



Kingdom of the Netherlands

The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UK would like to invite you to a

NL-UK Symposium on Nuclear Medicine

Tuesday 19 March 2024, Science Gallery London

Nuclear medicine procedures have become an asset to clinical healthcare. First, with the large-scale implementation of diagnostics using medical radioisotopes, and now with the development of therapeutic nuclear medicine. It is expected that this will result in significant growth in the number of patients referred to nuclear medicine. To make these developments possible, collaboration between different stakeholders, as well as international collaboration, is essential.

Both the Netherlands and the UK each have an excellent track record in developing key technologies that support nuclear medicine standards and growth. This may range from radionuclide production, radiopharmaceutical development including (but not limited to) important supporting activities such as dosimetry, radiation safety and waste management, preclinical research and practice-changing clinical trials. We therefore hope to enhance existing collaborations between the NL and the UK and open the door to new joint initiatives to support developments in nuclear medicine for the benefit of patients.

From 18-21 March the Dutch government is organising an innovation mission to the UK on nuclear medicine. We are delighted to welcome a Dutch delegation of 35 participants from the entire supply chain to the UK. As part of this visit, we are organising an NL-UK symposium on **19 March 2024** to which we would like to invite British professionals active in the field of medical radioisotopes and nuclear medicine (including but not limited to researchers, industry, and clinicians) to join the delegation for a day of discussions and networking.

On this day, we will commence with government representatives from the Netherlands (Ministry of Health) and the UK (DESNZ, Welsh Government) setting the scene followed by a symposium in which UK and Dutch representatives from academia, research, and clinical practice will elaborate on what they see as the biggest challenges in the field, and how stakeholders can collaborate to overcome them. We will finish the day with a networking reception, to which you are also cordially invited.

You can find the preliminary programme below, and attached the mission booklet, which includes an overview of the Dutch delegation. An updated programme will follow shortly.

You can register your interest in participating by emailing Iris Leussink (iris.leussink@minbuza.nl). Please RSVP by **Friday 1 March**.

We very much look forward to seeing you in March.

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Tuesday March 19, 2024 – London (Science Gallery London)

Time	Activity	Notes
	Venue	Location: Science Gallery London (Great Maze Pond, London, SE1 9GU)
09:00	Welcome and opening remarks	Welcome and opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Opening and welcome- Introduction Dutch Ministry of Health- Introduction UK government (DESNZ)
12:00	Networking lunch	
13:30	Symposium	Mini-conference “Mobilising cooperation to overcome challenges in nuclear medicine” <p>In these sessions, a series of speakers will be asked to highlight practical applications of their (theoretical) research in nuclear medicine. Leading will be the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What are the biggest problems to overcome within the researchers' specialisms and in nuclear medicine as a larger field?- Where do researchers want the field to be in 10-20 years' time?- What is needed from government, industry, and academia to bridge these problems and arrive at this vision of the future?
17:30 – 19:30	Networking drinks reception	Location: Science Gallery London