

12TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PLANT PATHOLOGY - ICPP
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UTRECHT, THE NETHERLANDS



Koninklijke Nederlandse Plantenziektkundige Vereniging





12th ICPP 1923-2023

*Strong roots to challenge
plant pathology*

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Invitation

August 2016



International Society for Plant Pathology – ISPP
To: Dr. Greg Johnson, President
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Dear Dr Johnson,

The Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology (KNPV) is pleased to officially bid to host the 12th International Congress of Plant Pathology (ICPP2023), which we propose to be held in Utrecht, The Netherlands, August 20 – 26, 2023. The KNPV is fully committed to ensuring the success of the Congress, and accepts the responsibility of hosting this prestigious event if ISPP should accept our bid.

The proposed theme for the 12th Congress is ICPP 2023 – centennial 1923-2023 “Strong Roots to Challenge Plant Pathology”. In 2023 it will be exactly 100 years since the first international congress on plant pathology was organized by the (K)NPV in The Netherlands as predecessor of the ICPP congresses. The KNPV is very pleased to celebrate this historical event by organizing the ‘centennial’ congress in The Netherlands again. The Congress program will look back on the great predecessors in phytopathology, and especially on their important scientific achievements (our ‘Roots’). However the main part will be to gather an overview of the enormous current scientific achievements in plant pathology and the upcoming technologies, and supplying the present scientific phytopathology community with the tools and knowledge to solve challenging plant pathology questions now and in the future.

Plant pathologists from around the world will be invited to participate in this global summit concerned with the sustainable production and protection of plants. Plants are the sources of food, and health for a living world. The Congress program will cover plants in the broadest way: food, feed, fiber, energy, flowers for human wellbeing and the green environment. The challenge of the Congress program is to discuss protection against diseases in a more sustainable way in all these plant systems, based on the latest scientific knowledge. The full range of research topics will be covered from genomics to epidemiology of plant pathogens, from resilience of plants against diseases by its own genome and by the microbiome of supporting micro-organisms, to resilient cropping and logistic systems.

As ‘Science for Impact’ is necessary, the focus will not only be on presentations, but also on interacting workshops, discussion sessions on specific topics, making use of new electronic media. Therefore, next to the international community of expert plant pathologists, we like to invite young scientists from all over the world to participate and allocate special funds to them. In The

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Netherlands the strong collaboration in the ‘golden triangle’ of research, government and agro-industry is seen as the success formula for ‘Science for Impact’, a strong innovative and greening crop protection in the agro-production. We will introduce this concept at the Congress by involving the agro-industry and the general public in the discussions. We will give the scientific participants the opportunity to get a flavor of companies involved in high tech breeding, propagation, production in green houses, certification and logistics during and after the Congress. Due to the relatively small size of The Netherlands this integration of activities is perfectly feasible.

We wish to emphasize that KNPV understands the very large responsibility of organizing the ICPP2023 in partnership with ISPP, and of maintaining the long-standing reputation of ISPP in offering exceptional meetings for ISPP members over the years. We like to emphasize that we contracted Congress by Design as Professional Congress Organization, with a perfect reputation for organizing similar sized scientific congresses in The Netherlands.

We trust that you will find the details of our bid worthy to organize ICPP2023. The proposed meeting site, the city of Utrecht is a perfect venue of ICPP2023: easy travel access, the congress venue and accommodations in the old city, excellent public transport, a beautiful historic center and, last but not least, Utrecht played an important role in the organization of the very first ICPP meeting a century ago.

It is our hope that we will be given the opportunity to make the 12th and centennial ICPP in 2023 a huge success!

Sincerely,

Piet Boonekamp
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Local Organising Committee

Scientific Section

The year 2023 presents an outstanding opportunity for young and established plant pathologists from around the world to participate in a really unique 12th International Congress of Plant Pathology (ICPP) in 2023 in the Netherlands. It will be exactly 100 years ago since, in 1923, the (Royal) Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology (KNPV) organized the 'International Conference of phytopathology and economic entomology', in fact the first international congress on phytopathology, and predecessor of the present ICPP conferences. In addition, at this conference in 1923, it was agreed to establish the 'Jacob Eriksson' prize, still an important ceremonial event on each ICPP. As oldest phytopathological society in the world, KNPV proposes – 'noblesse

oblige' – to bring back this international conference to its home base, and to host the 'Centennial' ICPP2023 in The Netherlands. As the Universities of Utrecht together with Wageningen and Amsterdam belong to the founding fathers of Phytopathology in The Netherlands and of the KNPV in the 19th century, we propose for logistic and historical reasons to organise the ICPP2023 in the beautiful old town centre of Utrecht.

Plant pathology in The Netherlands

Since the start of agriculture more than 10,000 years ago, plants were selected for synchronous food production, grown together, and therefore became susceptible to plant pathogens. The early written sources in history mention already devastating effects of diseases, without knowing

the nature of it, and until halfway the 19th century, complete loss of yields, resulting in famine, occurred.

In the 2nd half of the 19th century the first plant diseases were recognized as living organisms were attacking the plant from outside. Phytopathology was born as a scientific discipline and Dutch scientists were on the front line of this new area. An important pioneer was Dr Jan Ritzema Bos, teacher at the Wageningen Agricultural College in 1873, who did research in close collaboration with farmers, as he strongly believed that the new discipline phytopathology was an applied scientific field to help farmers to control their diseases. Together with the famous Dutch plant geneticist Prof. Hugo de Vries from the University of Amsterdam, he joined an international congress on Agriculture and Forestry in 1890 in Vienna, organised by Prof. Jacob Eriksson from Sweden and a few other experts, who wanted more international collaboration between phytopathologists around the world. An International Phytopathological Committee was established. All participants agreed to erect in their own country a National Section to participate in this International committee in order to promote international collaboration. Ritzema Bos and De Vries started immediately at home to organize this National Section by inviting not only scientists but also advisors, farming organisations and policy makers for a foundation meeting. They proposed

an independent but charismatic president and found him in the largest flower bulb grower of the country Jacob Krelage, well known in those days in all kind of societal organisations. And on April 11, 1891 the National Section was established, known as the Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology (NPV) – the first phytopathological society of the world.



The board of the KNPV at the 125 year anniversary, April 2016. From left to right: Van der Wurff, Westerdijk, Goud, Horsten, Boonekamp, Kempenaar, Breukers, Stelder, Thomma and Roozen.



Next to international collaboration and advise to farmers, the aim of KNPV was to establish a phytopathological research institute. It was difficult to raise the funding, but a rich Amsterdam trader, Commelin Scholten, who's son Willie studying biology in Amsterdam, suddenly passed away, decided to finance such an institute to commemorate his son. The Willy Commelin Scholten Phytopathology Institute was established in 1894 as a collaboration between the universities of Utrecht and Amsterdam, and Ritzema Bos became the first director. He also became the 2nd president of the NPV after withdrawal of Krelage. Ritzema Bos regularly had arguments with Prof. De Vries from Amsterdam and Prof. Went from Utrecht, as

Ritzema Bos was in favour of an applied strategy of the phytopathological research and the others for a more fundamental line. When in 1905 the government decided to upgrade the Agricultural College in Wageningen, to an High Agricultural College including a Phytopathological Research Institute, Ritzema Bos did not hesitate to become the first director. He performed very much applied research on experimental fields for all kind of diseases in important Dutch crops, published scientifically but also hundreds of articles for advisory purposes in the NPV – Journal. He also became director of the Plant Inspection Service, housed in his institute. His successor in Amsterdam became the young doctor Johanna Westerdijk, who became professor in phytopathology in 1917 and was the

first female professor of all the universities in the Netherlands. She focussed on fungal diseases, her group made a fundamental breakthrough in control of the Dutch Elm Disease and she also founded the Fungal Biodiversity Centre (CBS) with the largest fungal collection of the world. In 1946 she also became president of the NPV.

In 1920 Prof. Quanjer became the successor in Wageningen of Ritzema Bos after his retirement, and he extended the Phytopathology department with Virology. This area of plant pathology followed in the footsteps of Dutch scientists Dr Anton Mayer and Martinus Beijerinck who did experiments with Tobacco Mosaic Virus. Prof. Quanjer went on to characterize viruses in potato, and was the first to show that insects

can play a role as vectors. In 1923 Prof. Quanjer, as vice-president of the NPV, took the initiative to organize the first 'International Conference of Phytopathology and Economic Entomology', with about 100 participants from countries all over the world (see cover picture), and brought The Netherlands in the centre of the phytopathological discipline, an integration of fundamental and applied research. Excursions to arable farmers in the North and vegetable and horticulture farmers in the West of the country were part of the conference, to show how research could lead to a better control of the diseases.

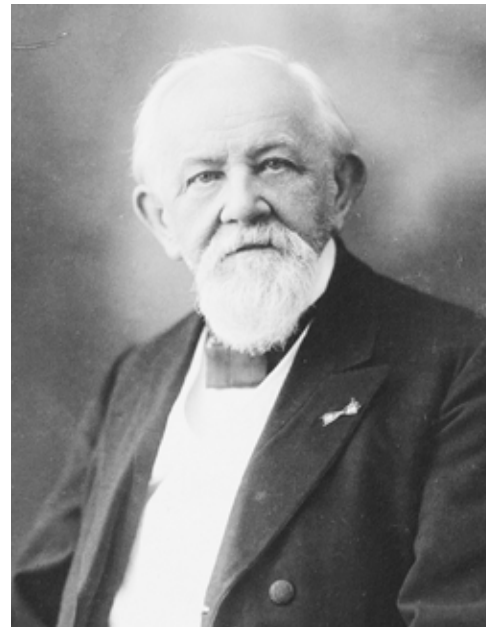
Before the 2nd World War crop protection by an-organic chemicals was broadly advocated – also by the NPV - and appreciated by the public. After the war, better working organic pesticides became rapidly available. Already in the mid fifties the president of the NPV warned on the national radio about: 'resistance of insects...and poisoning of soils'. And it was Rachel Carson with the book 'Silent Spring' in the sixties, who rang the alarm clocks world-wide. The Netherlands as first country in the world, implemented already in 1962 a 'Pesticide Act' for registration of crop protection products, including aspects of toxic side effects. This and the very intensive agri- and horticulture in the Netherlands formed a boost for innovative research on Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Just to mention a few highlights, in horticulture Prof. Joop van Lenteren introduced the very successful biocontrol, the seed and starting material industry introduced large scale certification schemes based on diagnostics produced by research, and Prof. Jan Zadoks became founder of epidemiological modelling. These are nowadays all important tools for IPM. And all these excellent researchers



Old Botanical Garden in Utrecht



Prof. H. Quanjer from Wageningen, organizer of the first international conference on phytopathology in 1923.



Prof. J. Ritzema Bos, from Wageningen, president of (K)NPV 1895 – 1928.

played a crucial role in the organisation of NPV, and in the many conferences, crop protection events, thematic meetings etc. organised by the NPV in the past decades. In addition the NPV played an important role in international collaboration. The journal of NPV was originally in Dutch, but became in 1994 the European Journal of Plant Pathology, a high quality scientific journal in English. The NPV was also the founding father of the European Foundation for Plant Pathology in 1990, in order to stimulate collaboration of phytopathological societies of the European countries, and was organiser of the 1st EFPP conference in 1990 and the 10th in 2010 "IPM2.0 Towards future-proof crop protection in Europe". In 1991 the NPV celebrated its 100 year anniversary, became Royal ('Koninklijk') and proudly could change her name in KNPV.

The KNPV has always been a strong advocate for doing research in a triangle of fundamental/applied research, policy/advisors and farmers, mentioned as the 'Dutch' approach until the present days. It is proven in The Netherlands that only this tripartite collaboration might lead to practical innovations in the field of crop protection. In its international collaboration the KNPV is always advertising this approach.

The KNPV has the opinion that the challenges of the 21st century – crop protection with less corrective pesticides – can only be met by such a collaborative approach. In addition, as crop protection becomes more and more a societal issue, the triangle should be expanded with other stakeholders involved in crop protection including trade, supermarkets, NGO's and consumers. The KNPV has already experience in setting up communication networks with these societal stakeholders.

In conclusion, the KNPV wants to use its 125 years of expertise to organise a very challenging ICPP2023. Challenging by looking back in the history and see what we can learn from it. Challenging also, by bringing together all the experts, new scientific breakthroughs and future technologies to help to meet the challenges of the 21st century production and greening policy (producing 'more with less inputs'). But finally challenging to get crop protection accepted for the persons where we work for: the farmers and also the general public and the consumers. These three challenges will be fully covered at the ICPP2023 in Utrecht in a very inspiring ambiance for all participants and interested groups from society.

Organizing committee on behalf of the KNPV:

Dr Piet M. Boonekamp, President KNPV and Senior Scientist Integrated Pest Management, Wageningen UR

Dr Jan-Kees Goud, Manager KNPV and, Study Advisor Distance Learning, Wageningen UR

Dr Jacques Horsten, Secretary KNPV

Prof. Dr Bart PHL Thomma, Board Member KNPV and Head Department Phytopathology, Wageningen UR



Collection pollen for breeding



Propagation of plantlets



High-tech greenhouse with LED-lighting



Host country: the Netherlands

What makes The Netherlands interesting for plant pathologists in 2023?

In the future, control of plant diseases in food crops might be beyond the principles of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) – appropriate chemical or biological control based on early diagnosis and known epidemiology – if we are able to make more use of resilience in planting-, cropping- and logistic systems.

The Netherlands is a very small country, with a very intensive horticulture and vegetable culture, and it is probably the most advanced country for these high tech resilience systems in the world.

For planting systems the Netherlands has the world's leader companies for breeding and for the production of vegetable and flower seeds, flower bulbs, seed potatoes and horticultural planting material, with a share of about 35% of the global market. It is a very advanced sector with more than 15% of the turnover (> 3 billion €/year) allocated to R&D and innovations. The breeding companies produce an ongoing flow of new varieties with traits that support a more sustainable production (e.g. resistance, stress tolerance), and more healthy products.

Propagation companies produce large quantities of starting material and prior to export all is certified by inspection services, using the most advanced laboratories and diagnostic methods. Millions of samples are tested annually before shipment to assure the highest quality.

For cropping systems, notably the Dutch greenhouses with their fruits, vegetables and flower production, belong to the most advanced in the world. As an example, about 4.5 billion kg of vegetables are annually produced and mostly exported all over the world. The modern greenhouses produce 10 times more tomatoes per m² than outside, with only 10% of the water supply and with fully biological crop protection. These greenhouses are even able to produce energy, instead of consuming. This makes modern greenhouses examples of resilient production systems for the future.

For logistic systems The Netherlands is the turning point of the trade and transport to the consumers of fruits, vegetables and flowers. With major auctions (Greenports), Schiphol Airport, the harbor of Rotterdam and a strong trucks and



Logistics at the auction in Aalsmeer (near Schiphol Airport)



Mass certification for diseases at Naktuinbouw (Roelofsarendsveen)

train infrastructure, fresh products are imported from all over the world, redistributed together with Dutch products and shipped again. About 25% of the world's trade in horticulture product and even about 50% of the trade in floral products is in Dutch hands. The logistic challenge is to bring every product as fresh as possible to the consumer, wherever he or she lives in the world.

For these three systems diseases form a major threat. Therefore the companies use all available technologies and know how to make their systems robust and resilient in order to prevent the occurrence of diseases, or to take early measures to prevent losses. The development these tools takes place in close collaboration of between the agro-sector and Dutch plant pathology research groups from universities and institutes.

We plan to include the Dutch agro-sector in the program of ICPP2023 to show the participants what already has been achieved in disease control in their advanced systems, thanks to the ongoing research of the plant pathologists, but also what major questions still have to be solved. After the conference we will organize visits to companies, for participants who are interested to see how advanced quality and disease control systems are executed on a large scale in practice: "Science for Impact".

And that is why we think that The Netherlands is an interesting place for plant pathologists in 2023!

Congress Programme

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‘Science for impact’ is necessary to meet the challenges of plant pathology. Therefore the focus will not only be on presentations, (oral or posters), but also on interactive workshops and discussion sessions on specific topics. In addition, next to the international community of expert plant pathologists, we like to provide opportunities for young scientists from over the world to participate. And finally as in The Netherlands the strong collaboration in the ‘golden triangle’ of research, government and

agro-industry is seen as the success formula for ‘science for impact’ for innovative and greening of crop protection, we like to introduce this concept at the Congress by involving the agro-industry and the general public in the discussions. We would also like to give to the scientific participants the opportunity to get a flavor of high tech breeding, propagation, green house production, certification and logistic companies during and after the Congress.

The Organizing Committee of KNPV will invite international scientific expert plant pathologists from various disciplines to join the Organization of a superb scientific programme, presented in key notes and concurrent sessions, including workshops and discussion fora on specific topics. The professional congress organization Congress by Design, with a perfect reputation for organizing similar sized scientific congresses in The Netherlands, will provide all congress management services. Latest available technologies for presentations and video poster viewing will be available.

Our goal is to create an outstanding programme, intensive interaction, and an exceptional meeting experience of all participants.

Provisional Schedule

Time Table	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
09.30 - 10:30		Plenary Sessions	Keynote Address	Keynote Address	Keynote Address	Keynote Address	Post congress tours**)
10:30 - 11:00			Coffe break	Coffe break	Coffe break	Coffe break	
11:00 - 11:30		Coffee break	Concurrent sessions	Concurrent sessions	Concurrent sessions	Concurrent sessions	
11:30 - 13:00		Keynote Address	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
13:00 - 14:00		Lunch	Poster sessions	Poster sessions	Concurrent sessions	Concurrent sessions	
14:00 - 14:30		Concurrent sessions*)	Concurrent sessions	Plenary Sessions			
14:30 - 15:00							
15:00 - 15:30							
15:30 - 16:00							
16:00 - 16:30		Coffee break				Closing Ceremony	
16:30 - 17:00	Registration and Welcome Reception	Concurrent sessions	Evening sessions				
17:00 - 17:30							
17:30 - 18:00							
18:00 - 19:00			Plenary Sessions				
19:00 - 19:30							
19:30 - 20:00							
20:00 - 21:00							
21:00 - 23:00							

Exhibit hours: Monday - Thursday

Poster viewing: Monday - Wednesday

*) Concurrent sessions will be a mix of interactive sessions, discussions, workshops, etc.

**) In addition several site visits to agri-business and -companies will be organized.



Finance

For the ICPP2023 the Netherlands Board of Tourism & Conventions (NBTC) supports us with several financial aspects. The Pre-financing & Guarantee Fund (VGF) provides the organising partners financial security.

Pre-financing & Guarantee Fund

The Pre-financing & Guarantee Fund (VGF) is intended to give organisers of international, multiple-day conferences in the Netherlands increased financial security. The fund helps conference organisers to cover pre-conference expenses, and other financial risks. The Pre-financing & Guarantee Fund was set up over 25 years ago, and was an initiative of the NBTC, the Ministry of Economic Affairs, and some twenty organisations in the Dutch conference industry. It encourages organisers to realize conferences.

The VGF combines two separate schemes; a pre-financing scheme and a guarantee scheme. The two schemes can be used separately, or in combination.

The pre-financing scheme

In the preparatory stages of the conference, the organiser has to deal with various aspects that must be paid for. Examples are the costs for establishing a foundation, a down payment for the accommodation, and expenses incurred for developing marketing tools, such as a brochure, first announcement, or website. As the registration fees will not be received until later, the organisers may not always be able to fund these initial expenses. The pre-financing

scheme of the VGF can help to pay these costs. Conference organisers may apply to the VGF for an interest-free loan, free of charge; a kind of subsidy scheme for conferences.

The guarantee scheme

All conference budgets have expenses and income. A limited risk only is attached to the costs, because conference organisers can benefit from the knowledge, experience and the stable infrastructure of the conference industry.

The income, however, is less solid. Most of the income, apart from possible sponsoring, comes from the registration fees of the attendees. This is exactly where the main risk lies for organisers. If the attendance level falls short of expectations, this yields less income, which will impact the overall conference budget.

In order to minimise this risk, the VGF offers the possibility of a guarantee. This guarantee allows the conference organisation to guarantee that the event will take place, in spite of possible disappointing numbers of attendees.



Management and Financials

The Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology (KNPV) will oversee the management, finances and logistics of the Congress and will take full responsibility.

The PCO (Congress by design) will provide congress management services as well as hotel reservations and social program.

An organizing committee will be appointed with subcommittees that will be responsible for programme, finance and sponsorships, in addition to the KNPV headquarters staff.

KNPV will make funds available in advance of the Congress to cover initial expenses. Sponsorships will be sought and exhibitors secured. A Scholarship fund will be established to provide financial support to delegates from developing countries and for students

Registration Fees

Present indications are that registration fees for ICPP2023 will follow those of previous years pending inflation and the unexpected changes in the economy and value of the EURO.

Registration fees (in €)

	Early	Regular	Late/Onsite
Delegate	750	800	900
Student	350	450	500
One day	300	300	300

Registration fee includes:

- Sessions, poster and exhibit attendance
- Coffee breaks and lunch
- (Digital) abstract book and access to all abstracts
- Welcome Reception

Registration does not include:

- Congress dinner
- Workshops
- Tours/Field trips

Budget

12th International Congress of Plant Pathology, 2023

Income	#	€/#	Budget
Fees			
Early bird registration	650	€ 750,00	€ 487.500
Late registration	500	€ 800,00	€ 400.000
Late/On site registration	200	€ 900,00	€ 180.000
Student registration (average)	400	€ 400,00	€ 160.000
One day registrations	250	€ 300,00	€ 75.000
Dinnertickets	500	€ 80,00	€ 40.000
Excursions	300	€ 35,00	€ 10.500
			€ 1.353.000
Other income			
Sponsoring	1	€ 250.000,00	€ 250.000
			€ 250.000
Total income			€ 1.603.000
Expenses			Budget
Rental meeting rooms			€ 225.150
Logistics/technical services			€ 48.653
Logistics/staffing			€ 20.600
Catering/social events			€ 470.500
Faculty and organization			€ 114.000
PR & Promotion			€ 23.000

Conference materials	€	40.000
Organizational costs	€	225.000
Bank/Creditcard costs and insurance	€	60.000
Fee ISPP	€	50.000

Totaal costs, ex VAT € **1.276.903**

Unforeseen	8%	€ 102.152
VAT (average)	15%	€ 206.858

Total costs, incl VAT € **1.585.914**

Result € **17.086**



Why Utrecht?

Reasons to choose Utrecht as destination for ICPP2023

Utrecht inspires

Located in the heart of the most competitive region in Europe, Utrecht is the city for business meetings *par excellence*. Utrecht is a vibrant city of knowledge with young, brainy residents, a thriving creative sector and attractive business locations, just 30 minutes from Schiphol Airport and at the junction of the country's key motorways and railway lines. Welcome to Utrecht!

Medieval city centre

Tourists and visitors speak highly of the medieval city centre with its unique monuments, impressive modern architecture, inspiring cultural scene and the beautiful green surroundings rich with historic treasures and stories. Crowd-pleasers are the centuries-old wharf cellars – unique in the world – and the tallest church tower in the Netherlands: the Domtoren (Dom Tower). Although you can spend days walking around and still discover new things, the fourth-largest and fastest growing city in the Netherlands is remarkably easy to navigate. Attractions, museums, shops, eateries, hotels: everything you need is nearby. The compact city centre is not only easy to get around but also creates the

warm, inviting and lively atmosphere that makes Utrecht so endearing.

A rich past

This city's rich history began about twenty centuries ago. In 47 A.D. the Romans built a fortress as part of reinforcements along the Rhine where the Cathedral square (Domplein) is situated today. In the 7th century, when the English missionary Willibrord set himself up in that old fort, a town began to develop. Utrecht then started to grow into an important city with considerable ecclesiastical power. On church feast days, churches, monasteries, convents and abbeys were full. Many traces of these buildings can be seen throughout the city.

About Utrecht University

Established in 1636, Utrecht University has evolved into a leading modern research university with a growing international reputation. On the 2015 Shanghai Academic Ranking of the World Universities, Utrecht University ranked first in the Netherlands, 17th in Europe and a 54th place in the world. With nearly 70,000 students and 8,500 employees divided over 7 faculties, Utrecht



University spans the entire spectrum of academic research and education.

Green, healthy and smart

Utrecht's extensive network of knowledge-intensive businesses and institutions, with Utrecht Science Park, the largest knowledge centre in the Netherlands, serving as the vital link, make the city exceptionally suited to organizing academic conferences. Utrecht Science Park is where academics and entrepreneurs join forces to provide a collective, significant boost to the regional economy. Key features include Utrecht University, the best research university in the Netherlands, the University Medical Center Utrecht, which is one of the largest public health care facilities in the Netherlands, and more than 80 companies and research institutions involved

in sectors such as sustainable economics, gaming, financial and business services, ICT and life sciences. All of these parties work together with the municipality and residents of Utrecht to create a green, healthy and smart city. This includes applying innovative solutions in the use of the limited space, experimenting with open data applications and other technological solutions, and encouraging clean energy alternatives to fossil fuels.

Utrecht's thriving economy, well-educated residents, rich cultural scene and wide array of historic and modern venues make the city an ideal location for business events such as conferences and meetings.



Facts & figures of the city of Utrecht History

- Around 47 AD, the Romans built the Trajectum Castellum (fortress).
- Willibrord redesigned the old castellum as a mission and converted the Netherlands (from 695 AD).
- In the medieval hey-days, Utrecht is a religious and mercantile bastion and remains the largest and main city until the 16th century.
- Union of Utrecht, 1579; foundation of the Dutch Republic. Peace Treaty of Utrecht, 1713.

Famous Utrecht people and icons

- Dom Tower; highest church tower of the Netherlands.
- Medieval harbor complex with canals, wharves and wharf cellars through the city (to be nominated as UNESCO World Heritage site).
- Adriaan Florenszoon Boeyens; the only Dutch pope ever (Rome, 1522).
- Gerrit Rietveld and Rietveld Schröder house (UNESCO World Heritage).
- Dick Bruna and Miffy.
- Anton Geesink (Olympic judo champion, 1964), Marco van Basten (FIFA World player of the year 1992), Dafne Schippers (World Champion 200 mtr. sprint 2015, Olympic silver medalist 200 mtr. 2016).

Grand départ Tour de France 2015

In 2015, the Tour de France started in Utrecht. The world's largest cycling event offered Utrecht a unique chance to work together with several (international) parties and drew thousands of visitors to the city.

Treasure trove of culture

On a cultural level, Utrecht has some truly great attractions. Utrecht is also proud of its unique Museum Quarter, where historic sights, museums and cultural institutions are to be found.

Congress dinner

Utrecht offers inspiring venues for organising the congress dinner in various musea, an old fortress, and various old churches, to assure an unique experience for all participants of ICPP2023.



Why Utrecht and other facts



Why Utrecht:

- Heart of the Netherlands
- Within 30 minutes from Schiphol Airport
- Excellent congress venues and hotels
- City centre venues all within walking distance
- Favorably priced compared to other European cities
- Lively university town with an authentic and friendly atmosphere
- City with the highest educated population in the Netherlands
- Ideal mix of history and modern culture
- Politically stable country and city

Language

English is widely spoken in Utrecht and many people have a command of several other languages.

Climate

Utrecht's climate is quite temperate with mild summers and winters.

Time

Utrecht is one hour ahead of GMT.

Utrecht attractions: a selection

Dom Tower

The Dom Tower, over 600 years old and the highest medieval tower in the Netherlands, is naturally the symbol of Utrecht. At 112 metres, it soars above the Cathedral square, and high above the city. When the 465 steps are climbed accompanied by a tour guide, the effort is rewarded by a fantastic view over the city.

DOMunder

Discover 2,000 years of Dutch history in an exciting underground expedition through impressive archaeological remains. From the castellum Trajectum, an ancient Roman fortification, to the religious complex that made Utrecht an influential seat of power in the Middle Ages. Journey back through time as you navigate the immense pillar foundations of the gothic Dom Church (also known as St. Martin's Cathedral). Relive the devastating storm of 1674, and experience the archaeologist's fascination with uncovering the past, layer by layer.

Centraal Museum

The Centraal Museum was created in 1838 and is thus the oldest municipal museum in the Netherlands, which becomes apparent upon entering: this is a true labyrinth! Mainly accommodated in a former medieval monastery,

it consists of a number of buildings around a large courtyard. Wander through the numerous passages and stairwells and be surprised by the varied collection of old, modern and applied art as well as fashion and city history collections.

Rietveld

Visit the Rietveld Schröderhuis. Constructed in 1924 by furniture maker and architect Gerrit Rietveld, this is the only building that was ever realised according to the architectonic principles of the 'De Stijl' artistic trend. Utrecht is internationally known as the city where furniture maker and architect Gerrit Rietveld (1888-1964) lived and worked all his life.

Trajectum Lumen

An exploratory expedition in the dark which takes in artistically highlighted locations in the magnificent Utrecht city centre. From the centrally located Vredenburg, a light trail in the ground leads to works of art by renowned light artists who bring to life the present and past of the city.

Utrecht from the water

The outdoor cafés at the wharf, intriguing consoles and the beautiful canalside houses all invite you to explore the canals. An exploratory expedition by tour boat, pedal boat, canoe or motorboat.

Miffy Museum

The Miffy Museum is a series of miniature worlds. Ten rooms, each dedicated to a different subject, invite young children to discover the world around them step by step. Inspired by Dick Bruna's picture books, the miniature worlds created in these rooms include Miffy's house and familiar everyday experiences such as going to the doctor and going to the zoo. Here children can literally step into the world of Miffy and her friends.

Utrecht Science Park & Modern Architecture

The buildings in the Utrecht Science Park reflect the development in building styles over the last 50 years: from the huge concrete Kruyt building to the modern David de Wied building. The park includes several architecturally striking buildings like the Educatorium (Architects OMA, Rem Koolhaas with Christophe Cornubert) and the university library (Architects Wiel Arets & Associates).

Festivals

Utrecht teems with cultural festivals all year round with a programme full of theatre, dance, music, films, workshops, etc. on large and small stages, squares and in parks.



Accessibility

Excellent accessibility by air, by rail and by road

The easiest way to travel to Utrecht is by flying to Amsterdam Airport Schiphol.

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol: quick facts

- Gateway to Europe
- Award winning airport
- One terminal only
- 30 minutes by train to city centre and Jaarbeurs Convention Centre
- 106 airlines
- 300+ international destinations
- Excellent transfer connections

Amsterdam Schiphol Airport

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol is a very modern airport. One of Europe's main hub airports, over the years Amsterdam Airport Schiphol has grown into Europe's Preferred Airport, with direct connections to destinations all over the world. These scheduled services fly from at least 160 destinations within Europe and from 140 non-European destinations. As many as 106 airlines fly to Schiphol, conveniently located in the heart of western Europe. Moreover, Amsterdam Airport-Schiphol enjoys a very special status among its users, ranking first among the world's airports in virtually every poll conducted among frequent international travellers.

It is Schiphol Airport's ambition to continue to

develop Schiphol into Europe's Preferred Airport: the airport of choice for travellers, airlines and logistic service providers alike. In order to serve as and remain Europe's Preferred Airport, Schiphol fulfills its responsibility for five social themes: sustainable employment, accessibility, climate-friendly aviation, raw materials and residual waste streams, and the local community, noise and air quality.

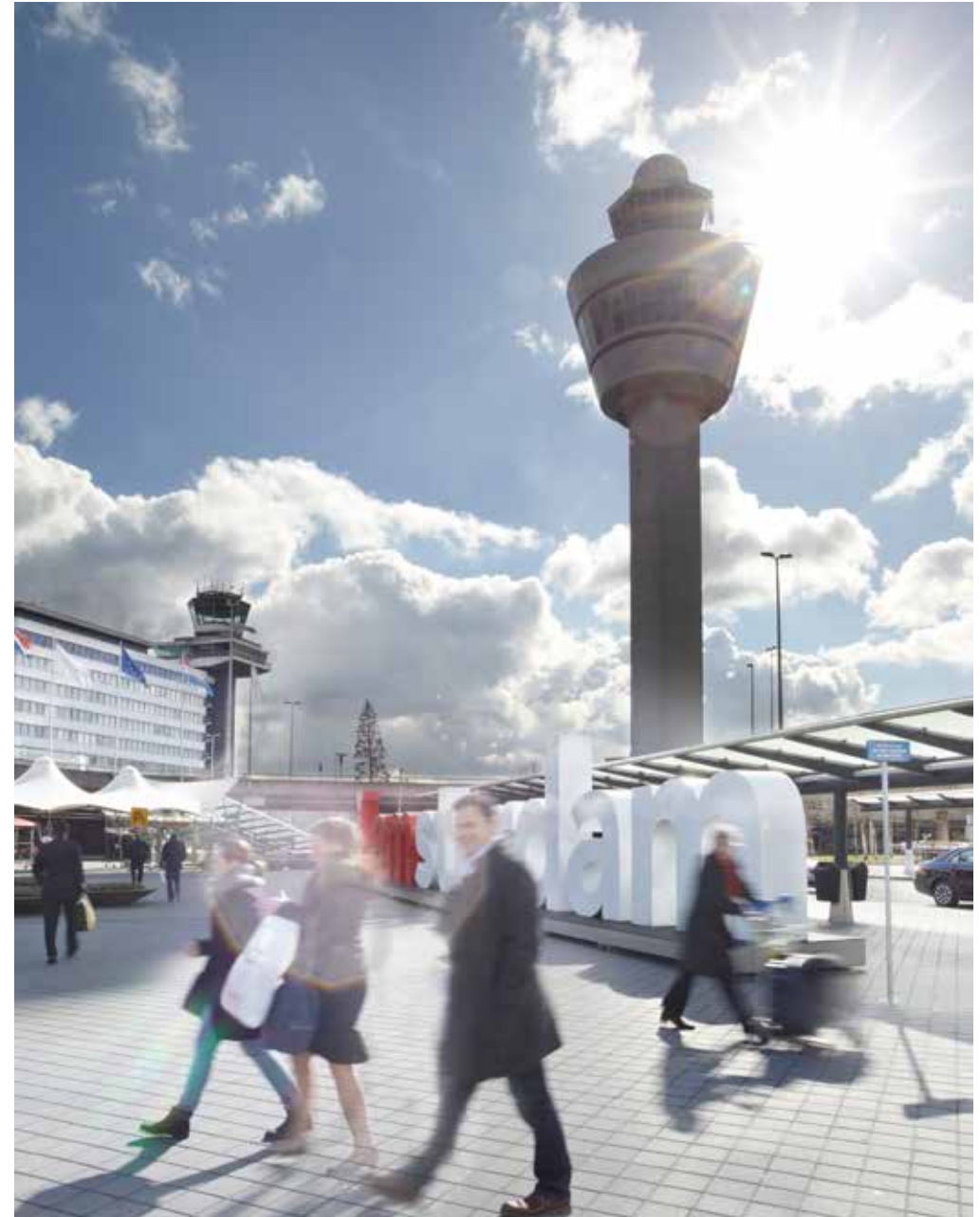
Upon arrival in the Netherlands, travellers immediately experience the first sign of Dutch hospitality, i.e.: the uncomplicated customs procedure conducted by the friendly and courteous people of the Dutch Customs Service staff.

From Schiphol Airport to Utrecht

After leaving the baggage reclaim area, you can board a train carrying you directly from the airport to Utrecht central station within 30 minutes.

Travel documents

In most cases a valid passport is sufficient for travelling to the Netherlands. In some cases you will need to apply for a visa. The local Dutch embassy or consulate will be able to inform you with the up to date information on this subject.



Flight duration to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport (direct flights)

Bangkok	12 hr
Barcelona	2 hr
Beijing	8 hr 30 min
Berlin	1 hr 40 min
Chicago	8 hr 45 min
Dubai	6 hr 25 min
Hong Kong	11 hr 45 min
Houston	10 hr 25 min
Johannesburg	12 hr 05 min
Kuala Lumpur	13 hr 15 min
London	1 hr
Los Angeles	11 hr 20 min
Montreal	7 hr 15 min
Moscow	4 hr 05 min
Nairobi	8 hr 10 min
New York	6 hr 30 min
Paris	1 hr
Rio de Janeiro	11 hr 20 min
Santiago de Chile	18 hr 35 min
Singapore	14 hr 55 min
Tel Aviv	4 hr 25 min
Vancouver	9 hr 35 min
Vienna	1 hr 40 min



AIR FRANCE - KLM Global Meetings

Air France – KLM will be the official ICPP2023 carrier, and as part of the Sky Team alliance is offering more than 1000 destinations in about 200 countries. As official carrier they will offer discounts on the ticket fares and some free tickets for ICPP2023 participants, which will be negotiated by the Organizing Committee.



By train

Utrecht Central Station is the national hub, with trains arriving from and departing to every corner of the country almost every minute. It is also a European train junction. International trains from destinations all over Europe arrive daily, such as Paris, Frankfurt, Antwerp and Brussels.

Compact local infrastructure

The compactness of the city minimizes the need for public transport and taxis, as almost everything is within walking distance. Nevertheless, public transport on Utrechts trams, buses and metro is most efficient, very modern, reliable and inexpensive. Optionally public transport tickets can be included in the entrance fee, enable delegates to travel freely on the municipal transport system during the congress.





Hotels in Utrecht

Utrecht has a wide range of classified hotel accommodations. Currently there are 2,500 rooms, 60% of these accommodations are located in the city centre.

Prices are based on Best Available Rates 2016.

Category	Hotels	Rooms	Average price
5-star	1	120	€ 140 - 225
4-star	11	1010	€ 100 - 200
3-star	8	449	€ 90 - 140
2-star and less	9	171	€ 60 - 120
Total	29	1750	
Total in 2016	33	2500	

More hotels are under development, which means that the number of beds in 2023 will have increased significantly. There are approx. 300 Airbnb accommodations available and recently a brand new Stay Okay Hostel with 239 beds opened its doors (rates starting at € 27). Student accommodation might be available as well.

Regional Hotel Accommodation

Within a range of 20km another 1950 hotel rooms are available.

Category	Hotels	Rooms	Average price
4-star	12	1395	€ 100 - 200
3-star	8	536	€ 90 - 140
2-star and less	1	19	€ 60 - 120
2-star and less	9	171	€ 60 - 120

Based on Best Available Rates 2016

Hotel service Utrecht

A free service for organizers of Congresses and Events. Hotel accommodation in Utrecht and surroundings in the 3, 4 and 5 star category can easily be booked (and paid if required) via an embedded page on the website of the event. From contracting to billing, one stop shop.

Proposed venue Jaarbeurs



The congress will be held in different venues of Jaarbeurs: Beatrix Theater, Expozaal, Mediaplaza, Supernova and Movie theater. All venues are within walking distance of each other.

This is the story of Jaarbeurs

Let's go back to the beginning. Where Jaarbeurs once started. The company was founded in 1916, to support and stimulate trade and industry and improve prosperity. Now, almost 100 years on, this ideal still forms the basis of Jaarbeurs. Every day, we strive to achieve this goal. We want to inspire, motivate and activate trade partners by enabling valuable meetings. Doing this, we bring people and markets, traders and producers together.

Our conference centre is very self-sufficient. There are several catering points, toilets, an ATM, security and First Aid desk. We have a preferred supplier for our AV. They will provide everything that is required for the conference. For example translation on booths, twitter feeds, etc. These things will only expand and improve during our (and the city's) growth.

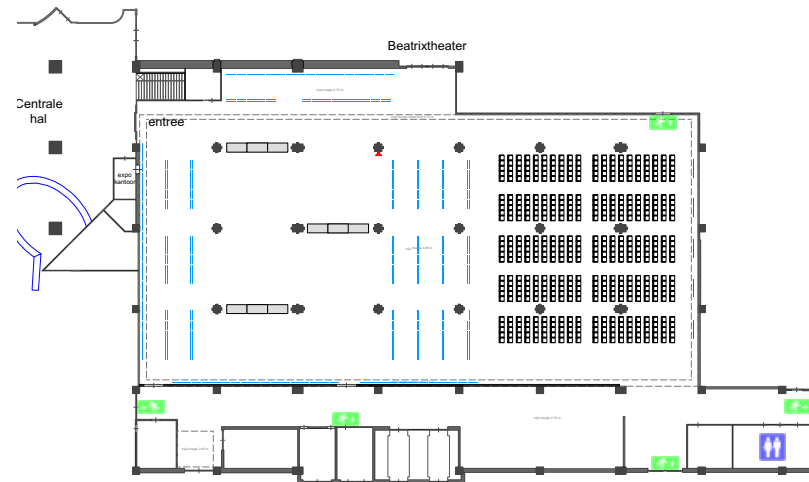
Beatrix Theater

The Beatrix Theater is not only a true pearl for going out in Utrecht, but it is also very suited for a congress. An elegant reception at an extraordinary ambiance with soft, red carpet, shining black marble tiles combined with beautiful chandeliers and pieces of art. In combination with the Expo Zaal, we can create an atmosphere where your event will be fully appreciated. The Expo Zaal does not only have a large surface for your exhibition and catering, it is nearby the foyers of the theatre.

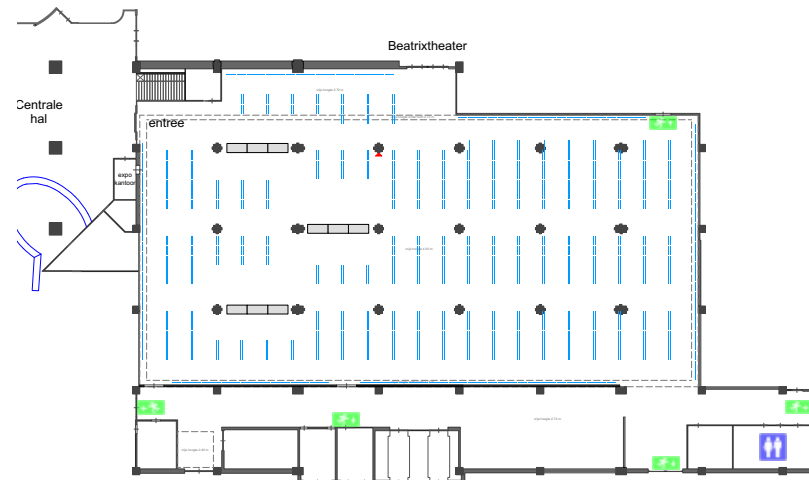


Expo Zaal

Floorplan of the Expo Zaal with theatre set up for 500 people and where 275 posters on flat screen monitors are accommodated.



Floorplan of the Expo Zaal with 734 poster boards on flat screen monitors.



Media Plaza

The design of the Polar, Media Plaza, is made to support transformation processes. Change and innovation bring an amount of uncertainty. The Flame Foyer surrounds the Polar and symbolizes a warm welcome. You can find round shapes, warm colors and soft materials. From a warm reception you will go to a bright, clear atmosphere. The Polar is bright, fresh and white. The contrast in colors will surprise your guests.

The size of the rooms vary from 20 - 500 participants.

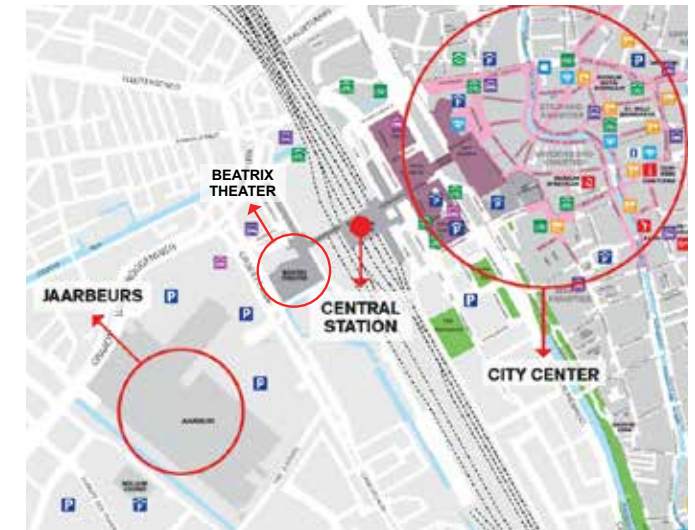
Supernova

'A supernova is a stellar explosion that briefly outshines an entire galaxy, radiating as much energy as the Sun or any ordinary star is expected to emit over its entire life span, before fading from view over several weeks or months.'

The conference rooms; Progress, Mission, Expedition and Quest can easily be used separately but a combination for a larger conference is possible as well. All rooms are flexible, have a new design and modern technique. The TransitZone offers the ideal setting to network and to exhibit. The correct combination of these elements give you and your guests the opportunity to look forward and open up for different insights. You meet different people and focus on the future. Explore and multiply your knowledge.

Distances Jaarbeurs - City Centre, station and hotels

Jaarbeurs is located next to the central station and within a 15 minute walk of the medieval city centre and several hotels.



Suggestions for Social Programme

Half day & full day tours

We have made a selection of social tours for the participants to get to know Utrecht and our country a bit better.

Half Day Tours

City tour of Utrecht

Explore the city from an entirely different angle accompanied by a Tourist Information Office guide; the perfect way to learn about Utrecht. A city guide will lead you through mystical courtyards, Dom Square, narrow alleyways, canals and wharves.

City sightseeing tour of Amsterdam (including visit to the Rijksmuseum)

Meet your English speaking guide for a tour which will include a drive through the centre and the modern suburbs. It will give you a good idea of the most interesting sights and monuments Amsterdam has to offer. A stop will be made at a diamond factory (if requested) and we will visit the National museum of Amsterdam, "the Rijksmuseum". This museum is world famous



and here the largest collection of paintings by the Dutch old masters can be admired. The presentation of the Rijksmuseum collection is a journey through Dutch art and history from the Middle Ages and Renaissance until the 20th century. Work from Frans Hals, Jan Steen and Rembrandt (the Nightwatch painting) are assembled here.



The "Zaanse Schans" windmill village and Edam

We will start this tour with a short trip to the windmill village of the Zaanse schans, a characteristic living and working town on the banks of the river Zaan built in the 17th and 18th century. Steep roofs, with windows and green timber are the characteristics of this little town. In museums, workshops and windmills you can experience how the Zaan-siders lived and worked. The Zaanse Schans is a fully inhabited, open-air conservation area and museum located 15 km north of Amsterdam. Original buildings vividly depict Dutch life in the 17th and 18th centuries. The authentic houses, the historic shipyard, the clog-making demonstrations and, above all, the windmills, attract hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. Before returning to Amsterdam, we visit the medieval town of Edam.

Full Day Tours

The Hague and Delft

During this tour you will visit two cities that have played a crucial role in the history of the Netherlands: The Hague and Delft. Drive to The Hague for a visit to the Mauritshuis. The museum reopened after being renovated in summer 2014 and is home to the best of Dutch Golden Age (17th century) paintings. The compact, yet world-renowned collection is situated in the heart of The Hague. The famous 'Girl with a Pearl Earring' by Vermeer has been on a world tour for 2 years and returned to the Mauritshuis on 27 June 2014. Masterpieces such as Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Nicolaes Tulp by Rembrandt, The Goldfinch by Fabritius and The Bull by Potter are on permanent display in the intimate rooms of this seventeenth-century monument. More than two hundred top paintings from Dutch and Flemish masters are on display in the historic interior, with silken wall coverings, sparkling chandeliers and monumental painted ceilings.

After lunch continue to medieval Delft.

This is the city where Vermeer lived and painted. Walk through the historic centre with your guide and along the canals and many courtyards. Afterwards visit The Royal Dutch Delftware Manufactory "De Porceleyne Fles". The factory was established in 1653 and is the last remaining Delftware factory from the 17th century. Delftware is still hand-painted according to a century old tradition.

Polder Tour (Reclaimed land)

During this Polder Tour you will learn about the struggle of the Dutch against water. Drive over narrow dikes, that encircle a polder and over roads on the bottom of a former lake like the Purmer, Beemster (on the World Heritage list of Unesco) or the Schermer. Visit a cheese farm to see how Dutch farmers' cheese is made and enjoy a tasting session with a variety of cheeses (cow, goat and sheep). See the effects of the construction of the "Enclosure dike" (1932) which turned the former Zuidersea into lake IJssel from a salt water sea into a fresh water lake and what it did for fishing villages like Volendam and Marken. Have a leisurely stroll in Monnickendam to see the old monuments and the historic harbour. Walk the old canal streets in Edam with the former cheese market surrounded by warehouses used for the aging process.

In the afternoon drive through quaint little villages, prosperous in the 17th century. In picturesque "The Rijk" you can have lunch in "Het Wapen van Munster" where they serve mouth watering Dutch pancakes! After lunch stroll through the old centre of The Rijk and admire beautiful architecture. Proceed via a flat polder landscape to the museum mill of Schermerhorn. In the mill you will learn while watching a 7 minute video presentation and the proud Miller explaining about the working details of 'his' windmill. If you're not afraid of heights you can climb to the top (inside) of the windmill where you can see the ingenious construction of the windmill.

Technical tours:

In addition several site visits to agri-businesses and -companies will be organized.



Local Support



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If The Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology (KNPV) is selected to host the 12th International Conference on Plant Pathology in 2023, the Local Organizing Committee has selected Congress by design as its professional conference organizer.

Congress by design covers all areas of congress management and meeting management in a highly professional way, while building and maintaining close personal interactions with you, our client. We take care of the design, preparation, implementation and management of your meeting, so you may focus on the content of your event, your delegates, your sponsors, and the educational or business aims you have defined.

Congress by design is a member of the International Association of Professional Conference Organizers (IAPCO) and is certified as a Professional International Conference Organizer by the Dutch Congress and Meeting Association. Additionally Congress by design collaborates closely with Utrecht Marketing and the Netherlands Board of tourism & Conventions (NBTC).

Below please find a selection of conferences supported by Congress by design:

- International Conference on Clinical Biostatistics– Utrecht, the Netherlands (700 p)
- 7th International Symposium on the Diabetic Foot, The Hague, the Netherlands (1400 p)
- 1st International Conference on Psychological Science, Amsterdam, the Netherlands (2000 p)
- 14th International Orthoptic Congress – Rotterdam, the Netherlands (650 p)
- 12th International Conference on Paleocyanography – Utrecht, the Netherlands (700 p)
- International Conference on Exposure Science – Utrecht, the Netherlands (700 p)
- 15th European Conference on Computational Biology – The Hague, the Netherlands (1000 p)

Additional support will be provided by the Netherlands Board of Tourism and Conventions and the Utrecht Convention Bureau. The latter has an Incentive Fund for international Congresses for which ICPP2023 will apply.

Letters of support

- European Foundation for Plant Pathology
- Deutsche Phytomedizinische Gesellschaft
- Polish Phytopathological Society
- Danish Society for Plant Pathology
- Fungal Biodiversity Centre
- Wageningen University
- Executive Board of Utrecht University
- Utrecht University
- Editor-in-Chief of the European Journal of Plant Pathology (EJPP)
- Mayor of Utrecht
- Utrecht Convention Bureau
- Netherlands Board of Tourism & Conventions





Dr. Jacques Horsten
KNPV secretary

July 21, 2016

Dear Dr Horsten,

Thanks for your message and congratulations for going to a bid for the Dutch Phytopathological Society (KNPV). I am very pleased to know that you could celebrate a centennial for ICPP and I wish success for your bid. Your society is the oldest in the world, and it is very active. It is important to say that KPNV organized the successful EFPP symposium in 2012 'IPM 2.0'.

On behalf of EFPP, I would like to encourage all European societies willing to propose to host the ICPP2023. I am confident the conference in Europe will be a success.

Best regards,

Dr Diana Fernandez
President European Foundation for Plant Pathology (EFPP)
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Support letter

Datum: 27.07.2016

Dear Dr. Johnson,

The German Society for Plant Protection and Plant Health (DPG) supports the bid of the Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology to host the 12th International Congress of Plant Pathology in 2023. The first worldwide International Phytopathological Congress was organized in 1923 by members of the above society in the Netherlands and it would be a unique opportunity to celebrate the Centennial in 2023 in the Netherlands.

The Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology and DPG have a long tradition of intensive cooperation and are used to organize large national and international meetings and events. We are confident that they are a perfect choice to organize the ICPP in 2023, that they will give it an unique atmosphere being the first centennial, and that they are able to offer the young and established researchers from all over the world an excellent academic environment for sharing knowledge and food for thoughts to meet the challenges of plant pathology in the 21st century. Furthermore DPG will offer The Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology its support, including public relations, inclusion in its worldwide network, participation in committees and, if wanted, organisation of excursions and so on.

We support the bid wholeheartedly and wish it every success.

Yours faithfully

Dr. Falko Feldmann



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European Foundation for Plant Pathology

Poznań, 25th July 2016

Support letter

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Dear Dr. Johnson,

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The first worldwide International Phytopathological Congress was organized in 1923 by members of above society in the Netherlands and it would be an unique opportunity to celebrate the Centennial in 2023 in the Netherlands.

The Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology, founded in 1891, is the oldest Phytopathological Society in the world. The society is very active, recently celebrated its 125 years anniversary in grand style, regularly organizes large national meetings and events, and has shown to be able to organize very successful international symposia and congresses as well (including the 10th EFPP Conference in 2012).

I am confident that they are a perfect choice to organize the ICPP in 2023, that they will give it an unique atmosphere being the first centennial, and that they are able to offer the young and established researchers from all over the world an excellent academic environment for sharing knowledge and food for thoughts to meet the challenges of plant pathology in the 21st century.

I support the bid wholeheartedly and wish it every success.

Yours faithfully

Professor Małgorzata Mańka D.Sc. (Agr.)
 President of the Polish Phytopathological Society
 EFPP Vice-president

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International Society for Plant Pathology (ISPP)
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Dear Dr. Johnson,

As chairman of Danish Society for Plant Diseases and Pests it is with great pleasure that I express my support for the bid of the Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology to host the 12th International Congress of Plant Pathology in 2023.

The first worldwide International Phytopathological Congress was organized in 1923 by members of above society in the Netherlands and it would be a unique opportunity to celebrate the Centennial in 2023 in the Netherlands. I would like to mention that at the first Congress in 1923 a prize was established to honor a prominent Swedish plant pathologist Jakob Eriksson (1848-1931), and since then 11 scientists have been awarded the Jakob Eriksson Prize Gold Medal.

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I have been in contact with leading plant pathologists from Norway (Director Arne Hermansen, Division for Biotechnology and Plant Health,

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Norway; Professor Anne Marte Tronsmo, Norwegian University of Life Sciences) and Sweden (Professor Dan Funck Jensen, Professor Jonathan Yuen, Assoc. Professor Annika Djurlie, Professor Erik Andreasson, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences) and they are all happy to support Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology to organize ICPP in 2023.

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I support the bid wholeheartedly and wish it every success.

Yours Sincerely

Lisa Munk
Chairman of Danish Society
for Plant Diseases and Pests



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Utrecht, 27 July 2016

Dear Dr. Johnson

The Fungal Biodiversity Centre (CBS) is an independent research institute of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, situated on the campus of the largest university in the Netherlands (Utrecht). It studies fungal biodiversity in the widest sense, focusing on three priority areas, agriculture, human health, and industry (indoor air and food). The institute maintains a large culture collection of fungi and yeasts. Presently there are 6 research groups with a total of about 100 employees and guest researchers. The research groups are those of Pedro Crous (Evolutionary Phytopathology), Jos Houbroken (Applied and Industrial Mycology), Sybren de Hoog (Origins of Pathogenicity in Clinical Fungi), Ronald de Vries (Fungal Physiology), Teun Boekhout (Yeast and Basidiomycete Research), and Vincent Robert (Bioinformatics).

As Director of the CBS-KNAW Fungal Biodiversity Centre it is with great pleasure that I express my support for the bid of the Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology to host the 12th International Congress of Plant Pathology in 2023.

The CBS is the oldest and largest fungal culture collection in the world, with the first deposited cultures dating back to the late 1800's. We also publish three journals, namely *Studies in Mycology*, *Persoonia* (together with Naturalis Biodiversity Centre), and *IMA Fungus* (on behalf of the IMA), and two book series. Many of the papers and books we publish, focus on plant pathology.

Our first director was also the first female professor in the Netherlands, Johanna Westerdijk, which is something we are very proud of (her work on Dutch Elm Disease is legendary). In 2017 we will be celebrating her appointment at Utrecht University 100 years ago, with a special symposium "Leading Women in Fungal Biology", which will also have a theme in plant pathology. All speakers will be women selected from across the globe. As institute, we treasure values and tradition, and see ourselves as the gatekeepers in fungal taxonomy and applied research. As such, we would be overjoyed to see the ICPP convene in the Netherlands in 2023, in keeping with the tradition of the first international congress in 1923. The CBS would

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also like to play a major role in this congress, as agriculture and food security is one of our three pillars, and we reckon that our new research directed towards novel product discovery from fungi, will also have huge beneficial effects for the food and fibre industries that we support globally.

In the Netherlands we have co-organised many major meetings, and in 2018, will also be involved in ISHAM (medical mycology) in Amsterdam. I therefore hope that your committee will also give us the opportunity to showcase the developments of the past 100 years, not only in plant pathology, but also in phytomycology, and applied mycology related to agriculture and forestry.

In conclusion, we strongly support the bid, and look forward to the congress with great excitement and high expectations!

Yours sincerely

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With kind regards,

Prof. dr. ir. Louise O. Fresco,
 President of the Executive Board of Wageningen UR

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Subject International Congress of Plant Pathology in 2023 in Utrecht, The Netherlands

Dear members of the Executive Board of the ICPP,

The Executive Board of Utrecht University warmly supports the initiative of the Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology to host the International Congress of Plant Pathology in 2023 in Utrecht, The Netherlands.

Utrecht University is an internationally prominent, research-led university that carries out fundamental and applied research across a wide range of academic fields, from infectious diseases to human rights and from climate research to cultural history. The university has a strong network of national and international partners, including Wageningen University. Wageningen and Utrecht collaborate in a number of research areas, one of which is Plant Sciences. The congress will provide an excellent platform to show-case this collaboration.

Utrecht University would be proud if the centennial ICPP in 2023 were to be held in Utrecht. We hope that you will seriously consider Utrecht as the location for ICPP in 2023.

Yours faithfully,
Executive Board of Utrecht University


Marjan J. Oudeman, LL.M. MBA
President Executive Board



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Support letter

International Society for Plant Pathology – ISPP-
To: Dr. Greg I. Johnson, President
PO Box 412, Jamison,
ACT 2612, Australia

Dear Dr. Johnson

As head of the Plant-Microbe Interactions laboratory at Utrecht University, I warmly support for the bid of the Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology to host the 12th International Congress of Plant Pathology in 2023. In 2017 we celebrate that Utrecht University has a research Chair group on Phytopathology for 100 consecutive years. It started in 1917, when Johanna Westerdijk (first female professor in the Netherlands) was installed as professor of Phytopathology at Utrecht University. At present day, our phytopathological research is still going strong with 30 scientists lead by five principle investigators: Guido van den Ackerveken (molecular genetics of disease susceptibility), Saskia van Wees (hormonal modulation of plant immunity), Corné Pieterse (modulation of host immunity by beneficial microbes), Ronnie de Jonge (metagenomics of the root microbiome) and Peter Bakker (microbial ecology of the root microbiome).

The first worldwide International Phytopathological Congress was organized in 1923 by members of above society in the Netherlands, including the founder of our research group, Johanna Westerdijk. Hence, it would be an unique opportunity to celebrate the Centennial in 2023 in the Netherlands.

The Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology was founded in 1891, and is the oldest Phytopathological Society in the world. The society recently celebrated its 125 years anniversary in grand style, and is still very active in promoting the research field of Phytopathology by regularly organizing large national meetings and events. The society harbours a wealth of knowledge and experience in organizing large scientific meetings, hence I am confident that they are an excellent choice to organize the ICPP in 2023, 100 years after the Dutch Phytopathologists organized the first edition. The Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology harbours several world-renowned phytopathologists whom during their careers trained and educated large numbers of young and established phytopathological researchers. They will be able to provide an excellent academic environment for sharing knowledge and food for thoughts to meet the challenges of plant pathology in the 21st century.

I therefore warmly support the bid and wish it every success.

Yours sincerely,

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International Society for Plant Pathology – ISPP

To: Dr. Greg I Johnson, President

PO Box 412, Jamison,

ACT 2612, Australia.

Dear Dr. Johnson

It is with great pleasure that I express my support for the bid of the Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology to host the 12th International Congress of Plant Pathology in 2023.

The first worldwide Phytopathological Congress was organized in 1923 by members of the above Society in the Netherlands and it would be a unique opportunity to celebrate the Centennial in 2023 in the Netherlands.

The Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology, founded in 1891, is the oldest Phytopathological Society in the world. The Society owns the European Journal of Plant Pathology – the international continuation of The Netherlands Journal of Plant Pathology and published in co-operation with the European Foundation for Plant Pathology. The Society is very active, recently celebrated its 125 years anniversary in grand style, regularly organizes large national meetings and events, and has demonstrated the ability to organize successful International Symposia and Congresses. I am confident that they will be the perfect choice to organize the ICPP in 2023; they will give it a unique atmosphere as it will be the first centennial, and will offer young and established researchers worldwide an excellent academic

environment for sharing knowledge and the inspiration to meet the challenges of plant pathology in the 21st century.

I support the bid wholeheartedly and wish it every success.

Yours faithfully



Professor Michael Jeger

Editor-in-Chief, European Journal of Plant Pathology

Burgemeester



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Utrecht, June 2016

Dear Members of the Executive Board of the ICPP,

The International Congress of Plant Pathology is to be held in 2023. The Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology (KNPV) has offered to host this congress in Utrecht. On behalf of the municipal executive, I can inform you that we firmly support this congress in 2023, and therefore offer you the hospitality of our city.

Utrecht has extensive experience in organizing large-scale, complex congresses and events. The historic city centre would serve as the perfect backdrop for your congress and associated meetings.

The city only boasts the largest development site, but is also the infrastructural heart of the Netherlands. Utrecht is a central hub for people, knowledge, culture and talent. The city has both the Netherlands' youngest and most highly educated population and the one-third of the city's 340,000 inhabitants are from non-Dutch backgrounds. Utrecht accommodates some 170 nationalities. It is also the hub of the nation's motorway network and international rail connections. Furthermore, as there are two airports (Amsterdam Airport Schiphol and Rotterdam The Hague Airport) within 35 minutes of Utrecht, the city is a highly suitable location for the congress.

Should the International Society for Plant Pathology opt to accept Utrecht's offer of hospitality, then you may naturally also count on my complete personal cooperation, as well as that of the city's other officials.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J.H.C. van Zanen, LL.M



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Utrecht, 15 June 2016

Dear members of the Executive Board of the ICPP,

It was a great pleasure to hear about the intention of the Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology (KNPV) to host the annual International Congress of Plant Pathology in the beautiful city of Utrecht in 2023. As manager of the Utrecht Convention Bureau I am pleased to support this bid.

There is a long history of close cooperation between the cities of Wageningen and Utrecht, especially in the field of life science, health and food. The historic city of Utrecht both has the accommodation and the facilities required to host such a congress. The proposed venue Jaarbeurs Utrecht is a convention centre with a broad range of meeting rooms in various sizes as well as sufficient exhibition space. Through the years the Utrecht Convention Bureau has brought many international congresses to the Jaarbeurs and we are always pleasantly surprised by their hospitality and professional support.

The UCB gives organisers of (international) conferences free advice and can introduce them to a large network of service providers. Furthermore, the hotel facilities in the city itself offer ample opportunity to accommodate the participants.

We are confident that the city of Utrecht with its medieval centre will measure up to your expectations as a conference site and we sincerely hope that you will grant our city the privilege of hosting the ICPP in 2023.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Sittrop', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Hans F. Sittrop
 Manager Utrecht Convention Bureau

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The Hague, June 2016

Dear Members of the Board,

The Netherlands Board of Tourism & Conventions is pleased in extending a most cordial invitation to hold the International Congress of Plant Pathology -ICPP- in 2023 in Utrecht, the Netherlands.

The Netherlands Board of Tourism & Conventions, both through its staff of professionals and its supporting organisations, stands ready to help make your congress the most memorable to date.

We are confident that the 'Destination Holland' and the beautiful city of Utrecht will measure up to your most demanding expectations as a congress site and we sincerely hope that you will grant our country the privilege of hosting your congress in the year 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Jos Vranken
 Managing Director



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