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1. KNVM Bachelor & Master (BaMa) Symposium

On 2013 April 15 the KNVM Division Education organised the second symposium especially for bachelor and master students studying microbiology at HBO and universities. The second BaMa symposium was hosted in the brand new building of the Hogeschool Leiden and the attendants were welcomed by John van der Willik, director Technology of the Hogeschool Leiden. Lecturers, teachers and students were very positive about the programme, quality of the papers and to experience the opportunity to give presentations and meet fellow microbiologists. Most attendants agreed that the BaMa Symposium should be continued annually. The presentation of the iGEM Award 2012 winning team (Groningen) about the chip to detect spoilage of meat using *Bacillus subtilis* showed, that even in a short research project much can be achieved! For further information have a look at the website of the Division Education, www.nvmonderwijs.nl.

2. KNVM & NVMM scientific spring meeting 2013

Over 700 people attended this two-day congress (20130416-17) in Papendal, together with 150 exhibitors from many companies and firms.

During the Annual General Meeting 2013 ('Algemene Ledenvergadering', ALV 2013, www.nvmm-online.nl/modules/extcal/event.php?event=345) several topics were presented and discussed with members: new KNVM Board members, new household rules, past and forthcoming meetings, new website, the introduction of direct debit for payment of the membership subscription dues (see separate item below), and the Antonie van Leeuwenhoek medal (see separate item below).



The KNVM board after the Annual General Meeting in Papendal dd 20130416.

From left to right: Dennis Claessen, Jan Willem Sanders, Han Wösten (chair), Jos van Strijp (former member), Jetta Bijlsma, Joop van Doorn, Pieter Jan Haas, Hélène Verheije, and Diman van Rossum (secretariat)

Board members not present on this photo are: Oscar Kuipers, Tom Coenye, and the two former members Birgitta Duim and Gert-Jan Euverink.

3. Awards

Three **KNVM-NVMM awards** were presented at the scientific spring meeting in Papendal on 20130416.



The KNVM-NVMM awardees together with Prof. Dr Marion Koopmans (RIVM), who presented the awards.

From left to right: Prof. Dr Marion Koopmans, Dr Hilde van Tongeren-van der Schaar (Van Leeuwenhoek Award – best postdoc), Dr Maria Daleke-Schermerhorn (Westerdijk Award – best PhD thesis), and Qian Feng, MSc (Kiem Award – best initial paper).

Roger Porter Award



During the ASM General Meeting (Denver, US, 20130519), Dr Lenie Dijkshoorn received the prestigious Roger Porter Award during the session “Clinical Relevance of Multiple Pathogens as Assessed by New Technology” and will present the Roger Porter Award Lecture as last speaker. The KNVM congratulates Lenie with this esteemed price!

For more information see www.nvmm-online.nl/modules/news/article.php?storyid=103.

Van Leeuwenhoek medal

The awarding of the Van Leeuwenhoek medal started on 18770421 by the Leeuwenhoek Foundation. The medal could be assigned every 10 years to scientists which were most deserving during the past last decade in the study of microbiology. The KNAW has awarded this medal, minted by the Royal Dutch Mint, during the period 1877 till 2003.

Former winners were C.G. Ehrenberg (Germany), F. Cohn (Poland), L. Pasteur (France), M.W.

Beijerinck (Netherlands), Sir D. Bruce (United Kingdom), F. d'Herelle (Egypt), S. Nikolaevitch Winogradsky (France), S.A. Waksman (United States), A. Lwoff (France), C.B. van Niel (United States), R.Y. Stanier (France), C.R. Woese (United States). The last winner was K.O. Stetter (Germany) in 2003.



As discussed during the KNVM Annual General Meeting (AVL 2013) at Papendal, the KNVM will continue the tradition to award the Van Leeuwenhoek medal. For the call for nominations and selection a jury will be installed (chairman Prof. Dr. Oscar Kuipers, KNAW/KNVM). More about this medal will follow in the next MicroNews issue.

4. Subscription payment by direct debit

Starting this year (2013), annual payment of the KNVM subscription dues will be done by direct debit (automatische incasso), as approved during the Annual General Meeting on 20130416 in Papendal.

KNVM members will receive a request to authorise the KNVM for such direct debit. After signing, the KNVM will be allowed to transfer the annual membership dues of €30 from the member's bank account. Members who don't authorise the KNVM will have to pay an extra €5 for administrative expenses.

For institute members and NVMM members nothing will change.

5. Interesting papers

The Royal Society has just published two issues of interest to you and your members:

1. Organohalide respiration: using halogenated hydrocarbons as the terminal electron acceptor, compiled and edited by David Leys, Lorenz Adrian and Hauke Smidt. See bit.ly/VXMLyj for further details or you can straight to the issue contents at rstb.royalsocietypublishing.org/content/368/1616.toc.
2. Next-generation molecular and evolutionary epidemiology of infectious disease, compiled and edited by O G Pybus, C Fraser and A Rambaut. See bit.ly/Tv58Kp for further details or you can go straight to the issue contents at rstb.royalsocietypublishing.org/content/368/1614.toc.

6. FEMS grants

FEMS National and Regional Congress Grants (NRCG) awards grants for assisting in organisational costs of local meetings. Grants range from € 1 000 - € 3 000 depending on the numbers of society members and expected participants at the congress.

FEMS Research Fellowships assist young European scientists in pursuing research up to 3 months in a European country different to that in which the applicant resides. These grants are intended to support travel and living costs of the Fellow only.

For more information visit www.issuu.com/fems/docs/fal_april_2013.

7. Course

Course on Molecular Diagnostics VIII

2013 June 3 - 4, Erasmus MC

The course starts with 3 presentations on basic molecular techniques:

- PCR and real-time PCR;
- DNA sequencing; basic technologies;
- Next generation Sequencing (NGS);

followed by 1,5 day of applications in various fields

During this course the state-of-the-art in the area of the Molecular Diagnostics tools will be presented.

This course is meant for researchers, doctors and medical specialists interested in these tools. Also PhD-students, technicians and others who are interested, are welcome.

A book is available: "Molecular Diagnostics" (edited by Dr Van Leeuwen and Dr Vink).

For more information and registration: www.molmed.nl.

8. Inauguration of Prof. Paul Savelkoul

Prof. Dr Paul Savelkoul will give his inaugural lecture on behalf of his appointment as Professor and Head of the Department of Medical Microbiology at the MUMC in Maastricht. For more information see www.youtube.com/watch_popup?feature=player_detailpage&v=MoFP1IAvPI4.

9. Calendar of selected microbiology events

2013 May 28

[Symposium "Van infectieziekten Surveillance naar Respons". State of the art from laboratory perspectives.](#)

RIVM, Bilthoven, NL

2013 June 19-21

9th International Symposium on the Biology of Acinetobacter
Köln, DE

2013 July 21-25

[FEMS Congress 2013](#)

Leipzig, DE

2013 Aug 29 – Sept 03

26th International Conference on Yeast Genetics and Molecular Biology
Frankfurt, DE

Colophon

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