



ISPP

International Society for Plant Pathology

(Dr Greg Johnson, President 2013-2018)



Report to ISPP from an Associated Society for 2013-2018.

Name of Society. Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology (Koninklijke Nederlandse Plantenziektkundige Vereniging). **Established:** 1891

Web address for Society. www.knpv.org English site: www.knpv.org/en

Name (s) of personnel preparing report. Frits van der Zweep, secretary;

Nominated Officers. Is the list for your society on the ISPP website correct? YES.
(<http://www.isppweb.org/societies.asp>)

Will a Society member be making corrections to the ISPP entry for your society on-line? No*.

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Society membership. 624 members in 2013; 618 members in 2014; 609 members in 2015; 605 members in 2016; 626 members in 2017.

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- *Society Activities and publications.*

The Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology (KNPV) was founded in 1891. It is the oldest society for plant pathology in the world and has currently over 600 members. The aim of the KNPV is to stimulate cooperation and communication between persons with an interest in plant protection, plant diseases and their causal organisms, pest insects (and mites) and weeds. The KNPV is a platform for interaction between all persons involved in crop protection, including education, consultancy, industry, trade, crop production, policy making and research. These representatives usually meet in KNPV working groups that address specific plant diseases. Although the major task of KNPV will be an interaction platform for its members, a new policy has been adopted to become a knowledge centre for society as well. Some of the conferences of the past period were already organized for a broader audience in order to feed them with science-based discussions on societal crop protection issues. In 2018 the KNPV has launched a pilot project with the aim to become the authority of crop protection knowledge, to be contacted by journalists, public opinion makers and social media role models, before they comment to society on crop protection issues. This learning-by doing pilot project of 2 years will show if and how the KNPV might be able to acquire this authority in the public domain.

Chronicle of the Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology (KNPV):

On the occasion of the celebration of the KNPV's 125th anniversary in 2016 the former secretary Jacques Horsten has written a chronicle with the title: 'Het verleden van onze toekomst (The past of our future)', 2016, 431pp.

- *The Society publishes two journals:*
 - The society's journal 'The Netherlands Journal of Plant Pathology' was continued in 1994 as the internationally renowned European Journal of Plant Pathology (EJPP). The KNPV is the owner of the Journal, which is published by Springer Science and Business Media, on behalf of the KNPV.
 - On the national level, the KNPV publishes its journal 'Gewasbescherming' (Crop Protection) which is issued to all members bimonthly.
- *Society Conferences and Workshops (National meetings)*

The KNPV organises normally twice a year a conference on a specific topic, sometimes in cooperation with other Societies. Following conferences were held in the past years:

 - Weerbaarheid en Innovatie / Resistance and innovation – Wageningen, May 23, 2013.
 - The Process to Progress, (up)date in crop protection research, Wageningen, November 26, 2013.
 - Gewasbescherming en omwonenden / Crop protection and the environment, Wageningen, May 21, 2014.
 - Plantenziektkunde in de Topsector / Plant pathology in the Top sector, Wageningen, November 19, 2014.
 - The missing link - De groene schakel tussen onderzoek en praktijk / The missing link – The green link between research and practice, Wageningen, May 27, 2015.
 - EcoHealth, Conference of KNPV and KNVM (Koninklijke Nederlandse Vereniging voor Microbiologie / Royal Netherlands Society of Microbiology), Papendal, March 22, 2016.

- Jubileum 125 jaar KNPV / Jubilee celebration 125 years KNPV, Ede, April 11,2016.
 - The Future Valley Debate: De toekomst van de gewasbescherming / The future of plant protection, 's-Hertogenbosch, June 23,2016.
 - Gewasbeschermingsmiddelen / Plant protection products and pesticides, Special meeting KNPV with Student Society Semper Florence, Wageningen, September 21,2016.
 - The Trade Valley Debate: Houd Nederland Xylella-vrij / Keep the Netherlands free of Xylella, Zundert, October 6,2016.
 - The Green Valley Debate: Glastuinders, ketenpartijen en overheid: bondgenoten of tegenstanders in gewasbescherming? Farmers and horticulturists, chain parties concerned, government and research institutes: partners or opponents in crop protection?, Berkel en Rodenrijs, November 9,2016.
 - Afsluiting en terugblik viering 125 jaar KNPV / Closure and retrospect of the celebration 125 years KNPV, Wageningen, November 17,2016.
 - The Seed Valley Debate: Nieuwe veredelingsmethoden: wat kan & wat mag? / New breeding methods, what can and will be happen?, Zwaagdijk, February 16,2017.
 - Geïntegreerde gewasbescherming / Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Wageningen, May 11,2017.
 - Fungicidenresistentie / Fungicide resistance, Lelystad, September 28,2017.
 - Plant- en bodemmicrobioom - belang voor gewasbescherming / Plant and Soil Microbiome - relevance for crop protection, Ede, 2 November ,2017.
 - Gewasbescherming en klimaatverandering / Crop protection and climate change, Special meeting KNPV with Student Society Semper Florence, Wageningen, November 7,2017.
- *Funding opportunities:* The society sponsors certain scientific activities for members only.
One of the main sponsoring activities concerns the High School student website.
The main goal of this website is to raise interest in plant diseases and crop protection among Dutch High School students. To do this, we bring interesting news and science topics on plant pathology, give study information on plant pathology and provide subjects and materials for school projects. We also organise plant pathology workshops for High School biology teachers. The website is in Dutch language and can be found at www.plantenziektekunde.nl.

Plant pathology in the Region Served by the KNPV 2013-2018

The society facilitates following working groups. The society stimulates international contacts of these working groups with other researchers in the region, like in UK, Belgium, Germany, France, Denmark etc. For easy reference, the contact details are listed below.

Working groups

Soil-borne pathogens and soil microbiology

chair: mw. Joeke Postma (Wageningen Plant Research)
secretary: mw. Gera van Os (Aeres Hogeschool)
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Fusarium

chair: Cees Waalwijk (Wageningen Plant Research)
secretary: mw. Anne van Diepeningen (Wageningen University & Research, postbus 16, 6700 AA Wageningen)
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Oomycetes

chair: Peter Bonants (Wageningen Plant Research)
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Nematodes

chair: Leendert Molendijk (Wageningen Plant Research)
secretary: mw. Natasja Poot (Eurofins Agro Holland BV, Postbus 170, 6700 AD Wageningen)
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Cereal diseases

chair: Gert Kema (Wageningen Plant Research)
secretary: Theo van der Lee (Wageningen Plant Research)
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Phylobacteriology

chair: Leo van Overbeek (Wageningen Plant Research)
secretary: Jan van der Wolf (Wageningen Plant Research)
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Crop Protection and Public Debate

Contact person: Rob Kerkmeester (Has Hogeschool, Den Bosch)

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Annemarie Breukers (LTO)

Jan Buurma (Wageningen Economic Research)

Peter van Kampen (NVWA)

Roland Verweij (CS Consultancy)

Peter Leendertse (CLM)

Students

Contact person: Kees Westerdijk (Aeres Hogeschool, Dronten)

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Corné Kempenaar (Wageningen Plant Research)

Herbicide resistency

chair: Bernard Weickmans (CRA-W)

secretary: Erwin Mol (NVWA, Postbus 9102, 6700 HC Wageningen)

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Fungicide resistency

chair: Huub Schepers (Wageningen Plant Research)

secretaris: Ivonne Elberse (NVWA, Postbus 9102, 6700 HC Wageningen)

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Pesticide resistency

chair: Guy Smagghe (Universiteit Gent)

secretary: Claudia Jilesen (NVWA, Postbus 9102, 6700 HC Wageningen)

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ICPP Conference

The Society has submitted a bid to organize the ICPP conference in 2023, but finally France was the winner to do the job.

The society and EFPP

The Society was the founding father of the European Foundation for Plant Pathology. See also: www.efpp.net. Excerpt from the by-laws:

1. Name and seat

The name of the foundation is: "European Foundation for Plant Pathology". The seat of the foundation is Wageningen, The Netherlands. The secretariat shall be at the office of the General Secretary.

2. Object

The object of the foundation is to promote scientific and technical cooperation in the field of plant pathology in Europe and for such purposes to facilitate the exchange of scientific information between plant pathologists, especially European plant pathologists, who are members of national or regional scientific organizations in the field of plant pathology or related fields.

3. Activities

To fulfill the object, the foundation shall:

- a. organize meetings, symposia and conferences
- b. collect and disseminate information
- c. advise, collaborate and maintain liaison with relevant national and international organizations
- d. encourage formation of national societies of plant pathologists within Europe and of international groups of plant pathologists specialized in certain fields
- e. undertake any lawful activity in pursuance of the object of the foundation

- f. remain a scientific organization not engaged in any form of political activity and without the objective of financial gain

The society envisages to continue above mentioned activities in the years to come.

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Frits van der Zweep