

International Workshop on Viral replicons and self-amplifying mRNA vaccines

12th of December 2025; Crowne Plaza Amsterdam-Zuid

Workshop Chair: Prof. Jos van Putten (COGEM)

REGISTRATION

9:30 – 10:00 **Registration, coffee and tea**

SESSION 1 SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS

10.00 – 10.15 **Welcome**
Prof. Sybe Schaap

10.15 – 10.45 **Alphavirus-based self-amplifying mRNA vaccines for pandemic and other diseases**
Prof. Gerald Mc Inerney – Karolinski Institutet, Sweden

10.45 – 11.15 ***Working title: Potential environmental risks of alphavirus replicons***
Prof. Gorben Pijlman – Wageningen University & Research, the Netherlands

11.15 – 11.45 **Trans-amplifying RNA - a versatile vector system to deliver therapeutic proteins and RNAs**
Dr. Tim Beißert – TRON Mainz, Germany

11.45 – 12:00 **Panel discussion**

12:00 – 13:15 **Lunch**

SESSION 2 LEGAL ASPECTS

13:15 – 13:45 **Old GMO definition for new pharmaceutical developments**
Jens Kahrman LL.M. – BVL, Germany

13:45 – 14:15 **Biological Entity, a legal, philosophical and biological analysis**
Dr. Britte Bouchaut – Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands
Dr. Lotte Asveld

14.15 – 14.30 **Panel discussion**

14:30 – 15:00 **Coffee/tea break**

SESSION 3 VIEWS OF ADVISORY BODIES AND GENERAL DISCUSSION

15:00 – 16:00 **Views of advisory bodies on viral replicons and samRNA vaccines**
1. COGEM (The Netherlands) – confirmed
2. ZKBS (Germany) – confirmed
3. Sciensano (Belgium) – confirmed
4. Tba

16:00 – 16:45 **Exchange of views and ideas (Chatham House Rule)**

CLOSING REMARKS

16:45-17:00 **Closing remarks**

17:00 - ... **Drinks and closing dinner**