

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 **Designer RNA replicating into the future**
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 – 13:30 **Lunch**

SESSION 2 LEGAL ASPECTS

13:30 – 14:00 **Old GMO definition for new pharmaceutical developments**
Jens Kahrman LL.M. – BVL, Germany

14:00 – 14:30 **Biological Entity, a legal, philosophical and biological analysis**
Dr. Britte Bouchaut – Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands
Dr. Lotte Asveld

14.30 – 14.45 **Panel discussion**

14:45 – 15:15 **Coffee/tea break**

SESSION 3 VIEWS OF ADVISORY BODIES AND GENERAL DISCUSSION

15:15 – 16:15 **Views of advisory bodies on viral replicons and samRNA vaccines**

- ZKBS (Germany)
- Sciensano (Belgium)
- DEFRA (UK)
- COGEM (The Netherlands)

16:15 – 16:45 **Exchange of views and ideas (Chatham House Rule)**

CLOSING REMARKS

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

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