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1. Symposia and lecture series

Symposium 'Microbiologie en Ketenverantwoordelijkheid: "kritische punten en oplossingen uit de praktijk'

The Food Micro foundation organises a symposium on Thursday 2014 January 16 where the various aspects of microbiological safety in relation to food chain responsibility will be covered. With these symposia the foundation aims to reach not only scientists but also the practitioners and is happy to announce that, besides lectures from WUR, TNO and KWR speakers from the trade and industry will be presenting how they are handling microbiological safety in relation to supply chain responsibility. Lecturers who will be presenting are

- Marcel Zwietering, Professor in Food Microbiology WUR;
- Ellen Brinkman, European Food Microbiologist Heinz;
- Leen Menken, Director Menken Food Logistics;
- Mark Nijhof, Director R&D Heiploeg Group;
- Frank Oesterholt, Senior Scientist KWR Water Cycle Research Institute;
- Guus Roeselers, Senior Scientist Microbiology & System Biology TNO.

Participation fee amounts € 325 p.p. (includes lunch and documentation) with a discount of € 50 if the registration is received before 2013 November 15.

Time and location: Hotel De Biltsche Hoek, De Holle Bilt 1, 3732HM, De Bilt
Tel. +31-30-220 5811; www.biltschehoek.com/nl.

NVTG symposium

The annual symposium of the Dutch Society of Tropical Medicine and International Health (NVTG) is titled 'Sick cities or healthy habitats? Facing the health care challenges of global urbanisation' (www.nvtg.org/index.php?id=1049).

The symposium will be held on 2013 October 16 in the 'Grote Zaal van het Koninklijk Instituut voor de Tropen', Mauritskade 63, Amsterdam.

The Eijkman Medal will be presented at the closing session of the symposium (see below under point 2).

For more information please contact Irene Struiksma (+31-20-566 5441; i.struiksma@kit.nl).

Lectures in Microbiology (@ Artis)

The lecture series 'Microbiology' will give an impression of the omnipresence of a forgotten and invisible kingdom: the kingdom of micro-organisms.

In 14 lectures the enormous versatility of this kingdom is analysed and shown how we as human beings can benefit of this by using recent, technological developments. The presentations aim to familiarise students with the full scope of microbiology as illustrated by current scientific research at universities and other knowledge institutes.

This series enters its third year in ARTIS, consists this time of 7 blocks of lectures and it is meant for PhD and MSc students of the VU, UvA, members of ARTIS and other interested parties with basic knowledge of microbiology. This series is organised in cooperation with TNO, VU and UvA. You can register via info@artis.nl citing college series 'Microbial Genomics'. The costs amount € 110 for members of ARTIS and € 155 for other interested parties (admission for ARTIS is included).

Location: ARTIS, Plantage Kerklaan 38-40, College room in building 'De Volharding'.

Data: 2013 September 12, 19, and 26 AND 2013 October 3, 10, 17 and 31.

Admission: only after reservation (www.artis.nl/artis-academie/programma/colleges/collegereeks-microbiologie)

Registration at 9.30, main entrance of ARTIS. The "Volharding" can be reached within a 15 minutes' walk through the zoo, lecture time 10.00h - 12.00h.

Programme:

2013-09-12 General introduction:

- Microbiology - a historical perspective. Prof. Remco Kort TNO, VUA
- Introduction into the human microbiota. Prof. Remco Kort TNO, VUA

2013-09-19 The Human Microbiota

2013-09-26 Microbial Cell Physiology I

2013-10-03 Synthetic Biology

2013-10-10 Microbial Cell Physiology II

2013-10-17 Microbial Life under extreme conditions

2013-10-31 Food Microbiology

More information: www.artis.nl/artis-academie/programma/colleges/collegereeks-microbiologie or www.knvm.org/news/13.

2. Awards

Eijkman Medaille

On 2013 October 16 the Eijkman Medal 2013 will be awarded at 16.15-17.00 in the 'Grote Zaal van het Koninklijk Instituut voor de Tropen', Mauritskade 63, Amsterdam (www.kit.nl/eijkman). Afterwards, during the reception, the opportunity is given for a social meeting in the 'Marmere hal'. The presentation of the Eijkman Medal will take place at the closure of the NVTG symposium (see above).

Admission is free but registration required: www.kit.nl/kit/Aanmelden-Eijkman-Medaille-uitreiking-2013 (see also www.knvm.org/news/16).

Simon Stevin Award for Prof. Dr Ir Mark van Loosdrecht

STW has awarded Dr Ir Mark van Loosdrecht, Professor at the Delft University of Technology, the title of Simon Stevin Master 2013. The Simon Stevin Award is the most prestigious prize for the technical sciences in the Netherlands, comprising € 500 000 for scientific research. The prize will be awarded during the STW Annual Meeting on 2013 October 03.

Professor Mark van Loosdrecht has played an important role in the development of two new water purification technologies, based upon a group of micro-organisms which convert waste into less toxic substances. More information at www.stw.nl/nl/content/delftse-milieutechnoloog-mark-van-loosdrecht-stw-simon-stevin-meester-2013.

3. New KNVM website: knvm.org

A brand-new society website was launched on 2013 September 28.

In a fresh, new and modern lay-out you can find information on the society and its divisions, board members, information on awards and publications, a well-maintained events calendar and information on the annual congresses (scientific spring meetings), news, membership information, partners, and vacancies.

Go and take a look yourself at www.knvm.org. Enjoy browsing!

The membership database has now become fully integrated with the website.

At a later stage each member will be given access to 'My KNVM' through login with your own user name and password. After logging in to the 'My KNVM' section, you will be able to view and update your own personal details and some additional membership information, and also tailor permission for other members to access your data. You will also be able to search the membership database to view contact details of other members (in as far as they have given permission to do so).

More information will follow later.

4. Vacancy for treasurer on the KNVM board

Members of the board of the KNVM are appointed for a four-year period, which may be extended by another term of four years. The term of our treasurer Jan-Willem Sanders has expired and therefore we invite you to nominate yourself as his successor. The KNVM has more than 1400 members and has a motivated, enthusiastic board. For information on the position please contact Jan Willem Sanders (jan-willem.sanders@unilever.com).

If you are interested in the treasurer position please inform our chairman Han Wösten (h.a.b.wosten@uu.nl) before 2013 November 01.

5. Direct debit of the 2013 membership fee

Starting this year (2013), annual payment of the KNVM membership fees will be done by direct debit (automatische incasso), as approved during the Annual General Meeting earlier this year in Papendal.

For those KNVM members who have timely submitted their direct debit authorisation form, the KNVM will debit their bank account for the amount of the annual membership dues: currently € 30 for regular members and € 20 for student members.

The date of this year's direct debit will be around **2013 October 10**. This date has been somewhat delayed from the date that was announced earlier (20130916).

Members who didn't authorise the KNVM will have to pay an **extra € 5** for administrative expenses.

Please note that for institutional members and KNVM-NVMM dual members nothing will change and they will not need to submit an authorisation form.

→ If you haven't done so yet, we still encourage you to complete and submit the [authorisation form](#), so that you will become included in direct debit runs in the years to come. This will save you money and will save us administrative work.

6. FEMS Research Fellowships

FEMS Research Fellowships (www.fems-microbiology.org/grants-and-more/fems-research-advanced-fellowships/research-fellowship.html) are meant to assist young European scientists in pursuing research for up to three months in a European country different from that in which she/he lives. These grants are intended to support the Fellow's travel and living costs. A FEMS Research Fellowship covers travel (at economy rates) and living costs for the fellow to a maximum of € 4 000 (no financial assistance for the host - e.g. bench fees).

The deadlines for receipt of applications at FEMS Office are December 01 (first round) and June 15 (second round). The regulations and application forms are available electronically. Please read them carefully and check the list at the right before contacting the FEMS Office. One of the pre-requisites is that the applicant is a member of a FEMS Member Society, such as the KNVM. Upon receipt at FEMS Office, the application is checked for eligibility and completeness.

Complete applications are then submitted to the Grants Boards. Our Grants Board formulates its recommendations to the Executive Committee, which then makes the final decision that will be communicated soon thereafter.

7. Next generation sequencing (NGS)

Next generation sequencing (NGS) has changed the face of microbiology and is now penetrating into clinical and public health laboratories. In these settings NGS may provide molecular typing data with the highest possible level of resolution for pathogen surveillance and outbreak detection.

We want to identify (clinical) laboratories in the Netherlands that already use NGS for molecular detection and epidemiology of pathogens or are planning to do so within the next twelve months. Please send an email to ngsinmicrobiology@gmail.com to inform us about your NGS

activities or plans. We will use this information to setup a national user group and to keep you informed about these developments.

For more information: www.knvm.org/news/14.

Dr Rob Willems (UMCU) and Dr John Rossen (UMCG)

8. Selected microbiology events

Events

2013 Oct 02-04

[BioMicroWorld 2013](#)

Madrid, ES

2013 Oct 11-14

[6th Trends in Medical Mycology](#)

Kopenhagen, DK

2013 Oct 24

[Symposium Methoden in de Levensmiddelenmicrobiologie](#)

Reehorst, Ede, NL

2013 Nov 18-22

[Human and Veterinary Vaccinology](#)

Oxford, UK

2013 Nov 29

[Adaptation in Fungi \(Fall Symposium of the KNVM Division Mycology\)](#)

CBS, Utrecht, NL

2014 Apr 15-16

[KNVM & NVMM Scientific Spring Meeting 2014](#)

Papendal, Arnhem, NL

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