INSECTS & SOCIETY

LECTURE SERIES
18TH EDITION 2027

6 January:
Insects and music



with Linnaeus trio

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13 January:
The amazing world of insects

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1 week break

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Biodiversity and insecticides

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Insects to feed the world

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3 March:
Mosquito-borne diseases in the Netherlands

Entrance is free. Time: 20.00 - 22.00 hr.
Location: Wageningen Campus - Forum building room C0222

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18th edition of lecture series Insects and Society 2027

Location: Room C222, Forum Building. Time: 20:00- 22:00 Free entrance

Wednesday 6 January - *INSECTS AND MUSIC*

Insects and music
- *Prof. dr. Marcel Dicke – Laboratory of Entomology, Wageningen University*

Linnaeus trio
- *Jennifer van der Hart - soprano, Ellen Zijm - accordeon and Kees van der Harst – clarinets*

Wednesday 13 January - *THE AMAZING WORLD OF INSECTS*

Why are insects so diverse, abundant, and evolutionarily successful?
- *Prof. dr. Arnold van Huis and Prof. dr. Marcel Dicke – Laboratory of Entomology, Wageningen University. Alternating presentations*

Wednesday 20 January - *INSECTS AND TECHNOLOGY*

Insect-inspired, neuromorphic AI for tiny autonomous drones
- *Prof. dr. Guido de Croon, Micro Air Vehicle lab, Faculty Aerospace Engineering (Control & Simulation), Delft University of Technology*

Maneuvering flight in insects and bio-inspired robots
- *Prof. dr. Florian Muijres – Experimental Zoology Group, Wageningen University*

Wednesday 27 January - *INSECT DOCUMENTARY*

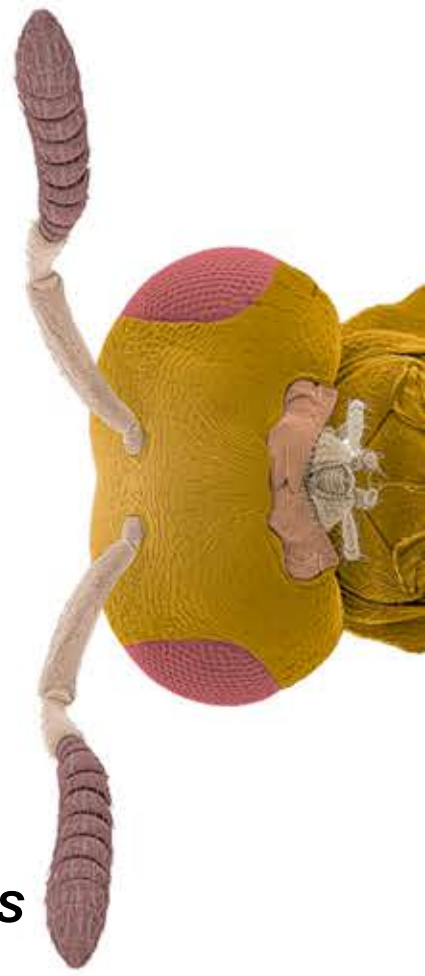
CATERPILLAR, the movie
- *Dr. Hans Smid – Laboratory of Entomology, Wageningen University*

1 week break

Wednesday 10 February *INSECTS AND CULTURE*

Music, medicine, and play: The cultural uses of insects in sub-Saharan Africa
- *Prof. dr. Arnold van Huis – Laboratory of Entomology, Wageningen University*

Insects in visual art: A tour through my virtual museum
- *Prof. dr. Marcel Dicke – Laboratory of Entomology, Wageningen University*



Wednesday 17 February - *BIODIVERSITY AND INSECTICIDES*

Do we really need synthetic insecticides??
- *Prof. dr. Marcel Dicke – Laboratory of Entomology, Wageningen University*

Biodiversity loss, insects and soil life
- *Prof. dr. Liesje Mommer- Forest Ecology and Forest Management Group, Wageningen University*

Wednesday 24 February - *INSECTS TO FEED THE WORLD*

The promise, progress, and potential of edible insects
- *Prof. dr. Arnold van Huis – Laboratory of Entomology, Wageningen University*

Bug appétit: Turning bugs into bites
- *Dr. Maryia Mishyna – Food Quality and Design, Wageningen University*

Wednesday 3 March - *MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES IN THE NETHERLANDS*

From prediction to reality: The spread of the West Nile virus
- *Prof. dr. Marion Koopmans, Department of Viroscience, Erasmus Medical Center Rotterdam*

From reality to prediction: The role of mosquitoes in disease transmission
- *Prof. dr. Sander Koenraadt - Laboratory of Entomology, Wageningen University*