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1. Leeuwenhoek medal awardee 2015: Craig Venter



We are delighted to announce that the Leeuwenhoek medal will be awarded to **Dr J. Craig Venter** at the KNVM-NVMM Congress on April 14 in Papendal (Arnhem). State Secretary Drs Sander Dekker of the Ministry of OCW ('Directie Onderzoek en Wetenschapsbeleid') will present the medal to the awardee.

Don't miss this special occasion!

If you didn't sign up yet, do it now via the [congress registration page](#).

And don't miss the KNVM's annual general meeting ('Algemene Ledenvergadering – ALV') to hear all the news. This meeting will be held during the afternoon coffee/tea break on Tuesday April 14, 15:30h - 16:00h in conference room 3.

2. Congresses, meetings & symposia

6th FEMS Congress of European Microbiologists (FEMS 2015)

The KNVM is co-organiser of the FEMS 2015 congress in Maastricht on **2015 June 07-11**. 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 congress organising board. Plenary sessions, symposia and workshops are currently being planned with the aim to make the Maastricht edition a success. We expect to welcome around 3 000 participants.

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advancing and unifying
microbiological knowledge*



The FEMS 2015 congress is highly recommended. For more information, abstract topics, submission and scientific programme go to the congress website: <http://fems-microbiology.kenes.com>.

BCF Career Event

Employers meet talent during BCF Career Event on 2015 May 21!

Are you preparing to make the next steps in your career? Or are you an employer and wish to show job seekers what you have to offer? Join BCF Career Event on 2015 May 21 in Amsterdam. With 2000 visitors and 100 organisations participating annually, it is the largest meeting of its kind in Europe. The BCF Career Event is highly valued by employers to generate exposure for their organisation and vacancies amongst highly educated talent. It gives (PhD-) students, postdocs and (young) professionals the opportunity to meet relevant employers, listen to inspiring presentations, get their CV checked and receive career advice.

Participate in BCF Career Event to meet your future employer or employee! Visit www.bcfcareerevent.nl for more information and free registration for visitors!

Women & Their Microbes

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to attend the symposium, Women & Their Microbes, on Friday 2015 May 8 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands at a beautiful and befitting location: Micropia, the MicroZoo in Artis.

For all who wants to know more about women and microbes. For more information and registration: www.womenandtheirmicrobes.com. If you have any questions please contact Jessica Younes (Tel: +31-6-3497 8783 | Email: womenmicrobes@gmail.com).

BioSB 2015 Conference: Metagenomics track

The Netherlands Metagenomics Platform cordially invites you to attend the Metagenomics Track at the BioSB (**B**ioinformatics & **S**ystems **B**iology) conference in Lunteren on 2015 May 21. We have invited metagenomics pioneer Prof. Jillian Banfield (UC Berkeley) to present the keynote lecture. Abstracts for oral contributions and posters can be submitted via the conference website <https://www.aanmelder.nl/biosb2015>.

3. Grants

FEMS Research Grants

FEMS Research Grants are meant to enhance European microbiological research by assisting early career scientists in pursuing research at a host laboratory. These grants are intended to support travel and living costs of the Grantee only.

Applicants should be active microbiologists, having obtained their highest degree less than five years prior to the application deadline date or be a PhD student. They should be a member of a FEMS Member Society, at least one year before applying and be a resident in a European country or a country that has a FEMS member society. Approved applications should arrive at FEMS Central Office before the deadline (December 01 and June 15). Support is limited to a maximum of € 4 000. For more information and the award procedure see www.fems-microbiology.org/grants-and-awards/fems-research-grants/research-grants.html.

4. Membership fee payment 2015

Annual payment of the KNVM membership fees can best be done by direct debit (“automatische incasso”), as many already enjoy. We encourage **regular and student** members* who did not yet authorise the KNVM to complete and submit the authorisation form now, so that you will be included in the direct debit runs as from this year, thus saving you € 5.00 (see www.knvm.org/membership), and also save us work!

The date of the direct debit is scheduled for **2015 April 29**. So please submit your authorisation form well before this date, but latest by **2015 April 13**. In the course of April you will receive a personalised email informing you about the mode of payment and the amount of your 2015 subscription dues.

** please note that (a) institutional members, (b) KNVM-NVMM dual members, and (c) golden members will not need to pay any dues to the KNVM and will therefore **not** need to submit the authorisation form.*

8. Events calendar (selected events)

2015 April 14-15

[KNVM-NVMM Congress 2015](#)

Papendal, Arnhem, NL

2015 June 07-11

[6th FEMS Congress of European Microbiologists \(FEMS 2015\)](#)

MECC, Maastricht, NL

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