown considerably again



At the start of a new year, the secretariat presents information on the developments concerning the KNVM membership, in the form of graphs and statistics.

In 2015 the KNVM has grown again with 52 members to a total of 1528 members. More statistical information will become available at www.knvm.org/membership.

We urge all our members to inform the society of changes in their membership data through My KNVM. You can easily set up a My KNVM account using your email address and a password. Once you gain access, you'll also be able to search for contact details of other members.

6. KNVM Divisional Meetings 2016

We inform you that divisional meetings have been scheduled for early 2016 by three KNVM divisions.

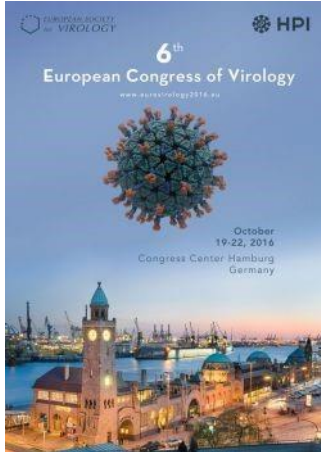
1. The KNVM **Virology** division is co-organising the Dutch Annual Virology Symposium (DAVS), which will take place on 2016 March 11 in the Tinbergenzaal, Trippenhuis, KNAW, Kloveniersburgwal 29, Amsterdam. More information can be found at www.knvm.org/events/6457-calendar/dutch-annual-virology-symposium-davs. [Click here](#) for a direct link to the programme.
2. The KNVM division **Education** is organising the annual BAMA symposium (presented separately under point 3 above).

More divisional meetings will be organised in autumn of this year.

7. Meetings, Courses and Other Events

European Congress of Virology (ECV2016)

2016 October 19-22, Hamburg (DE)



The 6th European Congress of Virology (ECV) will take place from 2016 October 19-22 at the Congress Centre Hamburg (CCH), Germany. The European Congress of Virology is the premier virology conference in Europe and is organised by the European Society for Virology (ESV). ECV2016 will bring together both junior and senior scientists, and will cover all aspects of virus research including basic, clinical, veterinary and plant virology.

For more information: www.eurovirology2016.eu

8. FEMS Grants

FEMS Meeting Attendance Grants

Deadline: 2016 April 01.

www.fems-microbiology.org/grants/fems-meeting-attendance-grants.html.

For whom: FEMS provides Meeting Attendance Grants to early career scientists working in Europe who wish to attend microbiology meetings that are not supported by a FEMS Meetings Grant. The maximum amount of a Meeting Attendance Grant is € 600, the minimum € 250.

FEMS Research Grants

Deadline: 2016 June 15.

www.fems-microbiology.org/grants-and-awards/fems-research-grants/research-grants.html.

FEMS Research Grants are meant to enhance European microbiological research by assisting early career scientists in pursuing research at a host laboratory. These grants are intended to support travel and living costs of the Grantee to a max. of € 4 000.

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