

Dear NKRV members,

In this newsletter, we will inform you about the upcoming NKRV activities and other topics that might be of interest. If you have items to be listed in the next newsletter or on our website, please contact us via info@nkrv.nl. Your input and ideas will be appreciated. Now you can also follow us in LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/2309380/>)

The coming NKRV Workshop in the summer of 2025

Save the date! The upcoming NKRV workshop will be on **Friday 06th of June 2025 at Von Gahlen**. The program will be sent to you as soon as possible and registration will open on March 21st.



We are looking forward to the workshop and hope to see you all at Von Gahlen in Zevenaar!

Look back to the 35th NKRV Workshop on the 31th of January at the ERASMUS MC.

The NKRV meeting was held at the Erasmus MC with a total of 160 participants of various backgrounds ranging from physics, radiochemistry, biology, or pharmacy and representing both academia and industry. The meeting was started by our local host Erik de Blois and chair of the NKRV board Sandra Heskamp. This was followed by our education session where Inês Antunes gave an overview of the possible radiolabelling approaches with ^{18}F -Fluoride and their challenges or possibilities for application in the production of ^{18}F -based PET tracers for clinical use. Thereafter, Sophie Veldhuijzen van Zanten gave a very inspiring lecture on the clinical applications of therapeutics.



After a very nice lunch, networking, and talking to sponsors, the participants had the opportunity to join either the round-table discussions on the following topics: Annex 1 compliance, preclinical studies, and Kick-off Cyclotron user group, or the guided tours to the cyclotron or the preclinical imaging facilities. Thereafter, the young researchers gave diverse presentations, and we concluded the meeting with drinks and bites.

We want to thank all participants for their contributions and we were very happy to see so many enthusiastic young researchers attending our workshop.

Apply to become a new NKRV board member

In 2026 Erik de Blois and Sandra Heskamp will be stepping back as board members of NKRV after concluding the maximum 8-year mandate. Their contribution to our society and their active role as board members from 2018 to 2026 is highly appreciated. Therefore, we are looking for two new enthusiastic board members! If you are interested in joining the NKRV board, this is the moment! There will be two vacancies. If you are interested, please send a short motivation letter and two letters of support from NKRV members to info@nkrv.nl. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions.

News about Clinical Radiochemist

Board members Alex Poot, Erik de Blois and previous board member Danielle Vugts, and Gert Luurtsema are working on the accreditation. We are very grateful to get support from Philip Elsinga and Bert Windhorst, founders of the Clinical Radiochemist initiative. They are going through and updating the accreditation criteria documents and are defining a guarantee committee consisting of experts who cover the different professions within our field. The aim is to have the first requalification's and new clinical radiochemist exam in 2025. New information will be shared in the newsletter, on our website, and during the upcoming NKRV workshops.



Travel grants



We have awarded six travel grants awarded in 2024. The following young scientists were able to visit an international conference or lab with the financial help of the NKRV:

- Elmar Diekstra (UMC Groningen)
- Gerben Spoelstra (UMC Groningen)
- Jeffery Stuijt (Amsterdam UMC)
- Lukas Veth (Amsterdam UMC)
- Maria Kominia (UMC Groningen)
- Priciana Prarasiso (ErasmusMC)

This year, another ten travel grants are available. So this is **your chance to apply!**

The reimbursement of registration costs for symposia is set at a maximum 500 euro per person and you can apply once every three years. To be eligible you have to be a member of NKRV (attended at least one workshop in the past year), you are a technician or PhD student working in our field, received no other grants, send us proof of accepted abstract.

How to apply for a travel grant:

- Download and fill in the travel grant form, available at the NKRV website (<https://www.nkrv.nl/>)
- Send an email with your request to info@nkrv.nl, including the application form and other required documents
- Required documents are: Proof of acceptance (poster or oral), Letter of supervisor, Proof of registration, and payment.

Education

07-09 April 2025: Translational Imaging Workshop by AMIE 'From mouse to man', ErasmusMC, Rotterdam, The Netherlands. This workshop provides a broad introduction into preclinical and translational molecular imaging, including techniques such as PET, SPECT, MRI, CT, fluorescence and bioluminescence imaging, ultrasound and photoacoustics. For questions contact amie@erasmusmc.nl for registration link click [here](#).

24-25 April 2025: ¹⁸F-chemistry workshop, Amsterdam UMC, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. This workshop provides basic training in ¹⁸F-chemistry, including the practical aspects and hands-on training. For questions and registration contact info@nkrv.nl.

21-27 June 2025: Summer School in Dosimetry and Radiobiology for Radionuclide Therapy, Radboudumc, Nijmegen, The Netherlands. This summerschool covers the fundamentals of dosimetry and radiobiology for targeted radionuclide therapy and teaches you how to apply them in research and clinical practice. It combines lectures with hands-on lab and computer assignments. For more info and registration visit the [website](#).

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Meetings and workshops in 2025

There are a lot of opportunities to participate in interesting symposia, these include:

11-14 March 2025, EMIM in Bilbao, Spain

11-15 May 2025, ISRS in Gold Coast, Australia

21-24 June 2025, SNMMI annual meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

04-08 October 2025, EANM annual meeting in Barcelona, Spain

Launch of FAST forum on Medical Isotopes

The FAST Forum is an interactive platform designed for professionals involved in the development of new therapies to connect, collaborate, and share insights. The innovation potential of the Netherlands in the nuclear sector is expanding with opportunities for new nuclear diagnostics and therapy (theranostics), enabling personalized patient treatment. To support therapy development within nuclear medicine, FAST will bring together researchers and entrepreneurs in this sector and provide advice to innovators where needed. FAST is the centre for Future Affordable & Sustainable Therapy Development, an independent national centre of expertise and collaboration, devoted to drive innovation and therapy development. To visit the forum, click [here](#). To learn more about FAST in general, visit the [website](#).



Open positions

Are you looking for a new colleague? We can post your vacancy on our website. For more information, please contact info@nkrv.nl. Are you looking for a new position yourself, please have a look [here](#).

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