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1. Introducing Marien de Jonge as nominee for chair of the KNVM (2017-2012).



I studied biology at the VU in Amsterdam and specialised in molecular microbiology, because I was fascinated by microbes, the most important, diverse and ancient life forms on our planet. I obtained my PhD at the University of Amsterdam, where I was appointed at the medical faculty, department of medical microbiology (AMC) in the group of the late Prof. Jacob Dankert. I worked on *Neisseria meningitidis*, the causative agent of meningitis and sepsis and studied the structure-function relationship of a family of its adhesion proteins and the use of these proteins for vaccine development. I did most of my studies at the RIVM (National Institute of Public Health and the Environment) in Bilthoven where I was supervised by Dr Peter van der Ley.

Right after my PhD, I got a post-doc position at the Institut Pasteur in Paris, in the group of Prof. Stewart Cole. I studied the functional mechanism of proteins secreted by a newly discovered secretion system in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, ESX-1, which I combined with studies on the development of an improved BCG vaccine. After two and half years of postdoctoral research activities, I joined the R&D

department of Nobilon (part of Merck Sharpe & Dohme) to become project leader and to build up the new *Chlamydia trachomatis* vaccine project. After a successful transfer of my project to Merck & Co I moved to the Radboud University Medical Center to become head of the Laboratory of Pediatric Infectious Diseases (LIPD). My group is focused on unraveling host-pathogen interactions and on understanding mucosal and systemic immune responses in the context of infection and vaccination. The main aim of the research performed within LIPD is to improve prevention, diagnosis and treatment of viral and bacterial respiratory tract infections in children. Thereby focusing mainly on respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and *Bordetella pertussis*.

I am very happy to be nominated for this challenging position of KNVM chair. The Society promotes high-quality microbiological science and aims to inspire and create interest in microbiology. I am looking forward to contribute to further explain the importance of microbiology, which is not just a discipline for a selective group of scientists, but affects everyone's life and determines our daily news, ranging from the emergence of antimicrobial resistance to the increasingly important role of microbes in a biobased economy. It is therefore important to give the KNVM a clear role in the dissemination of scientific findings to the general public. Furthermore, the KNVM should not only provide a forum for communication among microbiologists but should also play a role in their professional development. The KNVM will improve collaborations with other partner organisations in the field, to lobby for the general interests of microbiologists and to raise funds for investment in the future of microbiology.

The current members of the KNVM Board are presented at www.knvm.org/knvm/board.

2. New edition of the Biosafety booklet



A new, revised edition of the Biosafety (Veilig Werken) booklet has been released under a new ISBN number (978-90-825105-0-8). This is the 4th edition (2016) which builds on the success of the former three editions (since 1984). In this new edition more background information and more examples from practice have been added, and, importantly, it includes current policies and regulations. In addition, attention has been given to the Nagoya protocol, biosecurity and biosafety concerning plants and its (quarantine) micro-organisms.

The KNVM strongly advises you to replace your former edition with the current one, because of the substantial changes and additions.

The booklet can be ordered via the KNVM secretariat at a special member price (www.knvm.org/knvm/publications/knvm-biosafety-booklet).

3. Reduced membership fee payment by direct debit (automatische incasso)

The KNVM urges you to consider to authorise the society for the annual payment of your membership fee by direct debit, if you haven't done so yet. This saves you € 5.00 on your payment (as from next year onwards) and saves us a lot of work. See

www.knvm.org/membership.

You can authorise us very easily via 'My KNVM': you enter your bank account details (your IBAN) in your profile, whereafter you print the (pre-completed) authorisation form, sign it and post it to the KNVM secretariat.

In case you haven't activated your 'My KNVM' account, you may request your personal activation link from the KNVM secretariat (secretariaat@knvm.org).

*Please note that (a) institutional members, (b) KNVM-NVMM dual members, and (c) golden members will not need to pay a fee to the KNVM and will therefore **not** need to submit the authorisation form.*

Around 2016 May 06, members without direct debit authorisation were requested (by email or post) to pay their membership fee for 2016 by bank transfer. Please check whether you have transferred your fee to the KNVM bank account (IBAN nummer NL19 ABNA 0552 0700 92). If not, please proceed to make this transfer as soon as possible.

4. KNVM Divisional Meetings 2016

We inform you that the following divisional meeting will take place during this autumn:

KNVM-AM Divisional Meeting on 2016 October 21 in Leiden.

The division **General and Molecular Microbiology** organises its Fall Meeting on Friday October 21 at the Leiden University Medical Centre (LUMC).

A fantastic programme has been assembled with (inter)national top speakers. The programme is available [here](#). The meeting is free, but requires [registration](#).

We hope to see you in Leiden!

Wiep Klaas Smits, Danny Rozen and Dennis Claessen (local organisers)

KNVM-EC Divisional Meeting on 2016 November 04 in Nijmegen.

The division **Microbial Ecology** organises its Fall Meeting on Friday November 04 in the Steigerzaal, Lindenberg, Ridderstraat 23, Nijmegen.

Three key-note speakers in the field of microbial ecology are invited: Amelia-Elena Rotaru, Andreas Brune and Tom van der Wiele. Besides these invited lectures, many short (20 minutes) presentation slots are available for junior scientists. All information about this exciting meeting is posted on [this website](#).

KNVM-MB Divisional Meeting on 2016 November 07 in Delft.

The division Microbial Biotechnology organises its Fall Meeting (MB3.0) on Monday November 07 at the Mekelweg 8 in Delft.

The preliminary program is available on the [webpage of the KNVM-MB division](#).

Participants, and particularly junior participants, are strongly encouraged to bring posters to the fall meeting. The best 4 posters will be selected for poster pitches in the afternoon session. If you have questions, please contact [Pascale Daran-Lapujade](#).

A registration fee of €30 will be applied, but the meeting is free of charge for master and bachelor students, as well as for members of the NBV or the KNVM. The registration fee will

have to be paid in cash at the registration desk on the day of the fall meeting. You can register [here](#).

We hope to see you soon in Delft!

KNVM-MY Divisional Meeting on 2016 November 25 in Utrecht.

The division Mycology organises its Fall Meeting on Friday November 25 at the CBS, Uppsalalaan 8, Utrecht.

The theme of the morning session will be “Fungi on the Move”, discussing aspects of transport and dispersion from ecology to molecular biology. PhD students and Post-docs are invited to present their work in the afternoon (please contact [Han Wösten](#)). These contributions do not have to be related to the theme of the morning session.

The best Thesis Award 2015/2016 will be announced at the end of the meeting. Please submit your nominations to [Han Wösten](#) by sending a pdf file of the thesis of the candidate that defended his/her dissertation in 2015 or 2016.

The programme of the meeting is available on the [KNVM website](#).

5. Meetings, Courses and Other Events

Symposium 'Improving Biosecurity'

2016 October 05, Amsterdam (NL)

Dual-use considerations in the research chain: from grant application to publication

Venue: Trippenhuys Building, Kloveniersburgwal 29, 1011 JV Amsterdam

For more information and registration see the [KNVM website](#).

Course 'Food and Indoor Mycology'

2016 October 10-14, Utrecht (NL)

Location CBS-KNAW Fungal Biodiversity Centre, Uppsalalaan 8, Utrecht

For more information and registration see the [KNVM website](#).

5th International Conference on Novel Enzymes

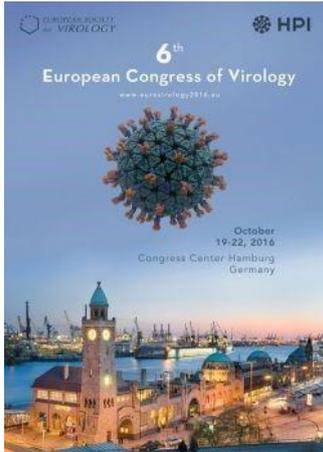
2016 October 11-14, Groningen (NL)

We are pleased to announce that the 5th International Conference on Novel Enzymes (INEC16) will be held on 2016 October 11-14, in Groningen, The Netherlands. This conference series, as part of the European Section on Applied Biocatalysis (ESAB), has been held for over the past twenty years across Europe. The goal of the conference is to provide a forum for the presentation of the most exciting advances and new findings concerning novel enzymes.

For more information and registration see the [KNVM website](#).

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.

The Food Factor

2016 November 02-04, Barcelona (ES)

You are cordially invited to take part in the forthcoming Food Factor - Barcelona Conference. Food Science is playing an increasingly important role in today's society: health, welfare, economy... and many other related issues make this field one of the most dynamic and relevant areas of current research.

For more information see the [KNVM website](#).

One Health Symposium: focus on genomics of pathogenic *E. coli*

2016 December 01-02, Utrecht (NL)

This meeting will be held in the jaarbeurs, Supernova in Utrecht.

For more information go to www.jaarbeurs.nl/EN49/Supernova.

8. FEMS Grants

FEMS Research Grants

Deadline: 2016 December 01.

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 up to 3 months at a host laboratory in a European country different to that in which the applicant resides. These grants are intended to support travel and living costs of the grantee to a max. of € 4 000.

FEMS National & Regional Congresses Grants

Deadline: 2016 December 01.

www.fems-microbiology.org/fems-work/grants/fems-national-regional-congresses-grants

FEMS provides start-up grants to support National or Regional Microbiological Congresses. The start-up grant can be used by organisers in any respect that supports successful organisation of the meetings. Grants range from € 1 000 – € 3 000 depending on the numbers of society members and expected participants at the congress.

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