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1. Message from the chair: another exciting KNVM year ahead of us

Dear Microbiology community,

Although the period of New Year's wishes is well behind us, I would still like to take the opportunity to wish you a happy and healthy new year.



2015 promises to be an exciting year for our society. The Leeuwenhoek medal will be awarded at the Spring Symposium in Papendal to a high profile scientist and, for the first time, a micro-debate will be part of the programme. These events combined with the high level program make that the number of registrations is very well at scheme.

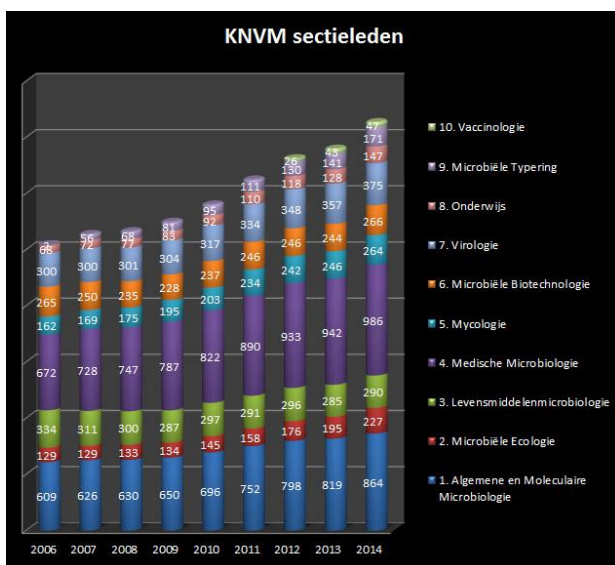
The Spring Symposium will be followed by the FEMS Congress in Maastricht that is being organised together with our society. With more than 2000 abstracts and an exciting programme this conference is already a success. Moreover, KNVM will release two types of hoodies: must haves for an

affordable price.

Note that you can still register for the Spring Symposium in Papendal (https://www.eventure-online.com/eventure/welcome.do?type=participant&congress=133_1512) and also for the FEMS congress (<http://fems-microbiology.kenes.com/register-here/register-here#.VM4vyWjF8k0>). KNVM members are automatically member of FEMS and have therefore a reduced registration fee.

On behalf of the KNVM Board, Prof. Dr. Han Wosten, Chairman.

2. Membership statistics (as per 2015-01-01)



Traditionally, at the start of a new year, our secretariat presents information on the situation concerning the KNVM membership, in the form of graphs and statistics.

In 2014 the KNVM has grown again with 53 to 1476 members. Of our members, the majority (93.2%) have an email account.

Only 249 members have an “My KNVM” account; so herewith a request to the other KNVM members to use this to be able to manage your personal information and administration such as mutations into addresses, affiliation, etc. See also below under “membership fee payment”.

For more statistical information see http://knvm.org/membership/member_statistics.

3. Secretary of State Drs Sander Dekker presents the Leeuwenhoek Medal in Papendal

The KNVM-NVMM Scientific Spring meeting will take place on 2015 April 14-15 at Papendal (Arnhem). During this meeting the winner of the Leeuwenhoek Medal will be awarded. Secretary of State Drs Sander Dekker from the Ministry of OCW (Directie Onderzoek en Wetenschapsbeleid) will be present to fulfil the official tasks. Don't miss this special occasion!

4. 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

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quality of the programme of previous editions has been very well evaluated. Oscar Kuipers, Frank van Kuppeveld, Tom Coenye, Stanley Brul and Han Wosten 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.

The FEMS 2015 congress is highly recommended. For more information, abstract topics, submission and scientific programme go to the website: <http://fems-microbiology.kenes.com>.
Deadline for abstract submission: **2015 February 16**.

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5. Grants

FEMS Meeting Grants

The maximum amount of a Meeting Grant is € 15 000.

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

Application deadline **2015 March 01**.

ICFMH Mobility Grants

On behalf of the ICFMH Executive Board, we inform you about the ICFMH Mobility Grants, aimed to promote the mobility of young researchers between research institutions which are active in the field of food microbiology and hygiene. The ICFMH Mobility Grants are short term fellowships to assist young scientists to pursue research at a host laboratory. For further information, guidelines and an application form, please visit the website:

http://icfmh.org/activities_mobilitygrants.php.

Applications deadline: **2015 March 31**.

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6. Courses

Postgraduate Course Microbial Ecosystem Services, 2015 March 15-20.

The graduate schools PE&RC, RSEE and SENSE organise the post-graduate course "Microbial Ecology: Ecosystem Services – Microbes in the Driver`s seat" from March 15-20 in the StayOkay, Soest. Internationally renowned scientists will share their views on the possibilities to steer the functioning of microbial communities to our benefit. More information is available at the course website: <http://www.pe-rc.nl/me.htm>.

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7. 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 March 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.*

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8. Events calendar (selected events)

2015 March 01-04

[VAAM 2015: Annual Conference 2015 of the Association for General and Applied Microbiology](#)
Marburg, DE

2015 March 06

[DAVS2015: Dutch Annual Virology Symposium](#)
Tinbergenzaal, Trippenhuis, KNAW, Amsterdam, NL

2015 March 06-08

[3rd ESCMID Conference on Vaccines](#)
Lisboa, PT

2015 March 15-18

[3rd International One Health Congress](#)
Amsterdam, NL

2015 April 14-15

[KNVM-NVMM Scientific Spring Congress 2015](#)
Papendal, Arnhem, NL

2015 June 07-11

[6th Congress of European Microbiologists](#)
MECC, Maastricht, NL

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