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1. Call for session proposals @ KNVM-NVMM congress 2015

The KNVM-NVMM scientific Spring meeting will take place on 2015 April 14-15 at Papendal (Arnhem). The KNVM-NVMM Scientific Committee invites you to submit proposals for sessions. Please find information and instructions for submission of your session proposal at <http://knvm.org/news/156>.

2. KNVM divisional meetings

KNVM division Vaccinology – Symposium dd 2014 October 10

The KNVM division Vaccinology organises in collaboration with the Dutch CC Biotech Conferences the Symposium 'Seasonal Influenza Vaccination: Sense and Nonsense' ('Seizoensgriepvaccinatie, zin en onzin') on Friday 2014 October 10 in Hotel Postillion Hotel, Bunnik.

The last years, shortly before the influenza vaccination campaign is due, a discussion is started in the media about effectiveness and necessity of influenza vaccination. The KNVM and DutchCC have now the intention to participate and add actively to this discussion. During a one-

day Symposium in Bunnik renowned Dutch vaccine specialists will give an overview of the scientific background of vaccination and the public policy based upon this background.
Audience: science, medical class, politics, media, government and industries

Programme

Morning session/chair: Han van den Bosch, VU Amsterdam

Introduction : "Seizoensgriep, Pandemie en Vaccins" : Ab Osterhaus: ErasmusMC

Surveillance and execution vaccination NL: Ilse Storm, Programmacoördinator Nationaal Programma Grieppreventie, RIVM

Site effects of Influenza vaccination: Hans Rümke, LAREB

Experience with clinical trials: (im-) possibilities: Geert Leroux-Roels UMC Gent

Afternoon session/chair: Joost Ruitenbergh, VU Amsterdam

The vaccine industry: Dirk Poelaert, GSK

Evaluation of effectivity of clinical trials: Eelko Hak, UMC Groningen en Gezondheidsraad

The family physician and vaccination: Ted van Essen, ESWI

Influenza and government: Marieke Mossink, VWS

Discussie o.l.v. voorzitter Joost Ruitenbergh, VU Amsterdam

Flyer with programme information: www.dutchcc.nl/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Seizoensgriep-flyer-fin.pdf.

On behalf of the organizing committee

Johan Hanstede (DutchCC) & Han van den Bosch (KNVM division Vaccinology)

KNVM division General and Molecular Microbiology – Fall meeting dd 2014 October 31

The fall meeting of KNVM section Molecular and General Microbiology will take place on Friday 2014 October 31 in Artis, Amsterdam.

Confirmed speakers are:

Wilbert Bitter - Mycobacterial route to virulence

Nina van Sorge - Streptococcal cell wall polysaccharides

Gilles van Wezel - Antibiotic discovery

Wilhelm Huck - Microdroplet technology

Egija Zaura - Oral microbiome

Tanneke Den Blaauwen - Bacterial cell division

Full programme and registration details will follow. Please reserve the date in your agenda

On behalf of the organizing committee,

Edith Houben, Bastiaan Krom, Leendert Hamoen

KNVM division Microbial Biotechnology – Fall meeting dd 2014 November 24

The board of the division Microbial Biotechnology (formerly Technical Microbiology) is proud to announce its first fall symposium. The meeting carries the title "MB1.0: Dutch Microbial Biotechnology in action" and will take place Monday 2014 November 24 at the CBS/KNAW in

Utrecht. Please reserve the date in your agenda!

Invited speakers

Sef Heijnen, TU Delft – Bioprocess development
Bas Teusink, VU Amsterdam – Population heterogeneity
Fons Stams, WUR – Physiology of novel anaerobic microbes
Inge Suiker, Heineken – Genomics approaches to understand beer spoiling
Harald Ruijsenaars, CORBION - Industrial microbiology: topics, trends and needs

Programme

The full programme and registration is available online at:
http://knvm.org/knvm/divisions/microbial_biotechnology/fall_meeting.

The board of the KNVM division Microbial Biotechnology

Herwig Bachmann, Pascale Daran-Lapujade, Gert-Jan Euverink, Lucie Hazelwood, Mickel Jansen, Ruud Weusthuis

3. Other meetings

Biosecurity Workshops dd 2014 October 30 & 2014 November 13



The flyer is yellow with a blue biohazard symbol at the top. It contains the following text: 'Uitnodiging', 'Biosecurity Workshops', 'Bureau Biosecurity organiseert een dag met workshops over biosecurity, goed practices en maatregelen, om biosecurity awareness te vergroten.', '30 oktober 2014 of 13 november 2014', 'Voor wie: Professionals in biosafety, biosecurity, biorisk en security', 'Locatie: Hotel Carlton President, Floraweg 25, Utrecht', and 'Meer informatie en registratie: www.bureaubiosecurity.nl/workshop2014'. There are also two small images: one showing a laboratory setting and another showing a close-up of a biohazard container.

The Dutch Association of Biosecurity organises a workshop on two separate days (October 30 and November 13) in Hotel Carlton President in Utrecht. These will cover subjects as biosecurity, measures to promote biosecurity awareness, and, good practises. For more information: www.bureaubiosecurity.nl/workshop2014 (mirjam.schaap@rivm.nl).

RIVM RVP Research Meeting 'Vaccination for Life' dd 2014 November 12

On Wednesday 2014 November 12 the Centre of Infectious Disease Control of the RIVM organises the forth RIVM-RVP Research Meeting in Bilthoven. Theme of this meeting is 'Vaccination for Life'.

In the past we spoke of "childhood infections" ("kinderziekten"). The explanation for this is, that these infections in general were so prevalent that children contracted these early in life, left them with seemingly life-long protection, and hardly occurred beyond childhood. Will vaccination, mimicking infection without causing the actual disease, also induce life-long protection?

After more than half a century of vaccination, by changing the epidemiology of the target

diseases, we face new challenges in the control of vaccine-preventable diseases aiming at persistent protection.

The morning programme of this year's Vaccine Preventable Diseases Research Day (the so-called "RVP Onderzoeksdag") will be devoted to the duration of protection and will deal with immunological mechanisms, epidemiology and the implications for the National Immunisation Programme. In the afternoon the results of several recent studies relating to vaccination, such as vaccination during the measles epidemic, pneumococcal vaccination of the elderly, impact on the elderly of pneumococcal vaccination of infants will be presented; also research into the attitude towards vaccination is on the programme. The spoken language during this meeting will be English; a definitive invitation and programme you will receive at the end of September. To keep track of the progress of this meeting you can send an email to: rvpcommunicatie@rivm.nl.

FEMS: Congress of European Microbiologists dd 2015 June 07-11.

*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.

4. Grant opportunities

FEMS Meeting Attendance Grants

FEMS provides Meeting Attendance Grants (MAGs) to early career scientists working in Europe who wish to attend microbiology meetings that are not supported by a FEMS Meetings Grant. The maximum amount is € 600, the minimum € 250. Meeting Attendance Grants may support attendance at meetings worldwide but preference will be given to meetings within the European area.

The regulations and other information on the various FEMS grants is available online at: www.fems-microbiology.org/grants.html.

Deadlines in 2014 for FEMS Grants

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| FEMS Meeting Attendance Grants | 2014 September 01 |
| FEMS Research Grants | 2014 December 01 |
| FEMS National & Regional Congresses Grants | 2014 December 01 |

5. Events calendar (selected events)

2014 August 24-29

15th International Symposium on Microbial Ecology
Seoul, South Korea, KR

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 27-30

5th ASM Conference on Beneficial Microbes
Washington DC, US

2014 September 28 – October 01

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

2015 April 14-15

KNVM-NVMM Scientific Spring Congress
Papendal, Arnhem, NL

2015 June 07-11

6th Congress of European Microbiologists
MECC, Maastricht, NL

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