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Curriculum Vitae

Geertruida (Gerda) Cornelia Maria Vreeker was born on July 20th, 1992 in Hoorn, the Netherlands. After she finished primary and secondary school she started her bachelor Chemistry at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands. After successfully obtaining her bachelor degree in 2013, she continued her studies with the master Chemistry at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam/University of Amsterdam (combined program) with a specialization in Analytical Sciences. Next to her studies, Gerda has been involved in promotion activities of the studies, tutored at practical courses and was a member of the Program Committee Chemistry for two years.

During her masters she performed two internships. The first was in 2014 at the Medicinal Chemistry department at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and together with corresponding courses, this internship was extra-curricular and thus added to a complete analytical chemistry master. To gain more insights in molecules and chemical reactions she performed her internship on a subject related to drug design and synthesis. Besides the performance of synthesis experiments, she was also able to use her background in analytical chemistry to fully purify and characterize the synthesized molecules with liquid chromatography (LC), thin layer chromatography (TLC), infrared (IR) spectroscopy, UV detection, nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy and mass spectrometry (MS). At the end of 2014 she started her second internship at the Center for Proteomics and Metabolomics (CPM) at Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC), Leiden, the Netherlands. Here she focused on method development for glycosylation analysis and did a cohort analysis on an automated platform under the supervision of dr. Karli R. Reiding and prof. dr. Manfred Wuhler.

In February 2016 Gerda started her PhD in a bridging position between the CPM and the department of Surgery (HLK) under the supervision of prof. dr. Manfred Wuhler (CPM), prof. dr. Rob A. E. M. Tollenaar (HLK), dr. Wilma E. Mesker (HLK) and dr. Yuri E. M. van der Burgt (CPM). Her research project focused on the MS method development for the analysis of protein glycosylation from blood-based samples and the application of these methods to cancer biomarker studies.

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PhD Portfolio

PhD training

Mandatory courses

PhD Introductory Meeting	2016
Basic Methods and Reasoning in Biostatistics	2016
BROK Course	2017

Generic/disciplinary courses

Quantitative LC-MS	2016
Summer course Glycosciences - <i>incl. poster presentation</i>	2016
Basic and Translational Oncology	2016
Communication in Science	2018
Clinical Diagnostics: Translational Mass Spectrometry	2018
Journal club on the chapters of "Essentials of Glycobiology"	2018
Introduction to GLP Regulations and Bioanalytical Method Validation by LC-MS/MS	2019

Attended lectures, LUMC presentations, participation in meetings

GlycoCan kickoff meeting	2016
Meeting Genootschap Keukenhof - <i>incl. presentation</i>	2016, 2017
LAP Career Event	2019
BCF Career Event	2019

Congress attendance and poster or oral presentations

CASA master event VU-UvA	2016
JP-NL Glycobiology meeting - <i>incl. poster</i>	2016
27th Glycobiology meeting Nijmegen - <i>incl. oral and poster</i>	2016
Symposium Clinical Mass Spectrometry Imaging	2017
American Society for Mass Spectrometry (ASMS) conference - <i>incl. oral</i>	2018
Nederlandse Vereniging voor Massaspectrometrie (NVMS) symposium - <i>incl. oral</i>	2018
NVMS conference attendance	2019
American Society for Mass Spectrometry (ASMS) conference - <i>incl. poster</i>	2019
Chains 2019 - <i>incl. poster</i>	2019

Other activities

Lab tour Rotary Club Noordwijk	2016
Lab tour Feadship - <i>incl. presentation</i>	2017
Clinical internship Oncology	2019

Teaching activities**Lecturing, lab assistance, student supervision**

FOS course CPM – lab assistance	2016
FOS course Surgery - lecture	2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
Student supervision: Corné van der Plas	2017
Student supervision: Jennifer Heikamp	2017
Science4U project of Stedelijk Gymnasium Leiden	2017, 2018, 2019
FOS course Parasitology – lab assistance	2019

Parameters of esteem**Personal grants**

NVMS conference attendance grant	2017
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Organizational Experience**Social activities**

Sinterklaas celebration CPM	2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
Borrel committee CPM	2016, 2017
Labouting CPM	2016
Christmas dinner CPM	2017

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