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### **1. Vacancies in various KNVM division boards**

Various KNVM divisions have proposed new members to join their boards in 2017. In addition, there are a number of vacancies.

Please find below the proposed changes for the various divisions.

KNVM-AM division: General and Molecular Microbiology

Proposed new chair: Dr Nina van Sorge

Proposed new board members: Edith Houben, Reinert Nijland, and Cornelia Welte

Leaving board members: Jan-Willem Veening and Clara Belzer

KNVM-EC division: Microbial Ecology

Proposed new board members: Sebastian Lücker and Clara Belzer

Leaving board member: Katharina Ettwig

KNVM-MY division: Mycology

Proposed new chair: Jan Dijksterhuis (replaces Han Wösten)

Open position for new board member

KNVM-VI division: Virology

Proposed new board member: Bart Haagsmans

Open position for new board member with a background in clinical virology and/or affinity with exposure of the activities of the division via the website and/or other media

KNVM-ON division: Education

Proposed new board member: Nicole van den Braak

KNVM-MT division: Microbial Typing

Proposed new board member: Marjolein Kluytmans-van den Bergh

If you are interested to join as a new board member for one of the divisions, please send an email to [secretariaat@knvm.org](mailto:secretariaat@knvm.org).

KNVM members can object to nominations for a period of 10 working days after this announcement.

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## 2. Activate your 'My KNVM' account

The KNVM website features a section which is only accessible to KNVM members, **My KNVM** ([www.knvm.org/login](http://www.knvm.org/login)).

My KNVM gives you access to the searchable membership database, so you'll be able to find the contact data of your microbiology colleagues online.

My KNVM also gives you access to your own membership data, and you can edit/modify (most of) these data yourself in case you are moving, changing employment, etc.

My KNVM gives you also access to meeting documents such as the minutes of Annual General Meetings and the agenda of the forthcoming meeting.

We urge you to make your personal My KNVM account. This can be done quickly and easily by entering your personal activation code at [www.knvm.org/my-knvm/profile/activate](http://www.knvm.org/my-knvm/profile/activate). You may request your personal activation code by email from the KNVM secretariat ([secretariaat@knvm.org](mailto:secretariaat@knvm.org)).

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## 3. KNVM Meetings 2017

We inform you that the following KNVM meeting are scheduled for the first months next year (2017):

**KNVM-LM division meeting: Food Microbiology**

**Mini Symposium: What you need to know about microbiological variability for food quality and safety control.**

*2017 January 31 pm, NIZO Food Research, Ede*

All variabilities are equal but some are more equal than others - variability in microbial responses

If we would control safety and spoilage for the average case, half of the times it would go wrong ... if we set every control at the 99 percentile, we will over-process...

For more information about registration and programme, go to <https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/congressus-knvm/files/91e56f644abf464a828b72d75083a8e3.pdf>

**KNVM-MT+BI joint division meeting: Microbial Typing + Microbial Bioinformatics  
NGS Data Analysis Workshop**

*2017 February 06-07, Bilthoven*

The KNVM divisions Microbial Typing and Bioinformatics are organising a workshop on NGS Data Analysis on February 6-7. The workshop will be held at the National Institute for Public Health (RIVM).

More information is available on this website : <https://www.knvm.org/knvm-divisions/microbial-typing/ngs-data-analysis>.

**KNVM-VI division meeting: Virology  
Dutch Annual Virology Symposium (DAVS)**

*2017 March 03, Amsterdam*

Plaats: OBA Theater, Centrale Openbare Bibliotheek Amsterdam, Oosterdokskade 143, 1011 DL Amsterdam.

Organisatoren: R.J. de Groot en E.J.H.J. Wiertz

Informatie: [virology@vet.uu.nl](mailto:virology@vet.uu.nl), tel +31-30-253 2485.

More information: <https://www.knvm.org/events/6457-calendar/9999-dutch-annual-virology-symposium-davs>.

**KNVM-ON Division Meeting: Education  
6<sup>th</sup> BAMA Symposium**

*2017 April 12, Papendal, Arnhem*

The sixth BAMA symposium will take place on Wednesday 2017 April 12 in the Congress Centre Papendal (Arnhem) as part of the annual KNVM-NVMM Microbiology Congress.

Bachelor and Master students are invited to present their research as an oral presentation or poster, and to participate in the symposium.

For further information see: <https://www.knvm.org/onderwijs/home>.

**KNVM-NVMM Microbiology Congress  
Annual Spring Meeting**

*2017 April 11-12, Papendal, Arnhem*

As usual our Spring Meeting will be held at Papendal. Please reserve these dates in your agenda!

For further information see: <https://www.knvm.org/events/annual-spring-meetings/spring-meeting-2017>.

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## 4. Other microbiology events

**The human microbiome in health and disease  
2017 January 9-17, Amsterdam (NL)**

The lecture series Microbiome in Health and Disease will be held in Artis, Amsterdam. The lectures are free of costs for MSc-students and PhD-students from the VUA, UvA, UU, WUR, LU as well as researchers from TNO and the RIVM. The lectures are part of the MSc Biomedical Sciences and Biomolecular Sciences curriculum at the VUA, and include a short literature study (total 3 credits).

For more information: <https://www.knvm.org/events/6457-calendar/1795-artis-academy-lecture-series-the-human-microbiota-in-health>.

## **Cursus levensmiddelenmicrobiologie en –hygiëne**

**2017 February 07, Wageningen (NL)**

This course of 5 days concerning food microbiology and food hygiene (high professional/academic level) is meant for specialists working in the food industry at all levels (from supermarkets to controlling agencies and pharma). It will address aspects about what micro-organisms are, why some of them are not wanted etc.

More information: <http://www.fimm.nl/cursus-microbiologie/haccp-voedselveiligheid-hygiene>.

## **FiMM Symposium**

**2017 February 14, Wageningen (NL)**

Tuesday 2017 February 14 the yearly symposium will be held. Experts will address new developments, relevant for microbial safety and quality of our food. Topics among others are:

- Prof. Frank Devlieghere (Laboratory of Food Microbiology and Food Preservation, Gent University): development and application of preservatives;
- Dr. ir. Koen De Reu (Instituut voor Landbouw- en Visserijonderzoek, Melle): Trendanalyses in proces environment;
- Gezondheidsdienst voor Dieren, Deventer: zoönose in animals;
- Pathogens in water;
- Hepatitis E in pork;
- Use of Petrifilm.

More information: <http://www.fimm.nl/symposium-microbiologie>.

## **Management of Microbial Hazards in Food**

**2017 March 06-10, Wageningen (NL)**

The seventeenth edition of the international advanced course on Management of Microbiological Hazards in Foods addresses both success stories in food safety and problems remaining to be dealt with as, indeed, foodborne illnesses are a continuing problem worldwide food industry, including primary production, manufacturers, retailers and food service. The roles of different stakeholders, how food safety assurance can be achieved, which problems are to be prevented etc.

This course is organised by the Graduate School VLAG, in co-operation with The European Chair in Food Safety Microbiology

More information: <http://www.vlaggraduateschool.nl/courses/micro-hazards.htm>.

## ***Listeria monocytogenes* in Ready-To-Eat Foods**

**2017 March 15, Wageningen (NL)**

*Listeria monocytogenes* is the causal agent of listeriosis, a disease which is lethal in many cases, in particular when pregnant or if the natural immunity is affected. Since the 80-ties of the last century several major outbreaks have been registered, caused by infected milk, coleslaw, soft cheeses and paté.

More information: <https://www.knvm.org/events/6457-calendar/listeria-monocytogenes-in-kant-en-klare-levensmiddelen>.

## **Quality of Microbial Culture Media**

**2017 April 05, Utrecht (NL)**

Ook in de moderne microbiologie worden nog steeds traditionele voedingsbodems gemaakt om micro-organismen te laten groeien. Deze media zijn in de loop van de jaren steeds gebruiksvriendelijker geworden. Bijvoorbeeld door het toepassen van (chromogene) electieve bestanddelen waardoor het gezochte micro-organisme makkelijker is te herkennen. De

voedingsbodems die gebruikt worden zijn te verdelen in: (s)electieve ophopingsmedia: om (pathogene) micro-organismen te vermeerderen uit een ...

More information: <https://www.knvm.org/events/6457-calendar/9776-kwaliteit-van-microbiologische-media>.

## **FEMS 2017, the 7<sup>th</sup> Congress of European Microbiologists 2017 July 09-13, Valencia (ES)**

We'd like to personally welcome each of you to the 7<sup>th</sup> Congress of European Microbiologists. It's an exciting time to be working in the field of microbiology as we see some very relevant scientific and societal issues that ask for an answer from the microbiological community.

The Spanish Society for Microbiology (SEM) will host the meeting and will also accommodate the 26<sup>th</sup> SEM congress. We are happy to join forces and build on the basis of cooperation that we laid at the 2<sup>nd</sup> FEMS Congress in Madrid in 2006. Together, we are preparing an excellent joint scientific programme covering many disciplines and relevant hot topics. As a bonus, the modern and friendly Mediterranean city of Valencia will set the scene for FEMS 2017.

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