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1. KNVM Annual General Meeting in Papendal

On **Tuesday 2013 April 16 from 13:00 - 14:00** the Annual General Meeting of KNVM members ('Algemene Ledenvergadering – ALV') will be held. Download the agenda and associated meeting documents from [the meeting's webpage](#).

Would you like to know which new Board Members are nominated? What happened in 2012? Comment on the new KNVM domestic regulations. Give your opinion about the FEMS Congress 2015 in The Netherlands. What do you think about the member statistics? How did the KNVM spend your money in 2012? Hear news about the Antonie van Leeuwenhoek medal. Do you have helpful suggestions, opinions or useful comments to be considered and discussed, then **join us in Room Athena and the 50th visitor will receive a free Microcanon!**

2. KNVM Bachelor & Master Symposium - BaMa 2013

On 2013 April 15 the division Education of the KNVM organises its 2nd BaMa symposium

especially for bachelor and master students who are studying microbiology at HBO's and universities. This BaMa symposium will be held in the brand new building of the Hogeschool Leiden.

Further information is available at the website of the Division Education:

www.nvmonderwijs.nl.

3. KNVM & NVMM Scientific Spring Meeting 2013

Dates: 2013 April 16-17

Venue: Papendal Congress Centre, Arnhem (www.papendal.nl)

Attention!!

The full program is available now (see web link below)!

Please note that the congress fee is substantial higher if you register on site in Papendal compared with registration in advance!

URL www.nvmm-online.nl/modules/2013

Email k.haas@congresscompany.com

Programme in short:

Tuesday 2013 April 16

Plenary sessions:

Prof. **Jörg Stülke**: c-di-AMP, an essential signalling nucleotide in Gram-positive bacteria.

Prof. **Piet Borst**: From antigenic variation to base J in trypanosomatids.

Parallel sessions:

- New challenges in infection prevention
- Community acquired Clostridium difficile infections: from pigs to humans and vice versa
- Leishmaniasis: a curable disease?
- Intestinal microbes and host interplay
- Microbial pathogenesis 1
- Clinical microbiology - WAMM: Back to the roots - diagnostics of urinary tract infections
- Bacterial cell growth
- Campylobacter – host interactions
- Clinical development of malaria drugs and vaccines in the Netherlands
- Highly resistant microorganisms outside the hospital. What can we expect from nursing homes and public health services?
- STD dynamics in the Netherlands and Europe

Wednesday, 2013 April 17

Parallel session:

- Viral zoonoses
- Whole genome sequencing in clinical microbiology and its applications in understanding microbial biology
- Antimicrobial peptides: a rich source for developing novel antibiotics
- NVMy symposium 1: Detection and diagnosis
- New human and veterinary vaccines against tuberculosis
- Finding the needle in the haystack: molecular diagnostics of gastro enteritis
- NVMy symposium 2: Epidemiology and treatment
- Virology

- Microbial physiology
- Computer-assisted teaching
- Experimental evolution
- Microbial pathogenesis 2
- Novel approaches in the detection of antimicrobial resistance
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Horen, zien en vooral niet zwijgen (Nederlandstalige sessie)
- Travel-related diseases
- Genome-associated biomarkers for vaccines
- Progress in microbiology

4. Report on the joined VAAM-KNVM meeting in Bremen

From 2013 March 10 till 13, the **Annual Conference** of the German **Association for General and Applied Microbiology** (VAAM) in collaboration with the Royal Netherlands Society for Microbiology (KNVM) was held in the Messe and Congress Centre in Bremen. The unique collaboration between the two microbiological societies resulted in an outstanding meeting with many internationally renowned speakers. Topics covered the width and depth of modern microbiology. The meeting was opened by Prof. Dr Karch with presenting a keynote on the recent EHEC outbreaks. Other topics covered by the plenary sessions were marine microbiology, eukaryotic microbiology, single cell analysis, host microbe interaction, and many more. For the complete program including abstracts see:

www.vaam-kongress.de/en/programme.



This German-Dutch collaboration was supported by two KNVM board members (Jetta Bijlsma and Gert Jan Euverink). Jetta and Gert Jan participated in the scientific committee as well as in the local organizing committee. At the opening ceremony a short presentation of the KNVM was given by Gert Jan to present the Society to the German part of the audience. Furthermore, many sessions were hosted by a German as well as a Dutch chairperson.

This joined VAAM and KNVM meeting was a success, with many participants and poster presentations, multiple networking opportunities and even a Dutch poster prize winner. The KNVM enjoyed this collaboration and it is worth considering to repeat, hopefully next time with more Dutch participants.

5. C2W Career Expo

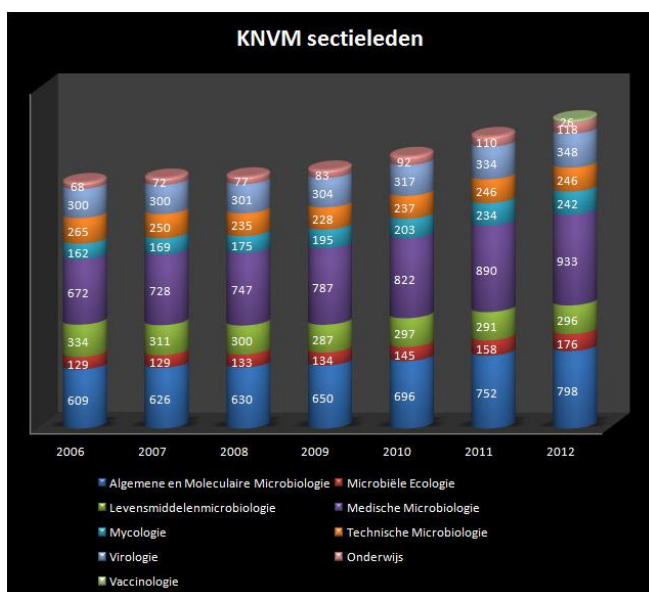
Wednesday, 2013 April 10, C2W and the KNCV will organise the sixth edition of the C2W Career Expo. At that day the 'Jaarbeurs Utrecht' will be subject of careers in chemistry, life sciences, food, pharma, laboratory technology and process technology. Just like previous years many companies will present themselves during this career event. Besides a large exhibition floor with many companies, there will be a programme with lectures and workshops on various themes like networking through LinkedIn, the advantages and disadvantages of pursuing a PhD, and many more!

Entrance is free.

Find more information on www.c2wcareerexpo.nl.

6. KNVM membership statistics: still in log phase!

During 2012 KNVM membership grew from 1342 to 1405 members, an increase of almost 5%.



This growth has continued in 2013 as the KNVM counts 1458 members at this very moment. This indicates a healthy increase of interest in our society!

View the steady increase during the past years in the graph. Especially institute memberships (+35) have contributed to this growth, followed by increase in dual memberships (KNVM + NVMM). At the moment there are 17 institutes (CBS, UU, WUR, UMCU, UMCG, UMCN, UA (Belgium), RUN, RUG and EMC) with institute memberships for in total 50 postdocs and 131 AIO's.

For more statistics go to: www.nvmm-online.nl/modules/nvmm_members.

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7. Prizes and awards

There are many dissertations in The Netherlands which deserve international recognition. Here we list some available prizes and awards:

IUMS

The Arima Award for Applied Microbiology and The Stuart Mudd Award for Studies in Basic Microbiology.

On behalf of the International Union of Microbiological Societies (IUMS), all IUMS Member Societies are invited to submit nominations for one or both of these awards.

More information on these awards and the nomination process is available from the IUMS website: www.iums.org/index.php/awards.

Deadline for nominations: 2013 April 30. The nomination materials may be submitted

electronically (preferred) to slerner@med.wayne.edu. Please use this e-mail address for any questions.

Nat Sternberg Thesis Prize

This is a cash award given each year to a student for the most outstanding PhD-thesis in the field of prokaryotic molecular biology. For more information:

www.union.wisc.edu/phages/sternberg.html.

VAAM thesis award

The Association for General and Applied Microbiology (VAAM) itself is a member of the umbrella organisations FEMS, IUMS and VBIO and is open for colleagues from other countries.

The VAAM-“Promotionspreis” is open until 2012 December 31. Subject of the thesis: general and applied microbiology. For more details: www.vaam.de/index.php/vaam-preise.html.

8. Calendar of selected microbiology events

2013 April 15

[KNVM Bachelor & Master Symposium \(BaMa 2013\)](#)

2013 April 16-17

[KNVM-NVMM congress 2013 \(scientific spring meeting\)](#)

2013 July 21-25

[FEMS Congress 2013](#)

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