



# MÁXIMA BUTTERFLY NEWSLETTER

Sept 2023

## The 28 butterfly PhD's are hired

Overall coordinator: Prof. Marcel Kool

### THE PRINCESS MÁXIMA BUTTERFLIES

In May 2023, the Máxima Butterfly project awarded contracts to 28 candidates from 19 international countries. There was huge global interest with 689 applicants. The first PhD student started on 01 June with the remaining candidates starting from July to 02 October 2023.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION

#### 19 Countries represented

Country of origin (no. candidates)	
Belgium (3)	Latvia
Canada	Lithuania
China	N. Macedonia
Croatia	Poland
Germany	Portugal (2)
Italy (5)	Russia
India (3)	Spain
Iran	Sweden
Ireland	Turkey
Kazakhstan	

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Our management committee convenes biannually during training schools whenever possible or as a hybrid event. The partner representative serves on an annual rolling basis.

The industrial representative for 2024 is **Crown Bioscience**, while the position for the academic/non-governmental partner for 2024 remains open.

### BUTTERFLY KICK-OFF

Our live butterfly kick-off event will take place at the Princess Máxima Center from Mon. 30 Oct. to Thurs. 02 Nov. It's a packed program with captivating talks from the butterfly group leaders as well as contributions from partners **CrownBioscience** and the **Association of Children's Cancer Netherlands**.

Check out event details on the website: <https://butterflyautumnschool.prinsesmaximacentrum-events.nl/>

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### HELLO FROM HQ

I am delighted to introduce myself, Martina O'Flaherty, as the project manager for the Máxima butterfly program. A biochemist by training I recently managed the European Proteomics Infrastructure Consortium (EPIC-XS) 2019 - 2023.



I am excited to be the project manager for the Máxima butterfly program. I look forward to getting to know you throughout the course of the project.

### WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO!

In this first quarterly newsletter we've got news about the recently recruited butterfly PhD's, our kick-off event and the butterfly management committee.

For further updates please check out our website: <https://maximabutterfly.com/>



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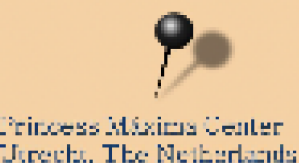


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## Máxima butterfly Autumn school 2023

October 30 - November 2





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