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1. Happy new year

Microbes are known for their rapid adaptation and multiplication. These properties also hold for our society. The number of KNVM members have increased rapidly in recent years. A few years ago, KNVM had about 1100 members. This increased to 1342 last year and to 1405 this year, an all time record! Last year we launched a call for new board members of the society or one of its sections. We were very pleased with the many applications we received. Two new board members will be proposed during the annual meeting and almost all open positions in the boards of the sections have been filled. For instance, the board of the section General and Molecular Microbiology welcomed 6 new members affiliated to different universities and medical centres. Members of our society also have set up a new section; the section Vaccines. This and the fact that many sections organized activities such as a fall meeting shows that KNVM is highly vital.

I would like to thank the people that have withdrawn from their board positions for the energy and time they invested in our society. Without active volunteers our society would go into a

dormant state, just existing because of the new regulations that have been filed this year. As illustrated above, we do not have to fear dormancy; we are still in the exponential phase.

I wish you a happy and healthy 2013.

Han Wösten, Chairman

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2. New board members of KNVM sections

The boards of the KNVM sections are elected by their members. In MicroNews of October 10 we announced the nominations of new board members of KNVM sections. Objections were not raised against any of the nominees.

Therefore, Prof. Gert Jan Euverink (University of Groningen), Prof. Marc van der Maarel (University of Groningen), and Dr Pascale Daran Lapujade (Delft Technical University) will be chairman, secretary and member of the board of the section Technical Microbiology, respectively, from now on.

The board of Microbial Ecology will consist of Prof. Gerard Muijzer (University of Amsterdam), Prof. Jan Dirk van Elsas (University of Groningen), Dr Irene de Bruijn (University of Wageningen) and Dr Guus Roeselers (TNO).

Prof. Mike Jetten (Radboud University), Dr Nina van Sorge (UMCU), Dr Bastiaan Krom (ACTA Amsterdam), Dr Jan Willem Veening (University of Groningen), Dr Dirk Jan Scheffers (University of Groningen) and Dr Cees Vink (Erasmus MC) will be chairman, secretary and members of the board of the Section General and Molecular Microbiology.

Finally, Prof Frank van Kuppeveld (Utrecht University) and Dr Helene Verheije (Utrecht University) will be part of the section Virology. We congratulate all new board members with their election. Reactions can be send to the chairman of the KNVM (h.a.b.wosten@uu.nl).

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3. The KNVM and Social Media

The use of social media offers the KNVM communication in a modern and fast way with its members. Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook are available in 2013 from the moment that a new KNVM website will be launched.

Twitter

@KNVM_Online is hosted by Dennis Claessen (d.claessen@biology.leidenuniv.nl). In the nearby future, news items can be read. At the moment only a happy few are following the tweets as only a minor group is informed about this new way to communicate. By following members of the KNVM/NVMM or other microbiologists more members will follow and thus possibly increase the amount of followers (and the amount of KNVM members!). Besides using Twitter for news flashes also references to interesting articles can be made public (see for instance as an example the Tweets of nature Reviews in Microbiology (@NatureRevMicro). Also news from the NVMM (@NVMM_NL) will be "re-tweeted"; the aim of the KNVM Twitter is to send no more than approximately 10-20 messages weekly.

LinkedIn and Facebook

LinkedIn: <http://tinyurl.com/KNVM-LinkedIn> and FaceBook: <http://tinyurl.com/KNVM-FaceBook>

will be available soon. The aim is to start when the new website is launched (spring 2013) with for instance advertising messages for members. At this moment members can only participate with permission of the web master (d.claessen@biology.leidenuniv.nl).

The KNVM cordially invites at least one member of the board of each section to contact Dennis to explore the possibilities of KNVM Twitter, LinkedIn or Facebook for their section members.

4. ERC grants for Stams and Muijzer

Prof. Gerard Muijzer, connected to the Institute for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Dynamics (IBED), (University of Amsterdam) recently received an ERC Grant. Muijzer will study the paradox of sulfur bacteria in soda lakes. More information can be found on the IBED website: <http://ibed.uva.nl/news-events/news/content/2012/11/three-erc-advanced-grants-for-ibed-scientists.html>.

Prof. Fons Stams from Wageningen University received an ERC grant for studying "Novel anaerobes in a biobased economy".

More information can be found on the IBED website:

http://resource.wur.nl/wetenschap/detail/miljoenen_voor_zoektocht_naar_nieuwe_bacterien.

5. FEMS Congress visiting grants for young scientists

FEMS provides approximately 200 grants for Young European Scientists to support their attendance at the 5th FEMS Congress. A special FEMS Congress Award (including a Certificate and an additional 500 EURO) will be awarded to five European and one non-European Young Scientists for the best presented papers. Find out more and remember that the deadline for submission is 2013 March 15. For more information see FEMS Affiliates Letter, November 2012.

6. Nomination for Awards

On the website of the NVMM (www.nvmm.nl) calls for the following awards are presented:

- Kiemprijs
- Van Leeuwenhoek Award
- Westerdijk Award

The deadline for nomination is 2013 February 15.

The prizes will be awarded at the KNVM/NVMM Spring Meeting.

7. Call for abstracts IAPF European Society for Food Safety

For the attention of the members of the KNVM section Food Microbiology: call for abstracts

IAPF European Society for Food Safety, Marseille, 2013 May 15-17.
For more information see www.foodprotection.org.

8. Sectional events

KNVM sections will organise the following events in the coming period.

Microbial Typing

Title: COURSE on Molecular Typing methods

Dates: 2013 January 28-30

Venue: University Medical Centre Utrecht and RIVM

URL: www.nvmm-online.nl/modules/extcal/event.php?event=353

Further information:

The aim of this course is to obtain theoretical as well as practical knowledge and skills in a number of epidemiological typing techniques, "hands-on". The techniques will be performed using different micro-organisms. The analyses of the results will be executed by the students themselves by application of specialised software. The course can accommodate about 30 students.

For more information, programme and to sign up: www.microtyping.nl.

Virology

Title: Dutch Annual Virology Symposium 2013 (DAVS)

Dates: 2013 March 08

Venue: Tinbergenzaal, Trippenhuis, KNAW, Kloveniersburgwal 29, Amsterdam

URL: www.nvmm-online.nl/modules/extcal/event.php?event=344

Education

Title: Bachelor and Master Symposium Microbiology 2013

Dates: 2013 April 15

Venue: Hogeschool Leiden

URL: www.nvmonderwijs.nl

The section Education organises this symposium especially for bachelor and master students with a subject in microbiology studying at HBO as well as universities. This 2nd BAMA symposium will be held in the brand new building of the Hogeschool Leiden.

Further information is available at the website of the section Education:

www.nvmonderwijs.nl.

Submissions for presentations, posters and attendance will be announced in January/February.

9. This year's KNVM congresses

The KNVM will co-organise two major congresses in 2013:

➤ German – Dutch microbiology congress 2013, together with the VAAM.

Dates: **2013 March 10-13**

Venue: Congress Centre and Messe, Bremen, Germany

URL: www.nvmm-online.nl/modules/extcal/event.php?event=272 & www.vaam-

kongress.de.

Email: vaam-kongress@conventus.de

Further information:

The programme will feature the following topics and speakers:

Public Lecture: EHEC-Bakterien Gestern und Heute - Helge Karch (Münster/DE)

Host-Microbe Interaction - Pierre de Wit (Wageningen/NL), Willem de Vos (Wageningen/NL)

Marine Microbiology - Lars Peter Nielsen (Aarhus/DK), Mike Zubkov (Southampton/GB)

Physiology and Metabolism - Christa Schleper (Vienna/AT), Mike Jetten (Nijmegen/NL)

Omics and Bioinformatics - Peer Bork (Heidelberg/DE), Kathleen Marchal (Leuven/BE)

Unicellular Eukaryotic Microbiology - Virginia Armbrust (Seattle, WA/US), Rene Wijffels (Wageningen/NL)

Food and Feed Microbiology - Luc De Vuyst (Brussels/BE), Monika Ehling-Schulz (Vienna/AT)

Environmental Biotechnology - Marc Strous (Bremen/DE), Juan Ramos (Granada/ES)

Single Cell Microbiology - Ramunas Stephanauskas (East Boothbay, ME/US), Laura van Niftrik (Nijmegen/NL)

➤ **KNVM-NVMM scientific spring meeting 2013**

Dates: **2013 April 16-17**

Venue: Papendal Congress Centre, Arnhem

URL: www.nvmm-online.nl/modules/2013

Email: k.haas@congresscompany.com

Deadline for abstracts Scientific Spring meeting: 2013 January 13 or contact Congress Company

10. Change of postal address of KNVM secretariat

The postal address of the KNVM secretariat is changing.

OLD ADDRESS: PO Box 214, 2600AE Delft

NEW ADDRESS: Touwbaan 40, 3142BV Maassluis

Please now only use this new postal address, since the PO Box is closed as of the beginning of 2013.

11. Calendar of selected microbiology events

2013 July 21-25

[FEMS Congress 2013](#)

Colophon

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