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**Posters:**

Online submission of poster abstracts is requested and instructions for submission can be found on [www.hoofdhals.nki.nl](http://www.hoofdhals.nki.nl). The number of posters is limited to fifty. The course directors try to increase the interaction between audience and poster presenters by organizing a poster tour at the end of the first conference day. Posters are exhibited during the two conference days in the reception hall.

**Language:**

The official language of the symposium will be English.

**Location:**

Piet Borst Auditorium

The Netherlands Cancer Institute – Antoni van Leeuwenhoek Hospital

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**Registration online:**

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**Registration deadline:**

The deadline for registration is April 1, 2009.

**Accreditation:**

CME points have been applied for.

**Fees:**

Clinicians: € 395,00; trainees (with a letter from their Director): € 305,00.

The fee includes material, lunch, coffee and tea during breaks.

**Payments:**

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**Cancellation policy:**

For registration fees to be refunded, written notice of cancellation must be received by April 1, 2009. The amount of registration fees remitted, minus a 15% handling fee, will be refunded after the symposium. Substitutions are accepted with written notification. After April 1, 2009, no refunds will be made.

**Hotels:**

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The 9th International Netherlands Cancer Institute  
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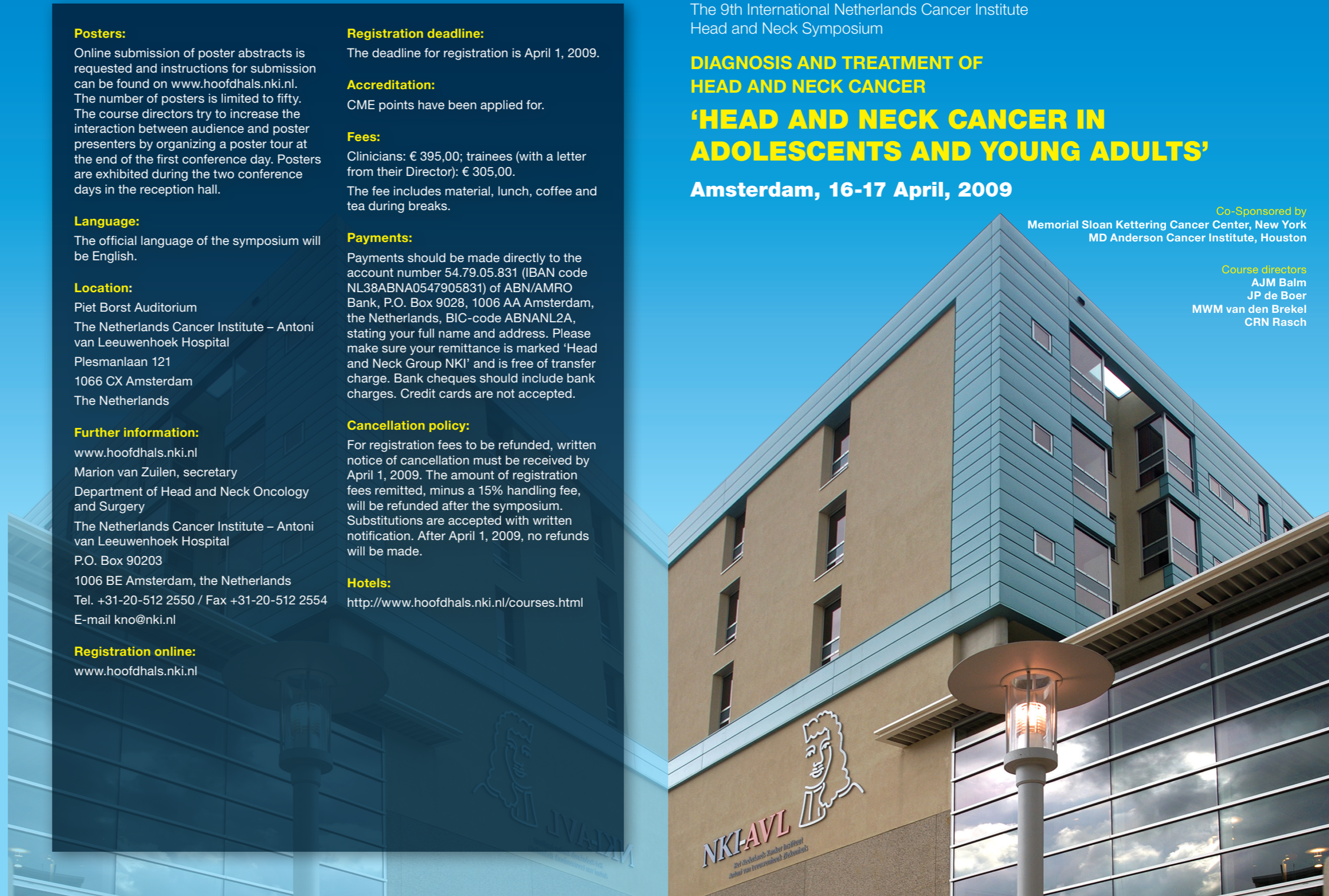
**DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF  
HEAD AND NECK CANCER**

**'HEAD AND NECK CANCER IN  
ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS'**

**Amsterdam, 16-17 April, 2009**

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Since 1993 eight successful symposia have been organized around the theme of 'Diagnosis and Treatment' of head and neck malignancies. These symposia focus on diagnosis and treatment of malignancies in the head and neck and aim to define evidence based advices for daily clinical practice. The symposia offered an excellent podium for discussion between presenters and auditorium.

While the incidence of head and neck squamous cell carcinoma in general is declining due to the decreased nicotine abuse in recent decades, the incidence of oral tongue and oropharyngeal cancers has been rising in young adults, a group with less tobacco and/or alcohol exposure overall. Human papillomavirus (HPV) infection has recently been identified as an etiologic agent for a subset of oropharynx carcinoma, including base of tongue and tonsil. Patients with HPV positive cancers have been shown to be younger in age by 3 to 5 years and are less likely to have a history of tobacco or alcohol use. Furthermore, HPV positivity may confer better prognosis. Nasopharynx carcinoma is another virus (EBV) related cancer which affects many young individuals, particularly in the Asiatic countries. Head and neck carcinomas, sarcomas, thyroid cancer and skin cancer can act in genetic syndromes (Fanconi anemia, MEN syndromes, Li-Fraumeni, Gorlin, FAMMM, several translocations, Rb mutations, trisomy 8, etc) in young individuals and the rarity of these syndromes makes it often difficult to estimate accurately the magnitude of the problem. Apart from these well defined syndromes, genetic susceptibility to DNA damage and carcinogenesis by smoking and alcohol plays a major role in the early development of head and neck cancer. Treatment of head and neck cancer in these young patients poses a particular problem with regard to cosmesis and functionality.

The Multidisciplinary Head and Neck Oncology Team of the Netherlands Cancer Institute - Antoni van Leeuwenhoek Hospital has a longstanding tradition in commitment to head and neck cancer and is nowadays one of the largest head and neck groups in the Netherlands, treating more than 500 new patients per year.

Undersigned members of the oncology team cordially invite you to participate in the forthcoming symposium on head and neck cancer in the young patient aiming at the following objectives: give insight in new epidemiological trends, increase your knowledge on genetic causes of cancer, create awareness of the difficulties in optimal treatment selection as the treatment options diversify, define the role of various disciplines in decision making and patient care. This symposium is meant for medical specialists and those in training interested in head and neck oncology and surgery, (pediatric) oncology and radiotherapy as well as paramedics working in this field.

The symposium is open for poster presentations dealing with head and neck cancer in young patients. At the end of the first day 'Poster tours' are organized and all participants are stimulated to visit posters. Faculty members take responsibility for monitoring the discussion with attendees at the poster.

On behalf of the Multidisciplinary Head and Neck Oncology Team Amsterdam (NKI-AVL/AMC)

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## Thursday, April 16, 2009

08.00 – 09.00	Registration	
09.00 – 09.10	Introduction	<b>AJM Balm</b>
<b>Moderator: AJM Balm</b>		
09.10 – 09.30	Epidemiological trends in head and neck cancer	<b>EM Sturgis</b>
09.30 – 10.00	Head and neck cancer in the young patient and genetic susceptibility	<b>EM Sturgis</b>
10.00 – 10.30	Genetic syndromes leading to head and neck cancer	<b>B Singh</b>
<b>10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break with poster visit</b>		
<b>Moderator: JP de Boer</b>		
11.00 – 11.45	The role of HPV in the development of head and neck cancer	<b>RH Brakenhoff</b>
11.45 – 12.15	HPV vaccination for head and neck cancer: a new reality?	<b>CJM Melief</b>
<b>12.15 – 13.15 Lunch</b>		
<b>Moderator: CRN Rasch</b>		
13.15 – 13.50	Epidemiology of NPC in the world	<b>IB Tan</b>
13.50 – 14.20	Early screening for NPC in Asia	<b>JM Middeldorp</b>
<b>Moderator: IB Tan</b>		
14.20 – 15.20	Sarcomas in adolescents and young adults	<b>J Bras</b>
15.20 – 15.40	Sarcoma treatment in adolescents and young adults	<b>F van Coevorden</b>
15.40 – 16.00	Diagnosis and treatment of osteosarcoma	<b>LE Smeele</b>
<b>16.00 - 16.25 Tea break with poster visit</b>		
<b>Moderator: PJFM Lohuis</b>		
16.25 – 16.55	Rhabdomyosarcoma in children	<b>JHM Merks</b>
16.55 – 17.25	The management of soft tissue sarcomas in the head and neck; Surgery first or radiation first?	<b>RLM Haas</b>
<b>Debate</b>		
<b>Moderator: AJM Balm</b>		
17.25 - 18.05	Treatment at any cost; how much mutilation and morbidity is acceptable at younger age?	<b>GAM Widdershoven/ MWM van den Brekel</b>
18.05 - 19.00	Reception and poster tour	

## Friday, April 17, 2009

<b>Moderator: MWM van den Brekel</b>		
08.30 – 09.15	Thyroid cancer in young patients	<b>AR Shaha</b>
09.15 – 09.45	Genetic syndromes and thyroid cancer	<b>CJ Lips</b>
09.45 – 10.15	Controversies in the management of thyroid cancer	<b>AR Shaha</b>
<b>10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break with poster visit</b>		
<b>Moderator: AJM Balm</b>		
11.00 – 11.40	Early diagnosis of melanoma in melanoma families: the limits of diagnostic histopathology	<b>WJ Mooi</b>
11.40 – 12.15	Skin lesions in the young: when to excise?	<b>JWP van der Veen</b>
12.15 – 12.45	Facial (reconstructive) surgery in young patients	<b>PJFM Lohuis</b>
<b>12.45 – 13.30 Lunch with poster visit</b>		
<b>Moderator: FJM Hilgers</b>		
13.30 – 14.00	Epidemiology and prognostication of salivary gland carcinomas	<b>VLM Vander Poorten</b>
14.00 – 14.30	Complications of parotid surgery	<b>AJM Balm</b>
14.30 – 15.00	Recurrent pleomorphic adenoma	<b>VLM Vander Poorten</b>
<b>Case presentations and discussion</b>		
<b>Moderator: AR Shaha</b>		
15.00 – 16.00	During this session several cases will be presented with emphasis on 'Diagnosis and treatment of head and neck cancer in the young individual' issues. The participants are invited to participate actively in the discussion using an anonymous computerized voting system. Results of voting will be graphically presented.	
16.00	Closing remarks	<b>MWM van den Brekel</b>

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