

Students, Plant health and KNPV

Do you already know KNPV? KNPV stands for Koninklijke Nederlandse Plantenziektkundige Vereniging (in English: Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology) and was founded in 1891 by the Dutch phytopathologist Jan Ritzema Bos. Nowadays it unites a diverse group of about 600 people in the Netherlands who work or study within the field of plant pathology and crop protection. Students who are interested in plant health issues are welcome to join KNPV! We offer membership at half price (€12,50 a year).

Maybe you think 'OK, but what's in it for me?'

Therefore let's ask an expert by experience: Matthijs Mobach.

He studied Plant Sciences at WUR, graduated in 2023 and is now working as technical manager green solutions at Holland Fyto. He has been a member of the KNPV since his BSc.

Matthijs, why did you become a member of KNPV as a student? Before I became a member of the KNPV I had joined several discussion evenings / symposia during my first year of my BSc Plant sciences, because I was in the board of Semper Florens. After my board term was over I was interested in continuing to join the events and thus I became a member.

What did you get out of your membership? The events the KNPV organises are a place to learn a lot more about research topics, but also how phytopathology is used and viewed in the agricultural sector and the government. All these specialists come together at the KNPV. Therefore, it was a great place for me to orient what options I had for a future career, while learning new things about the field I wanted to specialise in.

Would you also recommend it to others? Absolutely! It is a good chance to learn and network outside of campus, but still close by. Most meetings are in Wageningen, so you can get there by bike.

More information: www.knpv.org

