

Dutch Pharmacological Society - Newsletter July 2020

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Dear members,

First of all we would like to wish you a healthy and wonderful 2021! Hopefully we will be able to meet each other again, - somehow, someday- this year.

Last year's Ariëns Award winner was **Prof Malcolm Rowland** and last October, at the kick-off day of the digital FIGON meeting, he provided the **Ariëns Lecture**. Prof Rowland was recognized for his groundbreaking contributions to physiologically-based pharmacokinetics. For Medicines (October 2020) he also gave a nice interview "Studying the universe of pharmacokinetics", in which he indicated that both the general model and the quantitative principles of clearance and tissue distribution apply to every single drug. Furthermore, we were very happy to see the good attendance of also our **DPS (NVF) FIGON sessions** in the weeks thereafter, as chaired by Dr Amalia Dolga and Dr Antoinette Maassen van den Brink. We want to thank the FIGON organization for that, and also for having established the digital platform to make this all happen. If you could not attend and would still like to view the Ariëns lecture (held during the opening session 15th of September) or the other DPS sessions (4 regenerative pharmacology sessions held 22nd of September through to the 13th of October), recordings can be found here (<https://www.figondmd.nl/webinars-on-demand>, registration is required but free of costs).

Our society is internationally associated with the Federation of European Pharmacological Societies (EPHAR). Over the past years we have been working hard to harmonize our national program for training and certification as a pharmacologist with the EPHAR accreditation rules for **European Certified Pharmacologist** (EuCP). We are glad to announce that we have received approval for our EuCP program! So, it will be possible soon to have yourself registered as EU Pharmacologist. Many thanks for the work by Dr Cees Korstanje, Prof Rob Henning and Prof Roger Adan on this dossier.

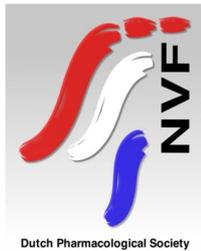
As expected, meetings that were to be held in (early) 2021 have been postponed. A little update:

- Our **Spring meeting** with the theme "Organs Connected", will be held (F2F/digitally) at April 13th, 2021, <https://nvfarmacologie.nl/>
- The **EPHAR's 8th European Congress of Pharmacology** in Prague, Czech Republic (<https://www.epharm2020.org/>) has been postponed to December 5–8, 2021, in a hybrid format.
- The **Quantitative Systems Pharmacology meeting** in Leiden, The Netherlands (<https://www.qspc.eu>) is postponed to April 20-22, 2022, in the year where Leiden is the EU City of Science.

Furthermore, we request for **nominations** for the **Van Zwieten PhD thesis Awards 2020** and the **Ariëns lecture 2021**. See details below.

Finally, we wish you a fresh start of 2021!

Kind regards
Liesbeth de Lange



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Awards and honors

Dr Antoinette Maassen van den Brink has been awarded a VICI grant on the link between migraine, sex hormones, and microvascular function.

Migraine is a highly debilitating disease, especially in women. Moreover, it is a major cardiovascular risk factor. Antoinette will study why specifically women get more migraines, how to specifically treat women and how to mitigate that cardiovascular risk in migraine, taking into account potential cardiovascular risks of antimigraine medication.

More information available at <https://www.zonmw.nl/nl/onderzoek-resultaten/fundamenteel-onderzoek/programmas/programma-detail/vici/t/gehonoreerde-projecten/>.



Dr Tom Schirris has been awarded the Martinus van Marum Prize 2020 for Life Sciences and Technology of the Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities. This award is intended as an incentive prize for researchers who have obtained their PhD degree in 2015 or later. During the award ceremony in the Hodshonhuis in Haarlem, Tom presented his work about using systems medicine approaches to identify on- and off-target mitochondrial drug effects. More information can be found at: <https://khw.nl/martinus-van-marum-prijs/>



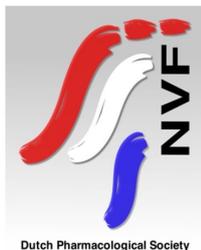
Prof Liesbeth de Lange has been awarded with the prestigious Lewis Sheiner Lecture Award, a life time achievement award, and the highest recognition of the International Society of Pharmacometrics (ISoP). <http://go-isop.org/awards/lewis-b-sheiner-award/>.

On the occasion of the award, De Lange gave a lecture at the opening of the annual ISoP/ACop meeting on 9 November 2020.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/news/2020/11/liesbeth-de-lange-wins-lewis-b-sheiner-career-prize>





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Upcoming Meetings

EPHAR 2021

Due to the COVID-19 crisis EPHAR 2020 has been postponed. The new date is **December 5–8, 2021**. More information can be found at <https://www.ephar2021.org>. The NVF is sponsoring the symposium entitled “*WNT signaling as a novel therapeutic target*”.

Dutch Pharmacological Society Spring meeting 2021

On Tuesday **April 13th 2021** we will organize our spring meeting together with the Dutch Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Biopharmacy (NVKFB). This meeting with titled ‘*Organs connected*’ will be organized in a hybrid format. Around this theme keynote lecture will be provided by Prof. dr. Roos Masereeuw and Prof. dr. Hidido Lambers Heerspink.

We invite you to submit your abstract for poster and oral presentations via <https://nvkfb.nl/abstracts/>. The submission deadline is March 1st 2021. Additional information and information about the symposium registration will be provided in due time.

During the spring meeting also the **Van Zwieten PhD Thesis Award** for PhD-students who graduated in 2020, will be awarded (for details with regard to nominations see below). As last year’s spring meeting was postponed, we will also award the prize for students who graduated in 2019.

General Assembly (online)

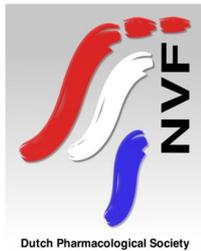
This year’s General Assembly is planned to be held on the 21st of April, from 16:00-18:00. Given all uncertainties regarding COVID, we will host an online meeting this year. A draft agenda, financial report and a written report of our activities (jaarverslag) will be sent to you in March, as well as login details. As we missed our meeting in 2019, we will make up for this as well. Please send input for the agenda to our general e-mail address.

Call for new board member

This spring Dr. Antoinette Maassen van den Brink Antoinette reaches the end of her term as a member of the board. Many thanks to Antoinette for all her work for our Society! This also means we have a vacancy for a new board member. Members who are interested and willing to contribute to our Society are encouraged to apply via e-mail, so during our General Assembly, the 21st of April, a new board member can be selected and installed.

WCP2022

The 19th World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology – WCP2022 will be held from 17- 22 July 2022 at the SEC, in Glasgow. 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.



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Request for nominations

Van Zwieten PhD thesis Award 2020– extended deadline 15th 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
- 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

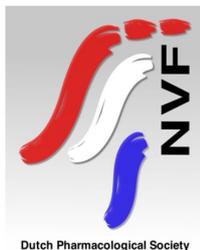
As announced earlier this year, our new website is online, and can be found at www.nvfarmacologie.nl. If you would like to post news items, job openings, or publish announcements for symposia and conferences, breakthrough papers, grants, awards etc. on our website, please feel very welcome to send an 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 on COVID-19

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.

Registration as a European pharmacologist

As outlined on our website, we encourage PhD students and other scientists working in the field of pharmacology to register as a **European Certified Pharmacologist (EuCP)**. The Committee for Pharmacological training supervision and assessment (Commissie Toezicht en Beoordeling; CTB), with current the members Dr Cees Korstanje, Prof Roger Adan, and Prof Rob Henning, is in charge of this. The required forms and procedure will be posted in the coming months on our website so we can start with



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the registration process. More information to follow during our General Assembly. In the meantime, questions regarding registration can always be sent to our general mail address or to the CTB directly.

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

President:	Prof. Dr. Elizabeth (Liesbeth) CM de Lange (Leiden)
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Member:	Dr. Antoinette Maassen van den Brink (Rotterdam)