



Dear NKRV members,

In this newsletter we would like to inform you about our NKRV activities. If you have any suggestions to improve the newsletter, or any items to be listed in the next newsletter, please contact us via info@nkrv.nl.

Upcoming NKRV workshops

Because of the current COVID-19 pandemic we already cancelled the NKRV meeting in June, and unfortunately, we now need to **cancel the meeting in January 2021 as well**. It is likely that until the application of a vaccination program (currently expected to take place in early 2021), meetings with a lot of members from a specific medical field are not a good idea and discouraged by many hospitals, universities, and other employers. In our opinion, the most important aspect of our meetings is to be able to physically meet, network, and have interactive discussions about our work. Currently, there are already many online meetings that offer the possibility to present your research in a virtual manner and therefore we feel that adding another online meeting would not be of much added value to the existing ones. We hope that the meeting in June 2021 will be possible and we will keep you informed about this.

But we, as the NKRV board, are very curious to hear what you have been up to in the past few months. Therefore, we will organize a different activity in January 2021 for all of you; PhD students, post-docs, technicians, professors, and sponsors! This will be digital and corona-proof, but not in the form of a series of lectures for you to sit down and listen to. More information will follow by the end of this year!

Funding opportunities for technicians and PhD students

As you are probably aware, the NKRV has reserved 5,000 euro to sponsor the attendance of PhD students and technicians to radiochemistry conferences in 2020. A maximal amount of 500 euro can be requested per student/technician per year. Rescheduling of meetings because of the COVID-19 outbreak will not affect any travel grants that have already been awarded.

Considering the long-lasting impact that the COVID-19 crisis has on conferences in 2020 and 2021, we have decided to expand these funding opportunities to travel expenses for traineeships/research visits as well. We are sure everybody understands this cannot be used to visit the beach, but international professional visits to other radiochemistry labs in order to learn or improve on a specific technique will be supported. Please contact us via info@nkrv.nl if you are interested.



Interesting meetings in 2020

RESCHEDULED: ESRR 'European Symposium on Radiopharmacy and Radiopharmaceuticals, November 26-29 2020. For information: <https://www.esrr.info/>

Special issue Nuclear Medicine and Biology on "Radiobiology of Molecular Radionuclide Therapy"

Nuclear Medicine and Biology will be publishing this special issue guest edited by the Radiobiology of MRT European Working Group members Dr. Samantha Terry, Dr. Julie Nonnekens, Dr. An Aerts, Dr. Bart Cornelissen, and dr. Jean-Pierre Pouget (www.mrtradiobiology.com). If you would like to contribute to this special issue or would like to know more, you can contact Dr. Julie Nonnekens (j.nonnekens@erasmusmc.nl). The journal website will be open for submission from October until the end of December 2020.

F-18 radiochemistry course

The next ^{18}F radiochemistry course in Amsterdam was planned for April 2020, but was cancelled. The course will be rescheduled as soon as these troublesome times have passed. A new date will be communicated via mail and directly to the participants who had already registered.

Educational lectures

At the NKRV workshops educational lectures are given. The slides of these lectures are freely available and can be downloaded from the website of the NKRV: <http://www.nkrv.nl/training-slides/>

The following lectures are available:

- Nomenclature in Radiopharmacy
- Ergonomics
- Ga-68 chemistry
- Production of Radionuclides
- F-18 chemistry

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