

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 on LinkedIn by clicking here: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/2309380/>

NKRV Future Vision

In response to our rapidly evolving society and changes in our field, the NKRV board decided to get together to brainstorm potential changes to ensure we stay aligned with these developments. In October 2025, a new NKRV vision document was drafted and further discussed with sounding board members in November 2025. This led to our final version focusing of the following five main points:

1. Increase the involvement of NKRV members in the organization
2. Realization of the certified clinical radiochemist
3. Improvement upon the interactive character of the NKRV workshop
4. Strengthen training and education
5. Strengthen collaborations with related professional societies



The upcoming NKRV Workshop in Utrecht in June 2026

Save the date! The upcoming NKRV workshop will be on **Friday 26th of June 2026 at UMC Utrecht**. The program will be sent to you as soon as possible, and registration will open this Spring.



Topics for round table session that came up during last workshops word cloud are 1) Brain tracers 2) Dosimetry and 3) New fluorine-18 chemistry. We are planning to organize these round table sessions for the upcoming workshop in Utrecht, but we're still actively looking for people who can contribute to organization of these sessions. If you can contribute, please [let us know!](#)

We are looking forward to the workshop and hope to see you all at UMC Utrecht!!!

Look back to the 37th NKRV Workshop on the 23rd of January at Maastricht UMC+.



The recent NKRV meeting took place at Maastricht UMC+, where we welcomed around 120 participants from both academia and industry. The day opened with a warm welcome from the local organizers and from Sandra Heskamp, followed by an update from the NKRV board. During this session, Alex Poot, Eline Hooijman, and Bienenke Janssen accepted their new roles as chair, treasurer, and secretary, respectively. The morning education session featured Matthias Bauwens and Cristina Mitea,

who provided an insightful introduction to the situation at MUMC+ regarding the production of [¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-PSMA and the analysis of related data. After the coffee break, our invited guest, Maarten Ooms (SCK CEN, Belgium) delivered an inspiring lecture on “*Development of ¹⁶¹Tb-labeled radiopharmaceuticals.*” In the afternoon, following an enjoyable lunch, networking opportunities, and interactions with our sponsors, participants joined round-table discussions on the following topics: Annex 1 compliance on CSI & Disinfection of working environment and materials, Terbium-161 experiences, and Cyclotron user group on the findings and solutions of the recent ANVS inspections. Afterwards, PhD students had the opportunity to present their ongoing research. The day concluded with drinks and bites, reflecting a day of reunions, exchange, discussions and inspirations.

New NKRV board members

Since January 2026, Bienenke Janssen (Radboudumc) and Eline Hooijman (Erasmus MC) have officially been appointed as board members of NKRV in replacement of Erik de Blois and Sandra Heskamp. The new structure of the NKRV board is as follows:

- Chair - Alex Poot
- Treasurer - Eline Hooijman
- Secretary - Bienenke Janssen
- Support - Uta Funke, Robin de Kruijff and Ines Antunes

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News about Clinical Radiochemist



Philip Elsinga and Bert Windhorst, two of the founders of the Clinical Radiochemist initiative, supported by board member Alex Poot and former board members Erik de Blois and Danielle Vugts are working on the accreditation. They are updating the accreditation criteria documents, and these are nearly finalized. Currently a Guarantee Committee is defined consisting of founders, NKRV board members and other experts within the field who

cover the different professions. The aim is to have the first new clinical radiochemist exam in 2026. End of 2025, a Memorandum "The Role of Clinical Radiochemist in Nuclear Medicine" was written, addressing the Dutch nuclear medicine working field and explaining why it is so important to have accredited Clinical Radiochemist(s) including a clear overview of when and why such a person is needed. This letter has been shared with other societies such as NVNG and NVZA and awaits their approval to support our ambitions. We will share the latest information regularly in our newsletters, on the NKRV website, and during the upcoming NKRV workshops.

Education

- 7-8 April 2026 - ^{18}F -chemistry workshop, Amsterdam UMC, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 22-26 June 2026- Basic Dosimetry and radiobiology for radionuclide therapy, Radboudumc, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- 15-18 July 2026- CAFACHEM (SRS Summer School dedicated to state-of-the-art organic and halogen radiochemistry and its application in PET tracer development, Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA)
- 18-20 September 2026 – NEXUS-NL: Discover the world of nuclear medicine, Schoorl, The Netherlands

Meetings and workshops in 2026

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

14-16 April 2026	TAT in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
16-19 April 2026	ESRR in Bergen, Norway
30 May-02 June 2026	SNMMI annual meeting in Los Angeles, California, USA
23-26 Sep 2026	TERACHEM in Bressanone, Italy
17-21 October 2026	EANM annual meeting in Vienna, Austria

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NEXUS-NL: Nuclear Medicine Education Weekend

Nuclear medicine is facing major challenges in attracting and training new talent, with a growing need for well-educated professionals (Strategische Onderzoeksagenda TRT, FAST March 2026). To help address this, NVNG, NVKF, NKRV, FAST and NMEP are organizing the NEXUS-NL Weekend, originating from the INSPIRE initiative of the EANM.

This interactive weekend (18–20 September 2026) is designed for master's students and residents in science and medicine, offering a comprehensive overview of the entire nuclear medicine chain - from isotope production and radiochemistry to imaging, therapy, and clinical application. The program includes case-based sessions, a VR experience, professional skills training, and plenty of networking opportunities with experts and peers. The event takes place at Laguna Beach Meetings & Events in Camperduin and is free of charge. More information and registration can be found at: <https://nvng.nl/nexus-nl-weekend/>

NEXUS-NL WEEKEND
FREE EVENT

Discover the world of
NUCLEAR MEDICINE
& learn how isotopes become patient care

18-20 SEPT 2026

Location: Camperduin, Schoorl
Exclusively for: master students and residents in science and medicine

More information and registration via this QR

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Travel grants

For 2026, all ten travel grants have been awarded!

Awardee	Conference
Oscar Moreno (Amsterdam UMC)	EMIM, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Niels Knippenberg (MUMC+)	ESRR, Bergen, Norway
Elke van Brandwijk (AvL)	ESRR, Bergen, Norway
Ahmad Kurniawan (UMCG)	ESRR, Bergen, Norway
Dinzy Knuiman (Radboudumc)	ESRR, Bergen, Norway
Sree Unnikrishnan (UMCG)	ESRR, Bergen, Norway
Milou Boswinkel (Radboudumc)	ESRR, Bergen, Norway
Gauri (TU Delft)	RadChem, Mariánské Lázně, Czech Republic
Marouscha Puister (TU Delft)	RadChem, Mariánské Lázně, Czech Republic
Esther Spruit (TU Delft)	TERACHEM, Bressanone, Italy

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Network grant (NG)

The NKRV encourages grant writing and knowledge sharing among PhD students, postdocs and technicians who attend NKRV. A maximum of 1000 euro (500 euro per person) can be requested per grant. We can give out three network grants/year.

General Rules:

1. **Eligibility:**

All applicants must attend the summer NKRV workshop. At least one applicant must participate in the poster pitch presentation.

2. **Grant Amount and Purpose:**

The grant (€500–€1,000) is intended to cover travel, accommodation, and food expenses. The host institute is expected to provide the necessary materials and facilities for learning a technique or carrying out the proposed experiments.

3. **Application Timing:**

Participants may apply for the Network Grant after each summer workshop. Applications must include a letter of agreement from both the supervisors and the host institute.

4. **Reapplication:**

Individuals who have previously received a Network Grant may reapply only after a period of three years.

5. **Payment:**

Funds will be transferred to the applicant(s) only after official award notification and upon submission of proof of payment.

6. **Application Requirements:**

- Completion of the application form (to be uploaded on the NKRV website after the next workshop)
- Grant proposal (maximum 2 A4 pages + 1 page detailed budget)
- Letters from both supervisors, confirming your position (PhD candidate, postdoc, or technician) and their approval of the application

More information will be provided during the next NKRV workshop.

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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