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SPII scientific symposium 2026
Science meets society: Accelerating pandemic preparedness

📅 Friday November 20, 2026
📍 Quinton house, Utrecht Center
🕒 13.30-18.00 PM

🔬 About
This multidisciplinary symposium brings together leading researchers to explore how infectious disease research can become faster and more responsive to societal needs. Keynote speakers will share their experience and vision, followed by a panel discussion on what it means for the daily practice of (pediatric) infectious diseases and immunology, and how these insights strengthen pandemic preparedness. The program also features presentations by promising young researchers nominated for the thesis award. The symposium concludes with drinks and bites, offering plenty of opportunity to connect with colleagues old and new.

🎯 For whom?
Pediatricians with interest in infections and immunology • Microbiologists • Immunologists • Infectious disease specialists • Infectious disease public health professionals and policy makers • and those in training (residents/PhD students)

🎙️ Preliminary program

13.30-13.35	Opening
13.35-14.10	Meta Roestenberg: Controlled human infection models accelerate the development of novel products
14.10-14.45	Lennie Derde: Pandemic research preparedness - role of adaptive platform trials
14.45-15.05	Panel discussion
15.05-15.35	Break
15.35-16.30	Thesis talks: Nominees with a recent thesis in ID, microbiology and/or immunology
16.30-16.45	Thesis award and closure
16.45-18.00	Drinks & bites

🎓 Keynote speakers
* Prof. Dr. Meta Roestenberg, Leiden UMC, Controlled Human Infections Center
* Dr. Lennie Derde, UMC Utrecht, CEO Ecraid

📣 Registration is free: https://forms.gle/9281HY3eZENUoodG6
👉 Accreditation is being requested
📧 Organized by the section Pediatric infectious diseases and Immunity (SPII) of the Dutch Pediatric Association (NVK)