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## 1. KNVM-NVMM congress

### **KNVM-NVMM Scientific Spring Meeting 2014**

The KNVM/NVMM Scientific Spring Meeting 2014 will be held as usual at Papendal near Arnhem on 2014 April 15-16.

Information on the programme, registration, abstract submission, and hotel arrangements are available via [KNVM website > Events > Annual Meetings > Spring Meeting 2014](#).

For the registration page [click here](#).

Further information may be obtained from the congress bureau [www.congresscompany.com](http://www.congresscompany.com).

### **3<sup>rd</sup> BAMA symposium**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> BAMA Symposium will take place during the KNVM-NVMM Scientific Spring Meeting, at Congress Centre Papendal (Arnhem) on Wednesday 2014 April 16.

Bachelor as well as Master students will present their research through oral and poster presentations. Further information may be found at the [BAMA symposium webpage](#).

The most important goals of the BAMA symposia are:

- To enable microbiology students to present their research to an international audience to experience this opportunity (oral or poster presentation)
- To give students as well as teachers the opportunity to experience the atmosphere and practice of a scientific symposium, to exchange ideas and opportunities in the diagnostic and scientific (microbial) field, to connect with state-of-the-art developments and trends, and, to network with the participants of this symposium
- To provide students and teachers with an improved impression of the possibilities for internships or jobs which might be offered by institutes, organisations and companies inside (even outside) the Netherlands
- To enable institutes, companies and educational organisations to present their research programmes and/or products

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## 2. KNVM Annual General Meeting (ALV)

The annual general meeting (“algemene ledenvergadering – ALV”) will be held during the KNVM-NVMM congress in Papendal.

Date/time: Tuesday 2014 April 15 from 13.00-14.00h (during the congress lunch break)

Venue: Hall Athene A, Papendal

Invited: **All KNVM members.**

Webpage: <http://knvm.org/events/74>

The agenda and associated meeting documents will be available via the above-mentioned webpage and also via My KNVM ([http://knvm.org/my\\_knvm](http://knvm.org/my_knvm) for which login is required)

The agenda will cover the following issues (in Dutch):

### **Mededelingen**

Leden statistieken, nieuwe website, online ledenadministratie met My KNVM, nieuwe media (newsflash, twitter, etc.), Van Leeuwenhoek medaille 2015, nieuw bestuur sectie Technische Microbiologie/Microbiële Biotechnologie, BAMA symposium 2014, hosting van FEMS congress 2015, IUMS congress 2020 (de KNVM zal zich niet aanbieden als gastheer).

### **Bestuur**

Opvolging penningmeester (Jan Willem Sanders → Wil van der Reijden), kandidaatstelling voor tweede termijn voor de volgende bestuursleden (Wösten. Kuipers, Van Doorn, Coenye)

### **Financiën**

Jaarrekening 2013, Begroting 2014, Contributie 2014, nieuw lid kascommissie (Aldert Zomer)

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## 3. Van Leeuwenhoek Medal 2015

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). More information about this medal will be given at the Annual General Meeting 2014 (ALV) in Papendal.

### **Call for nominations (in Dutch)**

De jury voor de toekenning van de Van Leeuwenhoek Medaille 2015 (voorheen uitgereikt door de KNAW, nu overgegaan naar de KNVM) verzoekt universiteiten, onderzoeksinstituten,

wetenschappelijke verenigingen en anderen, gekwalificeerde kandidaten voor te dragen voor de Van Leeuwenhoek Medaille 2015.

Deze medaille wordt sinds 1877 toegekend aan de wetenschapster/wetenschapper die zich gedurende de afgelopen tien jaar het meest verdienstelijk heeft gemaakt op het gebied van de microbiologie. Daarnaast, houdt de winnaar een voordracht op het KNVM-NVMM congres 2015 in Papendal en ontvangt zij/hij een erelidmaatschap van de KNVM. Vorige prijswinnaars zijn: C.G. Ehrenberg (DE, 1875), F. Cohn (PL, 1885), L. Pasteur (FR, 1895), M.W. Beijerinck (NL, 1905), Sir D. Bruce (UK, 1915), F. d'Herelle (EG, 1925), S. Nikolaevitch Winogradsky (FR, 1935), S.A. Waksman (US, 1950), A. Lwoff (FR, 1960), C.B. van Niel (US, 1970), R.Y. Stanier (FR, 1981), C.R. Woese (VS, 1992), en K.O. Stetter (DE, 2003).

De voordracht dient vergezeld te gaan van een korte motivering (1 à 2 pagina's A4), waarin de kwaliteit, impact en de relevantie van het werk worden toegelicht, een kort curriculum vitae van de kandidaat alsmede een lijst van zijn/haar belangrijkste publicaties. Deze stukken mogen in het Engels of Nederlands opgesteld zijn. Nominaties dienen voor 2014 juni 10 te worden gezonden aan de KNVM secretaris, Dr Jetta Bijlsma. ([jetta.bijlsma@merck.com](mailto:jetta.bijlsma@merck.com), zie hieronder voor adresgegevens). Voor nadere informatie kunt u zich wenden tot Professor Oscar P. Kuipers (+31-50-363 2093, [o.p.kuipers@rug.nl](mailto:o.p.kuipers@rug.nl)).

Namens het bestuur van de KNVM,

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#### **4. Visit the stand: new book on Antonie van Leeuwenhoek**

The KNVM sponsored a new book about Antonie van Leeuwenhoek ("Groots in het kleine...."). This book can be purchased for a reduced price (€ 20.00) from the stand of the KNVM and the NVMM in Papendal. The Microcanon as well as the "Veilig Werken" booklet can also be bought. At the stand you'll find also more information about the societies, and you can meet KNVM board members.

## VAN LEEUWENHOEK

Groots in het kleine

Antoni van Leeuwenhoek is een van de Nederlandse mannen van de Gouden Eeuw. Ook al is hij voornamelijk op een drietal wetenschappelijk gebied bekend, zijn zijn bijdragen aan de wereld van het kleine niet te onderschatten. Dit boek is een eerbetoon aan zijn wetenschappelijke ontdekkingen en zijn manier van denken. Het is een boek voor iedereen die geïnteresseerd is in de geschiedenis van de wetenschap en de Nederlandse Gouden Eeuw.

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Jantien Backer, Claas Homan, Jop van Driem, Hans Kalk, Willem Barendse, Lesley Robertson, Mark Niek, en Peter Vellema.

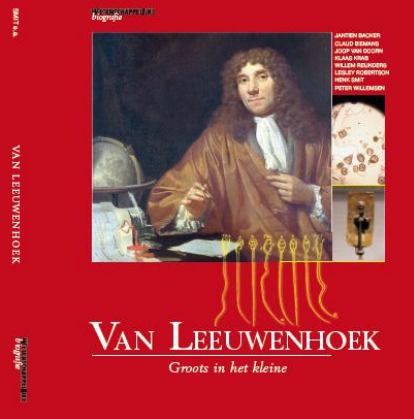
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To inspire the KNVM members a special session about Van Leeuwenhoek is scheduled at the KNVM-NVVM Scientific Spring Meeting with lectures by Prof. Dr Douglas Anderson, Dr Lesley Robertson, and Dr Jantien Backer on 2014 April 15 at 14.00h.

## 5. New education website

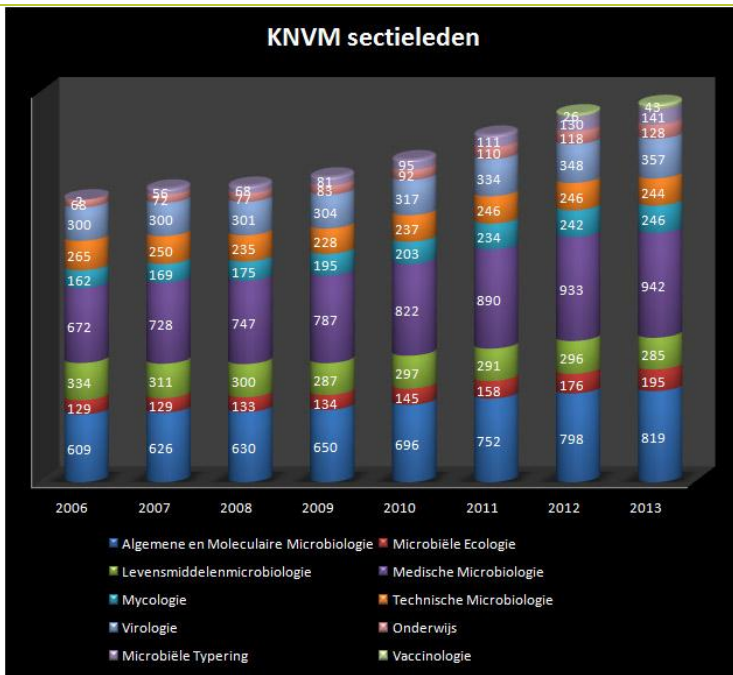
Members of the KNVM division Education have worked hard over the past few months to create a brand new website, which has been fully integrated with the new society website. This integration enhances the visibility of the section within the KNVM, and contributes to the coherence within our society. This 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>.

## 6. Membership statistics

Traditionally facts and figures about the "health" of the KNVM are shown once a year. This is reflected by the variation in the grand total of members and the mutations in membership of each of the ten KNVM divisions. Some facts:

- KNVM membership increased to **1453** (111 new members; 93 cancellations).
- This increase can be attributed mostly to an increase in institutional memberships.
- Eight out of the ten divisions showed an increase in members (see figure below)

See also [http://www.knvm.org/membership/member\\_statistics](http://www.knvm.org/membership/member_statistics).



## 7. Membership fee 2014 payment

Annual payment of the KNVM membership fees will be done by direct debit (“automatische incasso”) for those members who have authorised the society to do so.

We encourage **those members who did not yet authorise** the society – and who hold a **regular or student** membership\* - to complete and submit the [authorisation form](#), so that you will be included in the direct debit runs the years to come. That will save you **€ 5.00** (see [www.knvm.org/membership](http://www.knvm.org/membership)), and will save us work!

The date of this year’s direct debit run will be around 2014 April 29. So if you did submit your authorisation form prior to 2014 April 01 you will be included in this year’s run; otherwise you’ll have to pay by bank transfer, including the additional administrative fee of € 5.

Later this month you will receive a personalised email informing you about the mode of payment and the amount of your 2014 fee.

*\* Please note that for (a) institutional members, (b) KNVM-NVMM dual members, and (c) golden members nothing will change and they will not need to submit an authorisation form.*

## 8. Login to ‘My KNVM’ and search for other members

The KNVM website ([www.knvm.org](http://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](http://www.knvm.org/my_knvm/terms_of_service).

**Step 2:** Enter your personal, unique code **4f2e4b91**

**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](http://www.knvm.org):

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

**Password:** **the password you have created under step 5 above**

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## 9. Grant opportunities

### 'For Women in Science' grants 2014

Female scientists can apply for a Dutch 'For Women in Science' grant to give their career an extra boost. The Netherlands National Commission for UNESCO and L'Oréal the Netherlands introduced the fellowship programme in 2012 in cooperation with the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS) and the Dutch Network of Women Professors (LNVH).

The prestigious international 'For Women in Science' programme is a collaboration between UNESCO and L'Oréal under the motto 'The world needs science, science needs women'. The programme offers grants and awards to exceptional female scientists in the field of life sciences. Since 1998 the programme has recognised more than 2 000 women around the globe. Two of them, Elizabeth Blackburn and Ada Yonath, have since won a Nobel Prize.



Each year two Dutch grants of maximum €25 000 will be awarded to female scientists active in the field of life sciences in the broad sense. Grants can be awarded in the period up to ten years after completing one's PhD (comparable to Vidi level). They are intended for a residency at the NIAS campus where the researchers can further develop their scientific career as part of an international academic community.

The World needs science, science needs women! In 2012 only 15.7% of all professors in the Netherlands were female, whereas the European target figure for 2010 was 25%.

The 'For Women in Science' programme aims to help women progress in their scientific career and thus contribute to increase the number of female professors in the long run.

Detailed information about the programme, the guidelines and the application can be found and downloaded from the website [www.forwomeninscience.nl](http://www.forwomeninscience.nl). The application must be send to the Netherlands National Commission for UNESCO. The closing date is **2014 May 11**; the prize award ceremony will take place in the autumn of 2014.

### **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](http://www.fems-microbiology.org).

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## **10. Microbiology meetings**

### **Ninth International Conference on *Cryptococcus* and cryptococcosis (ICCC9)**



From 2014 May 15-19 the "9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on *Cryptococcus* and cryptococcosis " (ICCC9) will be held in the Tropenmuseum in Amsterdam.

Website: [www.iccc2014.org/en/Home\\_10\\_6\\_12.html](http://www.iccc2014.org/en/Home_10_6_12.html)

An excellent scientific programme will be provided with a diversity of sessions on the general and clinical impact of cryptococcosis, treatment and resistance, pathogen-host interactions, immunology, typing and detection, molecular biology, etc. For more information go to [www.iccc2014.org/en/Scientific-programme\\_20\\_131.html](http://www.iccc2014.org/en/Scientific-programme_20_131.html).

Preceding the ICC9, a one-day 'Educational Symposium' will be held hosted by the 'European Confederation of Medical Mycology' (ECMM) covering diagnostics of yeast infections. For more information see [www.iccc2014.org/en/ECMM-Symposium\\_20\\_270.html](http://www.iccc2014.org/en/ECMM-Symposium_20_270.html).

Afterwards, a Genomics Workshop with the most recent opinions concerning genomics and a Clinical Master class covering the ins and outs of cryptococcosis and its treatment will be discussed.

The meeting will be accredited.

### **IUMS 2014**



The International Union of Microbiological Societies (IUMS) will hold its three International Congresses (14<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Bacteriology and Applied Microbiology, 14<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Mycology and 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

### BCF Career Event



The Career Event for Bio, Chemistry, Food & Pharma

The 10th edition of BCF Career Event, the major Career Event concerning Life Sciences, Chemistry, Food and Pharma will be held on 2014 May 14 in the Amsterdam RAI. BCF Career Event offers members of the KNVM the opportunity to increase career opportunities or, as employer, to hire highly trained talent.

Members of KNVM will have free admittance.

For more information see [www.bcfcareerevent.nl](http://www.bcfcareerevent.nl).

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## 11. Events calendar (selected events)

2014 April 15-16

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

Papendal, Arnhem, NL

2014 May 14-16

[Innate host defence mechanisms in infections](#)

Utrecht, NL



2014 May 15-19

[9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Cryptococcus and cryptococosis \(ICCC9\)](#)

Royal Institute of the Tropics (KIT), Amsterdam, NL

2014 May 27-28

[NBC-15: Biotechnology by Dutch Design](#)

Reehorst, Ede, NL

2014 June 02-04

[Springschool course Host-Microbe Interactomics](#)

Hotel & Congress Centre 'Hof van Wageningen', Wageningen, NL

2014 June 19

[The Epidermis of Man: Co-Existing with Commensals](#)

28<sup>th</sup> 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

[11<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Lactic Acid Bacteria](#)

Zuiderduin, Egmond aan Zee, NL

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