
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.

The coming NKRV Workshop in 2024

Save the date! The upcoming NKRV workshop will be on **Friday 9 February 2024 at the Nuclear Research Group in Petten**. The programme will be send to you as soon as possible and registration will open later this fall. Also check our website for it and you will be notified when registration is open.

We are looking forward and hope to see you all at the NRG in Petten!



Look back to the 32nd NKRV Workshop on 30th of June in RadboudUMC in Nijmegen.

This time the NKRV meeting was held in Nijmegen in the Experience Center. Approximately 110 participants attended the meeting, from all corners of the Netherlands. Attendees were from different disciplines like radiochemistry, biology, pharmacy representing both academia and industry.

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After the introduction by Sandra Heskamp our host and chair of the NKRV board, there was an educational session on practical aspects of quality control of radiotracers. Prof. Bert Windhorst and Dr. Danielle Vugts from the Amsterdam UMC held an interesting education presentation about this topic. Special attention was paid to the pitfalls in tracer development of both small molecules and biologicals like ^{89}Zr -labeled antibodies.



Round table discussions were on the topics; Annex-1 (moderator - Gert Luurtsema), Alternatives for animal models in radiotracer research (moderator: Sandra Heskamp) and Click chemistry (moderator: Danielle Vugts). There was a lot of interest with good discussions and interactions.

After a nice lunch we had a Plenary lecture by Marc Robillard CEO Tagworks Pharmaceuticals entitled "Click-to-Release: cleavable radioimmunoconjugates for improved imaging and therapy". In the afternoon there were poster pitches and presentations. The meeting was closed with drinks and bites in the café-bar the professor including a poster-award ceremonie. Third prize was for Manon Gloudemans from the Radboud UMC, second prize for Thomas Wunche from the Amsterdam UMC and the first prize was handed out to Priciana Paraiso from the Erasmus MC.



We want to thank all participants for their contributions and we were very happy to see so much enthusiastic young researchers in our field.

Apply to become an NKRV board member

Since June 2023, Robin de Kruijf became board member of the NKRV. We look forward to her contribution to our society. Robin replaces Antonia Denkova, who had to finish her time as NKRV board member after 8 years. Her contribution to our society is highly appreciated. We would like to thank her very much for all the work she did for the NKRV.



In 2024 Gert Luurtsema and Danielle Vugts will step back as board members of the NKRV. Their contribution to our society and their active role as board member from 2016 till 2024 is highly appreciated as well. With Danielle and Gert leaving us in the coming year, we are looking for new enthusiastic board members! If you are interested to join 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

Philip Elsinga and Bert Windhorst, founders of the Clinical Radiochemist initiative, supported by the board members Erik de Blois, Danielle Vugts and Gert Luurtsema realized a position letter. This letter aimed to recognize the profession “ Clinical Radiochemist” by other professional groups like the NVNG (nuclear physician) and the NVZA (hospital pharmacist). The letter will be discussed soon with these professionals groups.



Travelgrants



For 2023, currently there have been six travel grants awarded. For the rest of the year four more travel grants are still available.

In 2024 there will again be budget for ten travel grants. The reimbursement of registration costs for symposia is set at a maximum 500 euro per person. To be eligible you have to be a member of NKRV (attended at least one workshop in the past year), you must be a Technicians or PhD student working in our field, received no other grants and send us proof of accepted abstract. You can apply only once every 3 years so that others also get the

opportunity to apply.

How to apply for a travel grant:

- Fill in the form for travel grants from the NKRV website
- Send an email with a request to info@nkrv.nl with the application form and other required documents attached
- Required documents are: Proof of an accepted (poster or oral), Letter of supervisor, Proof of registration and payment.

National Growth Fund - DECISIVE

Last spring an information meeting was organized to inform participants about our plans for DECISIVE (Dutch Medical Isotopes Save Lives), the national Growth Fund application for Nuclear Medicine. Following this meeting, we received many positive responses and good ideas were submitted to shape the project.

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We have had frequent contact with the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport and FAST, and we have started a series of working groups together with the consultancy firm Catalyze to establish the economic framework of the application.

During the EANM, an meeting was organized were many institutes and companies joined the discussion more in depth on how to realize and organize a strong Dutch infrastructure to be able stimulated the develop and education over the whole pipeline from stable isotope to waste.



Educational program by the NKRV

Providing possibilities for education is a long action item of NKRV board. It is important to know which teaching activities and topics would be appreciated by you. A new initiative is started by Mark Rijpkema (Radboud UMC) and the board of NKRV.

There is Survey available to find out what YOU (PhD, technicians) need and would like to be educated in. For example: lectures on radiochemistry or radiobiology or specific practicals.? Should training be live and on-site or is online preferred? For questions, contact info@nkrv.nl



To complete the survey you can go to shorturl.at/buHM1

Meetings and workshops in 2024

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

- 12-15 March, EMIM-ESMI in Porto, Portugal
- 18-21 April, ESRR 2024 in Coimbra, Portugal
- 7-11 June, SNMMI 2024 Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada
- 19- 23 October: EANM, Hamburg, Germany.

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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