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1. Leeuwenhoek medal 2015: medallist will be announced in Papendal

The winner of the Leeuwenhoek medal will be announced at the next KNVM-NVMM Microbiology Congress (Spring meeting) on 2015 April 15 in Papendal (Arnhem). The winner will then be decorated with the highly prestigious Leeuwenhoek medal and will present the Leeuwenhoek lecture. Be sure to join!

For more information on this award see:

http://knvm.org/knvm/awards_and_grants/leeuwenhoek_medal.

2. Calls open for three KNVM-NVMM awards

Calls for the following three KNVM-NVMM awards have just opened:

- 'Kiem' Award ('Kiemprijs'): best initial publication as first author
- Westerdijk Award: best PhD thesis
- Van Leeuwenhoek Award: best initial publication as last author.

The prize money is € 500 for the 'Kiem' Award, € 1 000 for the Westerdijk Award, and € 500 for the Van Leeuwenhoek Award. For each award category three prizes are available.

The deadline for all award categories is 2015 January 15.

The winners will be announced at the KNVM-NVMM Microbiology Congress (Spring meeting) in Papendal (2015 April 14-15).

Submissions/nominations for the Kiem and Van Leeuwenhoek awards should be emailed to nvmm@knmg.nl.

For the Westerdijk award submissions should be posted to NVMM, Postbus 21020, 8900JA Leeuwarden.

Further information, including call texts, may be found at:

- www.nvmm.nl/wetenschap/vereniging/werkgroepen_commissies/wetenschapsprijzen-nvmmnvmm
- www.knvm.org/knvm/awards_and_grants.

3. Calls open for two FEMS awards

FEMS-Lwoff Award 2015



At the next FEMS Congress, which will be held in Maastricht on 2015 June 07-11, the FEMS-Lwoff award will be presented to a person or a group of persons for outstanding service to microbiology in Europe. The award consists of a prize-lecture, a medal with an illuminated address, and an honorarium of € 1 000. You can nomination someone or a group before the deadline for nominations: 2015 January 10

More information: <http://www.fems-microbiology.org/grants-and-awards/fems-lwoff-award.html>

FEMS-Jensen Award



Hans Laurits Jensen

The award is intended to recognise academic achievement and superior research accomplishments showing significant potential to develop an outstanding research career. The award honours Dr Hans Laurits Jensen for helping young scientists in establishing their scientific career and is in principle given once every two years. The awardee will be announced during the

FEMS Congress.

The award comprises a fellowship for spending at least half a year in an outstanding research laboratory chosen by the student. The maximum award amounts to € 10 000. Eligible are outstanding European students of microbiology at the final stage of their PhD studies, or those who received their PhD degree less than three years from the application deadline. Applicants should be less than 36 years old at the time of the application deadline.

Deadline for nominations: 2015 March 01.

More information: www.fems-microbiology.org/grants-and-awards/fems-jensen-award.html.

4. The KNVM board's annual meeting with divisional chairs

The annual KNVM Board meeting was traditionally held at Stadskasteel Oudean in Utrecht where the KNVM divisional chairs presented the divisional activities of 2014 and the plans for 2015. The financial situation of the KNVM was explained by treasurer Wil van der Reijden. The website and sectional subdirectories were presented by webmaster Dennis Claessen with the request to some of the divisions to deliver more content. The divisional sites can be also be used for organising symposia.

Oscar Kuipers presented the situation about the nomination of candidates for the Leeuwenhoek medal and the actions of the jury. A candidate has been elected who will be presented at the Spring Meeting 2015 in Papendal.

Information from the KNVM/NVMM Scientific Committee (WeCo) was presented by Pieter-Jan de Haas. The medal winner will be give a presentation, there will be less parallel sessions (49 suggestions with 23 slots were entered). The WeCo will have a brainstorm session to discuss the present location of the spring and autumn meetings plus how to fill these meetings.

Also the visibility of the KNVM was discussed and how to improve this further. The secretary Jetta Bijlsma informed the attendance about the brainstorm session of the board: involvement in Micropia (education, presentations), role in the public debate about micro-organisms (micro debate at the spring meeting?), an updated instruction booklet Safety Practises and the exploration to start a new microbial journal for a specific audience.

5. KNVM-NVMM microbiology congress (spring meeting) in Papendal

The KNVM-NVMM Scientific Spring meeting will take place on 2015 April 14-15 in Papendal (Arnhem). During this meeting the winner of the Leeuwenhoek Medal will be announced and will give a presentation. Don't miss this special occasion!

6. Fourth BAMA symposium in Papendal

Registration and submission of abstracts for the 4th BAMA symposium on Wednesday 2015 April 15 is now open!



The symposium is embedded in the annual Spring Meeting of the KNVM and NVMM at the Congress Centre in Papendal. Bachelor and Master students are invited to present their research as oral presentation or as poster. Around the BAMA symposium participants can experience the scientific programme and atmosphere of the largest annual scientific microbiology meeting in the Netherlands and have the opportunity to meet national and international scientists! For registered BAMA students participation

in the BAMA symposium and the scientific programme on Wednesday 2015 April 15 is free of charge. Registration by BAMA students for the BAMA symposium is required by completing the registration website for the Annual Spring meeting 2015:

www.knvm.org/events/annual_spring_meetings/spring_meeting_2015/registration_hotel and by indicating that the student participates in the BAMA symposium. To submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations all participants should register first and then fill in the form on the website:

www.knvm.org/events/annual_spring_meetings/spring_meeting_2015/abstract_submission and choose BAMA symposium as category.

Deadline for submission of abstracts is Sunday 2015 January 11.

Information on the KNVM-NVMM Spring Meeting can be found here:

www.knvm.org/events/annual_spring_meetings/spring_meeting_2015.

Information on the BAMA symposia can be found here: www.knvm.org/onderwijs/bama_symposia.



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7. FEMS Congress of European Microbiologists (FEMS 2015)

*Celebrating 40 years of
advancing and unifying
microbiological knowledge*



KNVM is co-organiser of the FEMS 2015 congress in Maastricht on 2015 June 07-11. The quality of the programme of previous editions has been very well evaluated. Oscar Kuipers, Frank van Kuppeveld, Tom Coenye, Stanley Brul and Han Wösten are part of the organising committee. Plenary sessions, symposia and workshops are currently being planned with the aim to make

the Maastricht edition a success. We expect to welcome about 3 000 participants. The FEMS 2015 congress is highly recommended. For more information, abstract topics, submission and scientific programme go to the website.

Website

<http://fems-microbiology.kenes.com>

Deadline for abstract submission: Wednesday, 2015 January 07.

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8. Other meetings

Annual Conference 2015 of the Association for General and Applied Microbiology (VAAM 2015).

The conference will take place from 2015 March 01-04 in Marburg, Germany.

Food Micro



On 2015 February 05, the foundation Food Micro will organise an event on food diagnostics in Hotel de Biltsche Hoek in De Bilt. The event includes a symposium part with presentations and a fair on the field of diagnostics and analytical methods. The event will start in the morning with presentations dealing with the latest developments in the field of detection of micro-organisms (spoilage organisms and food pathogens) and their toxic metabolites (mycotoxins). In the afternoon companies and institutes can present themselves in a stand and there will plenty of opportunity to ask questions ("meet-the-expert") and mini workshops will be held. The event will finish with attractive lectures and drinks.

The early bird registration fee (until January 05) is € 75,- per visitor (including lunch, coffee and drinks); € 125,- afterwards. It is important to note that our symposia are in the Dutch language. More information at www.foodmicro.nl.

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9. Wanted: Micropia volunteers

Natura Artis Magistra (Artis) is a national institute where men, animals, microbes, plants, stars, museums, art and cultural heritage meet and where people get inspired and learn about nature and themselves.

Micropia is part of Artis. Micropia shows the mightiest, most successful and at the same time smallest life form on earth. Every human being carries 3 pounds of microbes. Micro-organisms are everywhere and determine how the world looks like. After a visit to Micropia the world and yourself never look the same again. At this moment Micropia is looking for volunteers to assist in Micropia for a minimum of two services a month to welcome and attend to visitors, to assist with the entrance at the ticket machines and elevator, to answer practical questions about Micropia and micro-organisms at a basic level, to receive information about defects, reactions and questions, and to welcome and assist school classes.

To apply and check the volunteer profile see http://artis.heeft-vacatures.nl/publieksvrijwilliger_Micropia_Amsterdam/32915/0/solliciteren.

10.Events calendar (selected events)

2015 April 14-15

KNVM-NVMM Scientific Spring Congress 2015

Papendal, Arnhem, NL

2015 June 07-11

6th Congress of European Microbiologists

MECC, Maastricht, NL

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