

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](mailto: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

The recently developed *NKRV future vision* document in response to our rapidly evolving society and changes in our field has been concluded and shared with all members during a previous NKRV workshop (Maastricht).

In the last NKRV workshop (Utrecht) the board members introduced the main action items for 2026-2027 to the general member's assembly, aimed at leading us closer to the *NKRV future vision* goals.

1. Update bylaws  
*NKRV bylaws need to be updated due to a recent change in legislation (WBTR).*
2. NKRV membership  
*Membership records need to be maintained more accurately and kept up to date, partly to ensure compliance with the WBTR.*
3. Install sub-committees & expand the board  
*To alleviate the increasing workload of the Board, we intend to expand the Board and establish several subcommittees.*



### The coming NKRV Workshop in the Winter of 2027

**Save the date!** The upcoming NKRV workshop will be on **Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2027 at Radboudumc (Nijmegen)**. The program will be sent to you as soon as possible, and registration will open this Autumn.

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



### Looking back to the 38<sup>th</sup> NKRV Workshop on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June at UMC Utrecht.

The most recent NKRV Summer Meeting was held at UMC Utrecht and attracted more than 130 registered participants from both academia and industry. Despite the unprecedented **code red** alert issued by the Dutch government—advising people to avoid travel due to temperatures exceeding 40 °C, we were happy to still welcome about 110 participants in person. The day began with a warm welcome followed by the updates of NKRV by the board chair and workshop host Alex Poot. The morning education presentation was given by Berend van der Wildt, who provided an insightful introduction to Astatine-211 Radiochemistry. After the coffee break, the participants had the opportunity to join one of the round-table discussions on the following topics: Brain tracers-crossing BBB, Preclinical and clinical dosimetry, Annex-1-GMP (with focus on supply chain issues and the upcoming revisions of the EMA guideline on radiopharmaceuticals and GMP Annex 3), and Novel Fluorine-18 labelling methods. The morning concluded with a pleasant lunch (even including the famous Dutch *kroket*) while providing ample opportunity for networking and sponsor interactions. The afternoon program opened with an exciting plenary lecture by Tim Witney (Kings College London) on ***Theranostics for lung cancer*** followed by well-deserved coffee break to keep everyone refreshed and hydrated. Afterwards, students and technicians presented their research during the poster pitch session, moderated by Robin de Kruijff. This was followed by the poster session, where the presenters had the opportunity to discuss their work with attendees and members of the jury, showcasing ongoing research, innovation, and technological developments within the field. The day concluded with drinks, bites, and a festive poster award ceremony. The poster prizes sponsored by Elysia Raytest were handed out to Bing Xu (1<sup>st</sup> place jury), Marie Vela Dugois (1<sup>st</sup> place public award) and Khaled Alkayal (2<sup>nd</sup> place public award). We want to thank the local organizers and all participants for their contributions, and we were very happy to see so many enthusiastic young researchers attending the workshop.



### New NKRV board members

We are looking for one new board member that can help us with the additional tasks that need to be done in order to achieve the goals stated in the *NKRV future vision* document. For this position, we would like to especially encourage technicians to apply (4 years term). Additionally, we aim to include a young board member in the NKRV board. This is a 2 year position recommended for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> year PhD student or junior Postdocs. If you're interested in one of these positions, you are invited to send your application (consisting of a motivation letter and two recommendation letters from NKRV members) to [info@nkrv.nl](mailto:info@nkrv.nl) before December 1, 2026.

The candidate board members will be introduced and officially installed during the upcoming NKRV workshop in January.

### News about the Clinical Radiochemist initiative



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 which are nearly finalized. In beginning of 2026, a memorandum "De rol van Klinisch Radiochemicus in de Nucleaire Geneeskunde" has been published

which explains the importance of having an accredited Clinical Radiochemist, including a clear overview for which tasks and processes such a person is needed. This note was recently signed by the NVNG. A revision by the NVZA has been received as well and will be discussed by the NKRV board and initiators. In parallel, a guarantee committee will be defined consisting of experts who cover the different professions within our field. The new aim is to have the first new clinical radiochemist exam in 2027. Updates on this topic will be shared in the newsletter, on the NKRV website, and during the upcoming NKRV workshops.

### NEXUS-NL Weekend 18-20 September 2026

From September 18 to 20, 2026, the NKRV together with partner organizations [NVNG](#), [NVKE](#), [FAST](#) and [NMEP](#), organized the NEXUS-NL Weekend: "*Discover the World of Nuclear Medicine & learn how Isotopes become Patient Care*". Talented students from a variety of academic backgrounds and early-career professionals were brought together to explore the power and versatility of nuclear medicine.

From isotope to patient, the programme offered a unique combination of theoretical lectures, a VR challenge, hands-on experience with generators, clinical case discussions, meetings with experts, and the

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personal story of a patient representative. Ultimately, however, it was the participants themselves who made this weekend such a success. From the very first introductions, meaningful connections were formed. It was inspiring to witness the participants' curiosity, eagerness to learn, openness, and enthusiasm throughout the event. During the escape game, everything came together: people with different backgrounds and areas of expertise combined their knowledge to solve challenges as a team. We're looking back at a successful and inspiring weekend!



### Education

Several education opportunities present themselves this fall:

1. The TU Delft has developed a **Radionuclide Production MOOC** (Massive Online Open Course). In this course you will obtain a deeper understanding of radionuclide production, which production facilities can be used, and how to obtain high quality radionuclides. The course is online, and completely free to follow. For more information check [here](#).
2. The University of Groningen will organize another series of workshops on **Nuclear Physics for the Medical Community**. The aim of this series is to highlight practical tools and insights from the nuclear physics community that can be directly applied to medicine. The exact date for the next workshop is not yet known, but is expected to be sometime in the fall.

To stay up-to-date, follow our [Linkedin page](#), or check the [NKRV](#) or [NMEP](#) websites!

### Meetings and workshops in 2026/2027

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

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| 23-26 September 2026 | Terachem in Bressanone, Italy              |
| 17-21 October 2026   | EANM annual meeting in Vienna, Austria     |
| 11-14 March 2027     | WTC in Osaka, Japan                        |
| 09-12 March 2027     | EMIM in Bologna, Italy                     |
| 17-21 May 2027       | ISRS in Helsinki, Finland                  |
| 05-08-June 2027      | SNMMI annual meeting in Washington DC, USA |

### Travel grants

For 2026, all our travel grants have been awarded, which totalled 10 this year.

| Awardee                       | Conference                   |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Niels Knippenberg (MUMC)      | ESSR – Bergen, Norway        |
| Dinzy Knuiman (Radboud UMC)   | ESSR – Bergen, Norway        |
| Gauri (TU Delft)              | Radchem – Czech Republic     |
| Marouscha Puister (TU Delft)  | Radchem – Czech Republic     |
| Oscar Moreno (AUMC)           | EMIM – Ljubljana, Slovenia   |
| Elke Brandwijk (NKI/AvL)      | ESSR – Bergen, Norway        |
| Ahmad Kurniawan (UMCG)        | ESSR – Bergen, Norway        |
| Milou Boswinkel (Radboud UMC) | ESSR – Bergen, Norway        |
| Sree Unnikrishnan (UMCG)      | ESSR – Bergen, Norway        |
| Esther Spruit (TU Delft)      | TERACHEM – Bressanone, Italy |



### Network grant

The Network grant has been introduced in the last NKRV meeting. This grant aims to stimulate students to networking and “grant” writing to promote collaboration between researchers and to learn new techniques/experiments with other groups within The Netherlands.

- **Who:** One scientist (PhD candidate/post-doc/technician) that have interest in research conducted by the other PhD candidate/post-doc/technician.
- **Eligibility:** Applicants should have been present at the summer NKRV meeting, and at least one needs to have given a poster pitch.
- **Amount:** €500 pp. (traveling, hotel costs, and food). The host institute must provide the required materials to perform the assays proposed in the grant.

**Submission period from July 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup> 2026. Notification of acceptance in November 2026.**

If you want to know more about this new grant please check our website [here](#) (Travel and Network grants).

### 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](mailto:info@nkrv.nl). Are you looking for a new position yourself, please have a look [here](#).

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