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1. Winners of the KNVM-NVMM awards 2014

One Westerdijk Award and three Kiem Awards 2014 were presented during the KNVM-NVMM Congress 2014 at Papendal
The Westerdijk Award 2014 was presented to **Edze Westra** (WUR) for his PhD thesis:
Adaptive and inheritable immunity in bacteria.



Awardees Karlijn Bastiaansen (Kiem Award) and Edze Westra (Westerdijk Award).

Karlijn Bastiaansen (VU) received a Kiem Award for her first publication:
Bastiaansen KC, Ibanez A, Ramos JL, Bitter W, Llamas MA (2014) The Prc and RseP proteases control bacterial cell-surface signalling activity. *Environm. Microbiol.* doi:10.1111/1462-2920.12371.

Jelle Slager (RUG) received a Kiem Award for his first publication:
Slager J, Kjos M, Attaiech L, Veening JW (2014) Antibiotic-induced replication stress triggers bacterial competence by increasing gene dosage near the origin. *Cell*, accepted.



Kiem Award winner Jelle Slager (right) receives his price from Wilbert Bitter.

Andras Spaan (UMCU) received a Kiem Award for his first publication:
Spaan AN, Henry T, Van Rooijen WJM, Perret M, Badiou C, Aerts P, Kemmink J, De Haas CJC, Van Kessel KPM, Vandenesch F, Lina G, Van Strijp JAG (2013) The staphylococcal toxin Pantone-Valentine Leukocidin targets human C5a receptors. *Cell Host & Microbe* 13, 584-594.



Kiem Award winner András Spaan (right) receives his price from Wilbert Bitter.

2. KNVM membership has reached another record at 1500

The KNVM recently has welcomed it's 1500th member. Since 2010, our society has increased from about 1200 to 1500 members and we hope to continue such growth. The KNVM aims to promote the knowledge of and interest in microbiology in The Netherlands and Flanders. Our society and its ten divisions organise symposia in several microbiological disciplines. The KNVM is open for any cooperation with other microbiological societies for the organisation of symposia.

3. New KNVM Board members

Jan Willem Sanders was succeeded by Wil van der Reijden as Treasurer. The candidates Wösten, Kuipers, Van Doorn, and Coenye were nominated for a second period of four years and installed by acclamation during the Annual General Meeting on 2014 April 15 in Papendal.



The KNVM Board 2014. From left to right: Diman van Rossum (secretariat), Jetta Bijlsma, Pieter Jan Haas, Wil van der Reijden, H el ene Verheije, Joop van Doorn, Han W osten, Dennis Claessen, Oscar Kuijpers (just visible in the background) and Jan Willem Sanders (former Treasurer).

4. Leeuwenhoek medal 2015

Call for nominations: Leeuwenhoek medal



- A prestigious medal initiated by KNAW (Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences) in 1877 . Prize winners include Pasteur , Woese and Beijerinck. KNVM has taken over the medal in 2013
- This medal is awarded to a scientist for his / her excellent, high impact, highly relevant microbiology research during the last 10-12 years. There is no restriction to citizenship
- Deadline for nominations June 10th 2014 (jetta.bijlsma@merck.com)
- Contact: Oscar Kuipers (chair of the jury : O.P.kuipers@rug.nl) or Jetta Bijlsma (Secretary of KNVM: jetta.bijlsma@merck.com)



As discussed during last year's KNVM Annual General Meeting, the KNVM will continue the tradition to award the Van Leeuwenhoek medal. For the call for nominations and selection a jury has been installed (chairman Prof. Dr Oscar Kuipers, KNAW/KNVM). Here you can find the official call for nominations:

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Groningen, 2014 March 31

Call for nominations

The jury for awarding the Leeuwenhoek Medal 2015 (previously awarded by the KNAW, but now awarded by the KNVM) calls universities, research institutes, scientific societies, individual scientists and others to nominate qualified candidates for the prestigious Leeuwenhoek-medal 2015.

This medal has been awarded ever since 1877, on average every 10-12 years, to a scientist who made very important and excellent contributions to microbiology over the last 10-12 years. Next to the medal, the winner will present his/her work at the KNVM symposium 2015 in Papendal and will receive honorary KNVM membership.

Previous award winners include: C.G. Ehrenberg, Germany, F. Cohn, Poland, L. Pasteur, France, M.W. Beijerinck, Netherlands, Sir D. Bruce, UK, F. d'Herelle, Egypt, S. Nikolaevitch Winogradsky, France, S.A. Waksman, USA, A. Lwoff, France, C.B. van Niel, USA, R.Y. Stanier, France, C.R. Woese, USA, and K. Stetter, Germany.

The nomination should include a short motivation (1 to 2 pages A-4), in which the quality,

impact and relevance of the scientific work are highlighted, a short CV of the candidate and a list of his/her most important publications (not more than 10).

These documents may be in English or Dutch. Nominations need to be received on or before 2014 June 10 by the KNVM Secretary, Dr Jetta Bijlsma (jetta.bijlsma@merck.com) preferably by email. For further information you can contact Prof. Dr Oscar P. Kuipers +31-50-363 2093, email o.p.kuipers@rug.nl.

For the KNVM Board,
Prof. Dr Oscar P. Kuipers (chair of the jury)

5. Changes in the division Technical Microbiology

We are happy to announce the new Board of the division Technical Microbiology consisting of Gert Jan Euverink (University of Groningen, Chair), Pascale Daran Lapujade (TU Delft, Secretary), Mickel Jansen (DSM), Lucie Hazelwood (Heineken), Herwig Bachmann (Nizo), and Ruud Weusthuis (Wageningen University).

At the same time a name change has been adopted for this division: from Technical Microbiology (old) to Microbial Biotechnology (new).

6. New education website

Members of the KNVM division Education have worked hard over the past few months to create a brand new website, which has been fully integrated with the new society website. This integration enhances the visibility of the section within the KNVM, and contributes to the coherence within our society. This new division website aims to promote microbiology-related education in the Netherlands, and to highlight the importance of microbiology in our society. This is realised by providing microbiology-related news items, as well as teaching ideas for all educational levels. The new website (in Dutch) can be found at: <http://knvm.org/onderwijs>.

7. Login to 'My KNVM' and search for other members

The KNVM website (www.knvm.org) features a 'My KNVM' section. After login, you will now be able to view and edit your own membership details, and to tailor permission for other members to access your data. You will also be able to search the membership database and view contact details of other members (in as far as they have given permission to do so).

Each member has access to her/his own 'My KNVM' pages, by completing a few simple steps. You can create your own, personal login details.

Step 1: Navigate to www.knvm.org/my_knvm/terms_of_service.

Step 2: Enter your personal, unique code **you already created your login**

Step 3: Accept the Terms of Service

Step 4: Check (modify) and accept your membership / personal data

Step 5: Create your own password.

You are now already immediately logged in to 'My KNVM' and you may view (see menu on the left hand side) the following pages:

- **Profile:** for your own membership information. There are a number of tabs available for the different classes of information. Under the tab '**Preferences**' you may modify the

information that will be available to other members.

- **Almanac:** to search the database for other members
- **Notulen:** for files that are available for members only

After having browsed through 'My KNVM, please log-off.

Next time, when you want to login again you need to enter your login data in the fields in the box in the left (menu) column of www.knvm.org:

Email (user name): j.vandoorn@enzazaden.nl

Password: [the password you have created under step 5 above](#)

8. Grant opportunities

FEMS Meeting Attendance Grants

FEMS provides Meeting Attendance Grants (MAGs) to young European scientists wishing to attend microbiology meetings that are not supported by a FEMS Meetings Grant. MAGs may support attendance at meetings worldwide but preference will be given to meetings within the European area.

Deadlines in 2014 for FEMS Grants

FEMS Meeting Attendance Grants	2014 September 01
FEMS Research Fellowships	2014 June 15 & 2014 December 01
FEMS National & Regional Congresses Grants	2014 June 01 & 2014 December 01

More information at www.fems-microbiology.org.

9. Microbiology meetings

IUMS 2014



IUMS 2014
MONTREAL, CANADA

The International Union of Microbiological Societies (IUMS) will hold its three International Congresses (14th International Congress of Bacteriology and Applied Microbiology, 14th International Congress of Mycology and 16th International Congress of Virology) concurrently so as to favour cross-fertilisation among disciplines and hence foster a modern outlook on microbiology in the 21st century.

The Congress will be held on 2014 July 27 – August 01 in Montréal, Canada.

The on-line abstract submission, registration and accommodation sites are now open:

www.montrealiums2014.org.

FEMS 2015

*Celebrating 40 years of
advancing and unifying
microbiological knowledge*



KNVM is co-organiser of the FEMS 2015 congress in Maastricht (2015 June 07-11) (<http://fems-microbiology.kenes.com>). 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 3000 participants.

The FEMS 2015 congress is highly recommended.

Note that KNVM also co-organises the 2015 Scientific Spring Meeting with the NVMM. We thus offer ample possibilities to inform yourself and for networking.

Food Micro

For more information see www.bcfcareerevent.nl.

11.Events calendar (selected events)

2014 June 19

The Epidermis of Man: Co-Existing with Commensals

28th Old Herborn University Seminar, Herborn, DE

2014 June 24-26

International Scientific Conference on Probiotics and Prebiotics (IPC2014)

Budapest, HU

2014 Jul 27 – Aug 01

IUMS 2014

Montréal's Convention Centre (Palais des Congrès de Montréal), Montreal, CA

2014 August 31 – September 04

11th International Symposium on Lactic Acid Bacteria

Zuiderduin, Egmond aan Zee, NL

2014 September 18-19

19th Conference on Food Microbiology

Brussels, BE

2014 September 21-23

18th International Symposium on Gnotobiology and International Conference on Microbiota and Human Health

St Petersburg, RU

2014 September 26

FoodMicro Symposium: Voedselverspilling door Microbieel Bederf

Hotel De Biltsche Hoek, De Bilt, NL

2014 September 28 – October 01

17th Annual Meeting of European Society for Clinical Virology (ESCV)

Praha, CZ

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