

New Treatment Options For Pediatric Cancers

Butterfly & Grasshopper Training School

Programme Overview: Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th November 2026

Monday 2nd November

Talks and poster sessions are open to all Máxima research team members and supervisors.

Location: Princess Máxima Auditorium

8:30 – 8:50	Registration with tea/coffee for all Set up posters in foyer on poster boards – parallel
8:50 – 9:00	Welcome and introduction – Marcel Kool & Jan Molenaar
Grasshopper & Butterfly Flash Talks <i>Chair: TBD</i>	
09:00 – 09:45	Translational Pharma to academic – Hubert Caron , Former Group Medical Director at Roche-Genentech (30min + 10min Q&A)
09:45 – 10:00	Title TBD – Leonor Teles , Butterfly PhD student, Max van Noesel group (12min + 3 min Q&A)
10:00 – 10:15	Title TBD – Emma Bokobza , PhD student, Anne Rios group & Grasshopper staff exchange participant (12min + 3 min Q&A)
10:15 – 10:25	Title TBD – Nora Looze , PhD student, Max van Noesel group & Grasshopper staff exchange participant (8min + 2 min Q&A)
10:25 – 10:40	Coffee break with bites.
Immunotherapy & Small molecules <i>Chair: Fenja and Beatrice</i>	
10:40 – 11:10	New small molecules – Prof. Jan Molenaar , Group leader Princess Maxima Center (25 min + 5 min Q&A)
11:10 – 11:25	Title TBD – Fenja Fahrig , Butterfly PhD student, Jan Molenaar group (12min + 3 min Q&A)
11:25 – 11:40	Title TBD – Beatrice Piotto , Butterfly PhD student, Jan Molenaar group (12min + 3 min Q&A)
11:40 – 12:40	Group photo & Lunch

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Afternoon Session

KeyNote - Tanja de Gruijl , Prof. Translational Tumor Immunology, Head Immunotherapy lab & Immune monitoring unit, Amsterdam UMC	
12:40 – 13:30	Local targeting of tumor-draining lymph nodes for cancer immunotherapy – (40mins + 10mins Q&A)
Group leader – Butterfly PhD - Duo Session Chair:	
13:30 – 14:10	Title TBD – Caroline Lindemans , MD, PhD, BMT specialist and pediatric immunologist, UMC Utrecht & Butterfly co-supervisor (30 mins + 10 Q&A)
14:10 – 14:30	Title TBD – Hannah Kunstek , Butterfly PhD student, Stefan Nierkens group (15 mins + 5 mins Q&A)
14:30 – 15:30	Bites and Poster Session
15:30 – 15:45	Title TBD – Menno de Vries , Research IT Coordinator, Princess Maxima Center & Grasshopper staff exchange participant (10mins + 5 mins Q&A)
15:45 – 16:25	AI based drug development (provisional title) – Prof. Ruben van Boxtel (30 mins + 10 Q&A)
16:25 – 16:45	Title TBD – Liza Kulaeva , Butterfly PhD student, Ruben van Boxtel group (15min + 5 min Q+A) . This duo is not confirmed.
16:45 – 16:55	End of day – Marcel Kool / Jan Molenaar
16:55 – 17:55	Drinks & snacks

Tuesday 3rd November

Night Science Interactive Workshop

(Reserved for Butterfly students & Grasshopper Staff Exchange participants).

Location: Kleine Zaal

Overview: The Night Science Workshop provides a framework and set of practices for integrating creativity, collaboration, and rigorous testing in scientific research. It offers tools for both individual reflection and collaborative ideation, and is designed to complement workshops focused on related themes such as scientific creativity, research design, or interdisciplinary problem-solving.

8:30 – 8:50	Registration with tea/coffee
8:50 – 9:00	Welcome and introduction – Jan Molenaar

Night Science - Oliver Bogler with the possibility of another presenter as well	
09:00 – 09:10	Introduction to workshop – Oliver Bogler
09:10 – 11:00	• Introduction & framing • The two modes of Science: day & night
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:30	• Communication and language in science • Collaboration and Improvisation • Question finding and reframing
12:30 – 13:30	Group Photo & Lunch
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13:30 – 15:30	• Data exploration and hypothesis generation • Types of scientific puzzles
15:30 – 16:30	Coffee Break
15:15 – 16:45	Interdisciplinarity and Meta-Reflection
16:45 – 17:00	End of day – Marcel Kool / Jan Molenaar
17:30	Meet at main entrance - Take public transport to Utrecht City Center
18:00 - 18:30	Dinner: PK Bar & Kitchen, Oudegracht 101/103, 3511 AE Utrecht.

Wednesday 4th November

Talks are open to all Máxima research team members and supervisors.

Location: Princess Máxima Auditorium

8:30 – 8:50	Registration with tea/coffee
8:50 – 9:00	Welcome and introduction – Marcel Kool
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09:00 – 10:00	Scientific Integrity (provisional title) – Prof. Jan Hoeijmakers , Erasmus University MC, Princess Maxima Center (40 min talk + 20min Q&A)
10:00 – 11:05	Imposter syndrome and managing self identity Pieter Govers , Educator in learning and development, AP Hogeschool, Antwerp
11.05 – 11.20	Coffee break with snack
11:20 – 12:20	Title TBD – Leona Knox , Head of research, Solving Kids Cancer, UK (40 min talk) Q&A Session (20 mins) with: • Leotine Heisen, Founder Villa Joep, patient advocacy group and foundation. • Liselot Hoornweg, Coordinator Research participation at Vereniging KinderKanker Nederland (VKKN), Patient advocacy group.
12:20 - 12:25	End of programme – Marcel Kool/Jan Molenaar

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12: 20 - 13:00	Grasshopper Lunch
13:00 – 14:00	Tour of Maxima – Grasshopper Staff Exchange Participants