

Dutch Pharmacological Society - Newsletter Dec 2021

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Dear members,

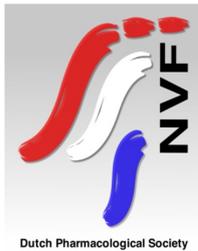
The year 2021 is coming to an end. Despite our expectation we are still facing restrictions due to COVID-19, and now we go for the booster vaccinations. In the meantime, life and work goes on and we just have to keep doing our best. In this newsletter we will entail the following in detail, but here just in short:

- The FIGON DMD 2022 is held in conjunction with EUFEPS as **EUFEPS/DMD 2022** with the Theme **“Top Science below Sea Level”** at 1st-3rd June 2022 At the Stadsgehoorzaal in Leiden. More information is available (<https://www.figondmd.nl/>).
- **Mohammed Saleh** (PhD candidate at Leiden University) has won two prizes
- The **Quantitative Systems Pharmacology meeting** (QSPC2022) will be held F2F in Leiden, The Netherlands from April 22-24, 2022. (<https://www.qspc.eu>)
- The **online seminar series on Who-is-Who in Pharmacology** in The Netherlands has been started this year and will be held at a monthly basis to enable researchers working in academia and industry to present their work in the field of pharmacology (<https://nvfarmacologie.nl/>)
- Furthermore, we request for nominations for the **Van Zwieten PhD thesis Awards** for 2021. See details below. Nominations for the **Ariens Award** can be submitted at any time.

Finally, we wish you a **relaxed and happy Christmas season, and good start of the new year 2022.**

Kind regards
Liesbeth de Lange





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Awards and honors

Mohammed Saleh



At the American conference of pharmacometrics 2021 (ACOP12, <https://www.go-acop.org/>), Mohammed Saleh won the **team's prize of the trainee communication challenge**.

Also, his poster titled "Predicting the impact of healthy aging on brain PK profiles using a translational modeling approach" received the **blue ribbon recognition** by the quantitative systems pharmacology interest group of the international society of pharmacometrics. Mohammed is a PhD candidate at the LACDR, at the Division of Biomedicine and Pharmacology, and is supervised by Prof. Dr. Liesbeth de Lange and Dr. Jeroen Elassaiss-Schaap."

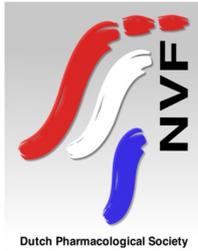
Webinar series- Who-is-who in Pharmacology

The **online webinar series on Who-is-Who in Pharmacology** in The Netherlands has been started this year to enable researchers working in academia and industry to present their work in the field of pharmacology. This is a great opportunity for small SME or large companies to present their work and learn about various topics of pharmacology performed in research institutes across The Netherlands. These seminars have the purpose to enable collaborations based on common research interests or share knowledge about techniques and/or disease models used in pharmacology/toxicology. Further information is available at our website <https://nvfarmacologie.nl/>. If you are interested in providing a lecture please write to nvfarmacologie@gmail.com or to Amalia Dolga (a.m.dolga@rug.nl). More information about the links and the next seminars will be placed on our website.

Scientific meetings

FIGON Dutch Medicine days integrated in EUFEPS 2022

Next year, the FIGON DMD 2022 will be held in conjunction with EUFEPS as **EUFEPS/DMD 2022** with the Theme "**Top Science below Sea Level**" at 1st-3rd June 2022 at the Stadsgehoorzaal in Leiden. More information is available (<https://www.figondmd.nl/>).



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QSPC 2022

Quantitative Systems Pharmacology Conference (**QSPC2022**), which will be held in the “Stadsgehoorzaal” in the city center of Leiden, the Netherlands on 20th-22nd April 2022. The focus of QSPC2022 will be on emerging computational and experimental approaches in the field of QSP and mechanism-based or physiologically-based PK and PD. The meeting will include plenary lectures by both established and young scientists, poster presentations, and ample opportunities for networking. *Registration is now open.* Please see for more details www.qspc.eu

WCP2023

The 19th World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology – WCP2023 which will be held from 2nd- 7th July 2023 in Glasgow, Scotland. There is still possibility for submission of a satellite meeting proposal. More information can be found on <https://wcp2023.org/>. The DPS/NVF can offer support for your initiative in the form of a support letter as well as an appropriate financial contribution. Please contact us at nvfarmacologie@gmail.com.

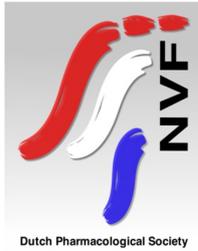
Update from the Education Committee

One of the goals of the education committee is to create an overview of the basic pharmacology teaching efforts at university level in the Netherlands and develop a platform on which teaching tools and teaching information is available. This platform is to become accessible via the DPS website and will be made available to DPS members. In order to setup such a platform, we started to share the learning goals, study materials and tools we use as committee members in our own basic pharmacology teaching, aiming to identify and share best practices. We meet quarterly, via online meeting and members who are interested to join the discussion are very welcome to join the digital meetings.

Occasionally we invite guest speakers from outside the DPS as well. For example, last year, Jeroen van Smeden, educational director at the Centre for Human Drug Research, Leiden, presented the new Teaching Resource Center (<https://trc-p.nl>), a free-to-use digital tool that covers both basic and disease-related pharmacological and pharmacotherapeutic aspects.

The coming year, we will extend our efforts and explore the options on how to make a user-friendly platform that makes all the above-described information easily accessible to all DPS members. In addition, we will put effort in ways to expand our network of teachers of basic pharmacology at university level in the Netherlands.

Last year the composition of our committee changed. Leonie Beljaars (Pharmacy/Pharmaceutical sciences, University of Groningen) left the committee as she moved positions within the UMCG. The committee would like to thank Leonie for her input and commitment to the committee. The good news is that the committee was extended, welcoming Glenn Dumont (UvA), Hoeke Baarsma (University of Groningen) and Marleen Hessel (LUMC). If you are interested in joining the educational committee



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and/or would like to share your teaching tools, study material and/or share best practices in basic pharmacology teaching, please contact Micha Wilhelmus (m.wilhelmus@amsterdamumc.nl).

Request for nominations

Van Zwieten PhD thesis Award 2021– deadline 1st of February 2022.

A digital supporting letter from the supervisor and thesis should be send to nvfarmacologie@gmail.com.

A PhD-thesis is eligible when defended in 2021.

The van Zwieten Evaluation committee consists of Prof. dr. Harald Schmidt (University of Maastricht), Prof. dr. Martine Smit (Free University of Amsterdam), and Prof. dr. Martina Schmidt (University of Groningen).

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 - continuously open for nominations.

We very much encourage members to nominate additional (non-Dutch) candidates for the Ariëns Award by sending a formal letter of your nomination to nvfarmacologie@gmail.com.

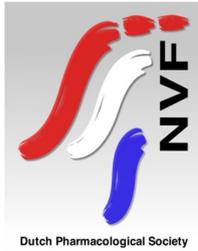
Further information on criteria can be found on the website.

Website

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 (www.nvfarmacologie.nl); 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.

Registration for European Certified Pharmacologist (EuCP)

The DPS is the organization of professional (basic) pharmacologists in The Netherlands. We organize scientific activities for our members and aim to advance the pharmacological profession and its application in the biomedical field. We are internationally associated with the Federation of European Pharmacological Societies (EPHAR) and have harmonized our program for training and certification as a pharmacologist to comply with the EPHAR accreditation rules for European Certified Pharmacologist



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(EuCP). The program is open for registrations. For more information see our website at <https://nvfarmacologie.nl/registration-as-a-pharmacologist/>

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.

Invoices for membership fees over the past calendar year will reach your inbox before the end of the year (as in previous years).

Board

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