

Dutch Pharmacological Society - Newsletter July 2020

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Dear members,

The year 2020 is about halfway, and in the previous months we have been facing many changes in our daily practices in work and personal lives due to the measures that were to be taken to reduce the spread of COVID-19. It has been quite impactful already and will remain to be so for at least the coming months.

But we must continue to interact, engage, learn and advance. Where F2F meetings are not possible with health and safety of our members, speakers and attendees as our number one priority, we will find or already have alternatives. Some meetings have been postponed, hoping for F2F possibilities in the next year(s), or, given the fact that nowadays we have all kinds of ways to communicate digitally, have been adapted to a digital version. Details are provided in this Newsletter below, so here just in short:

- Our **Spring meeting** "Artificial Intelligence in Pharmacological Interventions", has been postponed and will be held during the Spring of 2021 in Groningen. <https://nvfarmacologie.nl/>
- The **Quantitative Systems Pharmacology meeting** in Leiden, The Netherlands (<https://www.qspc.eu>) is postponed to April 7 - 9, 2021.
- The **EPHAR's 8th European Congress of Pharmacology** in Prague, Czech Republic (<https://www.epharm2020.org/>) has been postponed to 28 March – 1 April 2021.
- The **FIGON DMD** will be organized this year in a digital format. It will start with an opening session on the 14th of Sept. More information will become available in due time (<https://www.figondmd.nl/>).

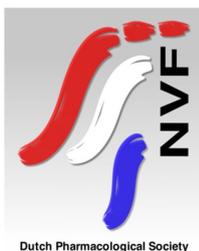
Regarding awards and honours we are delighted to announce **Prof. dr. Malcolm Rowland** as our **2020 Ariens laureate**, with his lecture to be given during the FIGON DMD meeting, presumably at the 14th of Sept. Information will follow in due time.

Furthermore, we request for nominations for the **Van Zwieten PhD thesis Awards** for **2019** and **2020**. See details below.

Also, we have a call for papers on **COVID-19 research**, for which our webmaster will build a repository at our website to make contributions in the COVID-19 field knowledgeable among members of our society and facilitate discussion and interaction.

Finally, after all the hectic months we wish you a relaxed summer season, and a fresh start afterwards.

Kind regards
Liesbeth de Lange



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Awards and honors

Ariëns Award Lecture Laureate

The Ariëns Award lecture is organized by the Dutch Pharmacological Society in memory of professor Ariëns, one of the founders of the field of pharmacology and professor at the University of Nijmegen and held at the During the Dutch Medicines Day. Past recipients of this prestigious award include Prof. dr. B. Kobilka Stanford, CA, USA, Prof. dr. T. Kenakin, Chapel Hill, NC, USA, Prof. dr. M.J. Millan, Paris, France, Prof. dr. S. Brain, King's College London, UK, professor John Scott, University of Washington, Seattle, USA, and last year Professor S. Hill from Nottingham University, UK, among others (see <https://nvfarmacologie.nl/>).

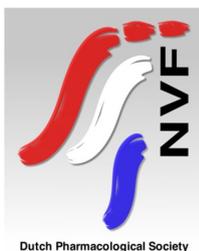
The 2020 Ariens laureate is **Prof. dr. Malcolm Rowland**.



Malcolm Rowland is member and former director (1996-2000) of the Centre for Applied Pharmacokinetic Research, University of Manchester, U.K, and Adjunct Professor, Department of Bioengineering and Therapeutic Sciences, University of California San Francisco (UCSF). He was President, EUFEPS (European Federation for Pharmaceutical Sciences, 1996-2000); and a Vice-president FIP (International Pharmaceutical Federation, 2001-2009). Dr. Rowland has been a frontrunner in basic and theoretical aspects of pharmacokinetics, especially physiologic pharmacokinetics. His main research interest is physiologically based pharmacokinetics and its application to drug discovery, development and use. He is also strongly associated with clearance concepts in pharmacokinetics. Author of over 300 scientific articles, and co-author, with Dr. TN Tozer, of the textbooks: Clinical Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics: Concepts and Applications, and Essentials of Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics. He served as an editor of Journal of Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics (1973-2007), and since 1977 has organised regular residential workshops in pharmacokinetics. He has been awarded honorary doctorate degrees from the Universities of Athens (Greece), Poitiers (France), and Uppsala (Sweden), and Honorary Membership, Royal College of Physicians (London). Despite his retirement, he is still active in the field and a true inspiring mentor to all his (former) students and colleagues. Analogous to professor Ariens, Malcolm Rowland combines basic pharmacological science with clinical concepts.

Honours

The NVF is proud to announce that **Dr Amalia Dolga** has been appointment as Associate Professor of Regenerative Neuropharmacology at the University of Groningen.



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FIGON Dutch Medicine days 2020

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), a physical meeting on September 14 and 15 is not possible. The health and safety of our members, speakers and attendees is our number one priority. Even in the midst of COVID-19, the work cannot stop - we must continue to meet, engage, learn and advance. **Therefore, this year's DMD edition will be organized virtually.** This year's theme is **Affordable and Sustainable Drug Development**. More information can be found at <https://www.figondmd.nl>.

Abstract submission for this meeting is open and will close August 31st. More information can be found at <https://www.figondmd.nl/abstracts>.

EPHAR 2021

Due to the COVID-19 crisis EPHAR 2020 has been postponed. The new date is **28 March – 1 April 2021**. The **online registration** will be **re-opened on 1st of September 2020**. More information can be found at <https://www.ephar2021.org>. The NVF is sponsoring the symposium entitled "*WNT signaling as a novel therapeutic target*".

Spring meeting 2021

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the 2020 Spring meeting which was to be held together with our colleagues from the Dutch Society for Clinical Pharmacology & Biopharmacy was cancelled. However, the Spring meeting committee of our society has now started planning the 2021 meeting to be held during the Spring of 2021 in Groningen. More details on the exact date will follow after summer. As a result of this year's cancellation, during the 2021 Spring meeting, both the **Van Zwieten PhD Thesis Award for PhD-students who graduated in 2019** as well as the **Van Zwieten PhD Thesis Award for PhD-students who graduate in 2020**, will be awarded (for details with regard to nominations see below).

Request for nominations

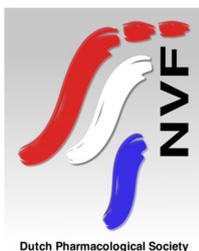
Van Zwieten PhD thesis Award 2019– deadline 1st of October 2020.

Van Zwieten PhD thesis Award 2020– deadline 1st of February 2021.

A digital supporting letter from the supervisor and thesis should be send 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



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- Managing the thesis process

Ariens award 2021- continuously open for nominations.

Nominations for the Ariëns Award 2021 are already coming in, and we very much encourage members to nominate additional candidates by sending a formal letter of nomination to nvfarmacologie@gmail.com. In June 2021, the next Ariëns laureate will be announced by the board. Further information on criteria can be found on the website.

Website

As announced earlier this year, our new website is online, and can be found at www.nvfarmacologie.nl. If you would like to post news items, job openings, or publish announcements for symposia and conferences, breakthrough papers, grants, awards etc. on our website, please feel very welcome to send an e-mail to the general e-mail address of our society: nvfarmacologie@gmail.com and our webmaster will arrange to update our website accordingly.

Call for papers COVID-19

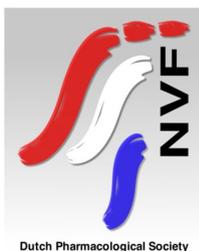
Although currently the COVID-19 pandemic is on the decline in The Netherlands, the pandemic is still expanding worldwide. To highlight research activities and **share research papers, case reports or other scientific works that our members have published in relation to COVID-19, we invite you to share a link to your recent work in this field** via nvfarmacologie@gmail.com. Our webmaster will build a repository to make contributions in the COVID-19 field knowledgeable among members of our society and facilitate discussion and interaction.

Call to apply for financial support symposium organization IUPHAR 2022

The WCP2022 International Scientific Committee is seeking symposium, workshop and debate proposals for the 19th World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology – WCP2022 which will be held from 17 to 22 July 2022 at the SEC, Glasgow. The deadline for proposals is 09.00 (BST) on 7th of September 2020. More information can be found on <https://wcp2022.org>. The Dutch Pharmacological Society can offer support for your initiative in the form of a support letter as well as a limited financial contribution to help cover organizational cost or travel. We received already one request but should more members wish to contribute please do not hesitate to contact us. In financial terms we can contribute to supporting one session. Please contact us at nvfarmacologie@gmail.com.

Registration as a pharmacologist

As outlined on our website, we encourage PhD students and other scientists working in the field of pharmacology to register as a pharmacologist. The Dutch Pharmacological Society has a **Committee for Pharmacological training supervision and assessment** installed for this purpose (Commissie Toezicht en Beoordeling; CTB), with current the members being Dr C. Korstanje, Prof. R. Adan, Prof. R.H. Henning). Task



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of the CTB is to evaluate the training plan and the level of knowledge, skills and attitude of individual candidates against a set of predefined published criteria. Currently, the CTB is working with EPHAR to align the Dutch registration program with the European criteria stated by EPHAR. You can contact the CTB via our general e-mail account.

Registered Pharmacologists can 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.

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

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 or update your information, please send an email to nvfarmacologie@gmail.com

Board

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