

Dutch Pharmacological Society - Newsletter February 2020

Leiden, 17th Feb 2020

Dear members,

The year 2020 has recently started. Hope it will bring you all the good things you hope for!

Soon we will announce the upcoming launch of our new website. We hope that you will find all relevant information you need about our mission, education & registration, news, “about us” (board members, committees, honoree members etc.), membership, awards, meetings, links and contacts. Please note that your input, for example on the news, and feedback is highly appreciated!

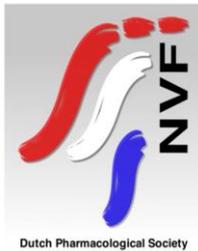
About our *Spring meeting*. This year’s theme will be “Artificial Intelligence in Pharmacological Interventions”. Also this year, the meeting is organised in collaboration with the Dutch Society for Clinical Pharmacology & Biopharmacy (NVKF&B). It will be held Friday, April 3rd at Utrecht University. For other details please see below.

Furthermore we have news on *awards and honours*, the request for nominations for the van *Zwieten PhD thesis Award*, which will be hand out at our Spring Meeting, and request for nominations for the *Ariens Award*. As you know the Ariens Lecture will be given at the *FIGON Dutch Medicine Days*, which are scheduled for 14-15 September, 2020, in the Stadsgehoorzaal in Leiden. For further information about the FIGON Dutch Medicine Days (<https://www.figondmd.nl/>).

Other upcoming meetings are the *Quantitative Systems Pharmacology 2020 meeting* at april 22-24th, in the Stadsgehoorzaal in Leiden, he Netherlands (<https://www.qspc.eu>), and the EPHAR’s 8th *European Congress of Pharmacology* to be held 5–9 July 2020 in Prague, Czech Republic (<https://www.ephar2020.org/>).

Finally, also included are the *membership benefits and fees*, and last but not least the initiative for *registration as a pharmacologist* for which currently the negotiations are going on for European registration.

Kind regards
Liesbeth de Lange



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Awards and honors

Professor Elizabeth de Lange was honoured on 31 January by the University of Uppsala (SE), which appointed her Honorary Doctor at the end of 2019. During the ceremony, De Lange received all three symbols of honour for an Honorary Doctorate: a hat, a diploma, and a ring.

<https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/nieuws/2020/02/eredoctor-elizabeth-de-lange-geeerd-in-uppsala>

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Projects

QSPainRelief



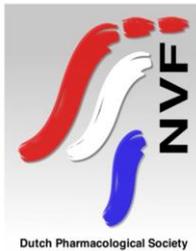
At Jan 1, 2020, the effective combinational treatment of chronic pain in individual patients by an innovative quantitative systems pharmacology (QSP) pain relief approach (QSPainRelief) H2020 consortium, has started. QSPainRelief aims to *develop effective combinations of existing drug treatments for the improved relief of chronic pain*. The ultimate goal is to personalise and maximize pain relief for individuals suffering from chronic pain while diminishing side effects. The project duration is 5 years, has a funding of 6.24 million €, and includes 10 project partners from 6 different countries. The scientific coordinator is Prof. Dr. Elizabeth CM de Lange (PhD, PharmDHc). For more information see the recently launched website: <https://www.qspainrelief.eu/>.

Upcoming meetings

Spring meeting



Please find below the link to the registration site for the Spring meeting of our society, held Friday, April 3rd at Utrecht University. Also this year, the meeting is organised in collaboration with the Dutch Society for Clinical Pharmacology & Biopharmacy (NVKF&B). This year's theme will be "*Artificial Intelligence in Pharmacological Interventions*". Please note that, as always, the day will host a mixture of drug discovery, preclinical and clinical pharmacological research, providing a podium for presentation of abstracts from all pharmacological fields, not only those fitting this year's theme. Please



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register via the website below, through which it is also possible to submit your abstract. Participation is free of cost, but the organising committee does ask you to register in order to be able estimate the number of participants. <http://www.dutchpharmacologyday.nl>

- Date/time: Friday April 3rd, 2020
- Location: Educatorium, Utrecht University, Leuvenlaan 19 3584 CE, Utrecht
- The *abstract deadline is February 21st*
- The *registration deadline: March 31st*

Quantitative Systems Pharmacology meeting (QSPC2020)



The focus of QSPC2020 will be on emerging computational and experimental approaches in the field of quantitative systems pharmacology and mechanism-based or physiologically-based pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics. The meeting will include plenary lectures by both established and young scientists, poster presentations, and ample opportunities for networking

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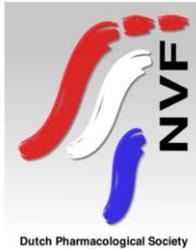
- Date/time: Wednesday April 22- Friday April 24th, 2020
- Location: Stadsgehoorzaal, Breestraat 60, 2331 CS Leiden
- Deadline *registration* Apr 1, 2020
- Deadline *abstract submission* Feb 14, 2020

EPHAR's 8th European Congress of Pharmacology (EPHAR 2020)



The EPHAR 2020 will bring together leading international experts that will provide a comprehensive update on the most recent results and progress in experimental and clinical pharmacology and their translation into regulatory science and clinical medicine.

- Date/time: Sunday July 5th-Thursday July 9th, 2020
- Location: Prague Congress Centre (PCC), 5. května 65, 140 21 Prague 4
- 31 January 2020 28 February 2020: Abstract Submission deadline
- 31 March 2020: Early Registration Deadline



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Website

The new website will soon be launched. An email will be sent to all members once the website is operational. Until that time you can contact the secretary of our Society at nvfarmacologie@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

Request for nominations

Van Zwieten PhD thesis Award – deadline 15th of March 2020

Digital supporting letter from the supervisor and thesis should be sent to nvfarmacologie@gmail.com.

The van Zwieten Evaluation committee consists of Prof dr Harald Schmidt, Prof dr Martine Smit, and Prof dr Martina Schmidt.

This award goes to the best thesis on the basis of the following evaluation criteria

- Planning, starting points and goal setting of the thesis
- Information base and use of information sources
- Methods and data
- Results, discussion and conclusions
- Thesis report, language and general presentation manner
- Managing the thesis process

The Ariëns Award - deadline 15th of July 2020

Candidates can be nominated by the members of the Dutch Pharmacological Society and are evaluated by the selection committee of our Society, which is the Board of the committee.

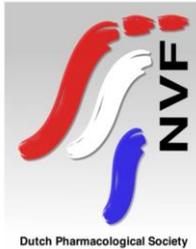
Selection criteria are:

- Scientific quality and quantity of the candidate's work
- Focus on molecular interactions
- International orientation of the candidate

Membership benefits and fees

Membership of the Dutch Pharmacological Society has the following benefits:

- Networking at national and international events (co-) organized by the Society
- Discounted participation of the Dutch Medicine Days
- Discounted participation of the NVF Spring Meeting
- The possibility of registering as Pharmacologist
- The possibility to apply for a travel grant



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Our society welcomes new members (and fees are very friendly to the young generation).

Membership fees are as follows:

- BSc/MSc Students: 10 Euro
- PhD students: 25 Euro
- Post-docs: 35 Euro
- Full members: 75 Euro
- Honorary members: free

If you want to apply for membership, please send an email to nvfarmacologie@gmail.com

Registration as a pharmacologist

One of our main projects is the development of a national exam in pharmacotherapy, please see <https://nvkfb.nl/onderwijs/farmacotherapie-eindtoets/> at the new website (as soon as it is launched) for more information. The Dutch Pharmacological Society has installed a Committee for Pharmacological training supervision and assessment (Commissie Toezicht en Beoordeling; CTB), with current the members being Dr C. Korstanje, Prof. R. Adan, Prof. R.H. Henning), to test the training plan and the level of individual candidates against a set of predefined published criteria.

The final goal is that registered Pharmacologists will have a benefit in filling of open positions in Academia, government bodies and industry. Also registered Pharmacologists could get priority in taking a seat in national and local committees in which Pharmacological knowledge is desirable or imperative. Examples of such committees are committees for the use of drugs in hospitals, or committees for animal experimentation. Specific information can be found on the new website (once it is launched).

Board

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