



## YEARLY REPORT 2022

### Nederlandse Vereniging voor Massaspectrometrie

#### 1. Secretariat

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#### 2. Membership

The number of members of the Dutch Society for Mass Spectrometry (NVMS) on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 was 840. This represents an increase of 32 members compared to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

#### 3. Board

During the reporting year, the composition of the NVMS board was as follows: Manfred Wuhrer (chair, until 31<sup>st</sup> August) Anouk Rijs (chair, from 1<sup>st</sup> September), Isabelle Kohler (secretary), Richard Scheltema (treasurer), Eef Dirksen (program), Annemieke Kolkman (program), and Jan Commandeur (social media and website).

#### 4. Board meetings

The board held regular meetings on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022, and 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Minutes were taken during these meetings.

#### 5. General assembly

One general assembly was held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 during the NVMS Spring Symposium in Nijmegen.

#### 6. Website

The NVMS has its own domain name, i.e., [www.nvms.nl](http://www.nvms.nl). The NVMS also possesses an email address ([info@nvms.nl](mailto:info@nvms.nl)). The website aims to attract a larger audience and enhance accessibility for its members through social media channels ([Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube channel](#)). The website provides information about events and open vacancies. The composition of the board, along with contact information, is listed on the website.

## 7. Activities of the past year

### 7.1. *Activities in 2022*

Since the COVID-19 restrictions were still in place in the first quarter of 2022, another online edition (“e-NVMS”) took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022. This edition featured 10-min pitches by six PhD students, followed by a Q&A session between the participants and the speakers. The six pitches are available as videos on the NVMS [YouTube channel](#).

After a year with no physical gatherings in 2021 due to the COVID-19 measures, the NVMS returned back to an in-person symposium in spring 2022. The NVMS spring symposium took place at Radboud University in Nijmegen on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022. More than 80 participants joined this event, which featured seven speakers and closed with drinks and a visit of the HMFL-FELIX laboratory. A summary of this event can be found on the [NVMS website](#).

To avoid extra costs associated with no-shows, who registered but did not join the symposium and, thus, did not pay, the Board has decided to start using an online payment module via EventBrite, where members will have to pay upon registration. This module will be implemented during the NVMS spring symposium 2023.

### 7.2. *IMSC2022*

Between 27<sup>th</sup> August – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022, the 24<sup>th</sup> International Mass Spectrometry Conference (IMSC2022) took place in Maastricht. Isabelle Kohler represented the NVMS as a board member in the IMSC2022 Foundation (“Stichting IMSC2022”). The other NVMS members were represented in the local organizing committee (LOC). The LOC met eight times in 2022, including one evaluation meeting in December 2022.

The conference was a great success, with 1082 participants (1182 paid registrations), 99 participants to short courses, 1059 abstracts submitted, 667 posters presented, and 510 participants to Evening Workshops. After the evaluation meeting, a list of recommendations was sent to the Chair of IMSC2024, which will take place in Melbourne, Australia. The IMSC2022 Foundation will be dissolved in 2023, upon closure of the final budget.

### 7.3. *Rolduc*

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Rolduc conference could not be organized in 2021, as initially planned. Due to the organization of IMSC2022, the Board has decided, together with the Board of the Belgian Society for Mass Spectrometry (BSMS), to postpone the next edition of the Rolduc conference to 2024. The conference will, as usual, take place in the Adbij Rolduc in Kerkrade between Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> until Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2024.

### 7.4. *NVMS Conference Fund*

The conference stimulation fund (“NVMS Conference Fund”), funded from NVMS reserves, awarded an exceptional number of grants this year to scientists for presenting at a scientific conference.

Notably, the NVMS awarded a special IMSC2022 Fund to 12 young scientists, including 10 PhD students and 2 postdocs, to support their participation to IMSC2022 in Maastricht. Exceptionally, the Fund was supporting the registration fees and conference dinner, i.e., 240€ and 540€ for PhD students and postdocs, respectively. The recipients were Danique van Rijswijk (UU), Hany Majeed (VU), Johannes Hevler (UU), Christoph Gtöttner (LUMC), Sebastiaan van den Wildenberg (TU/E), Peng Che (VU), Ariadni Geballa-Koukoulou (WFSR), Jeroen

Meijer (VU), Dario Cramer (UU), Denice van Herwerden (UvA), Wouter van Bergen (UU) and Constantin Blöchl (LUMC).

In addition, the NVMS awarded a regular conference Fund (1000€) to Isabeau Vermeulen (M4I) for her participation to an international conference abroad.

## **8. Policy matters**

The membership to the NVMS was free in 2022. Manfred Wuhrer (President) resigned on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 during IMSC2022 and was replaced by Anouk Rijs as new President.

## **9. Closing remarks**

The NVMS is an association that welcomes anyone with an interest in mass spectrometry. Membership to the KNCV or the NNV is not a requirement to join the NVMS.