



Dondrite news

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Dear Dondrites, before you lies the Dondrite News edition of April. It has taken inspiration from the lovely weather and is filled with sunny,

cheerful and exciting new things for all of you to experience! So keep on reading to find out what Dondrite has in store for the coming month!

The Dondrite News: A New Start

As you already know from the March issue of Dondrite News, the Scribe Committee of Dondrite is taking over the Dondrite News. The Scribe Committee is a new committee of Dondrite, and therefore there is still a lot of flexibility regarding the tasks of our new committee. The first and probably most obvious task is taking over the responsibility of the Dondrite News. Currently, we are trying to build on the basic building blocks of Dondrite News, but we would love to create more interactive and creative news for Dondrite members. We already have a couple of ideas, but we would very much appreciate any input from you guys! If you have ideas for what to include in the Dondrite News, whether they are

recurring columns, articles, or you are interested in writing a piece for one particular issue, please contact us. We are also particularly interested in any reports on Dondrite activities, but also anything else that floats your boat! Lastly, we are also still looking for new members, as we are currently relying on only a few committee members. Whether you love writing, have some more technical skills, or any other reason why you would like to join, we are happy to welcome any new members! So, if you have any ideas, or want to join us, just contact us at scribedondrite@gmail.com, or in person (Laura, Wessel, or Wiebke)!

The CNS Yearbook

The second part of what the Scribe Committee will be organising for now is a yearbook for the CNS programme. Although we are a Dondrite committee, we would be happy if non-Dondrite members also want to take part in the yearbook. Generally, participation is voluntary, but we think it is a nice memory to keep from your time in Nijmegen! The yearbook will span all current CNS students and will include short profiles of members and committees, and some other parts regarding Dondrite and non-Dondrite activities. (Just as for the Dondrite News, if you have any additional

ideas for what to include in the yearbook, feel free to contact us!) Most of you have probably already received the e-mail, but we have already made a form for members (and non-members) to fill out for their profile in the yearbook. If you haven't done that yet, please go and fill it out as soon as possible: [\[here\]](#) (and before 20 May 2018, 23:59!!!) Finally, if you have any other visions for what the Scribe Committee could do regarding our current projects, or for new projects, feel free to let us know.

Recent Dondrite Activities

Paintball:

Just like last year, Dondrites, interns, PhDs and the occasional stray postdoc got together on a sunny saturday afternoon, to forget about serious research. Following their basic instincts in a game of speed and strategy, they heroically painted each other yellow. Yes, the battlefield is a dangerous place where anyone can turn into a fashionvictim. Under the experienced guidance of Boss Bas they picked up their guns, hid in the bushes and tried to remember his advice “if there comes niks out, just shake it door elkaar”. And of course, fun afternoon would not be a proper Dondrite event if it weren't for the complementary snacks.



General Assembly:

The 17th was the day of this year's third general assembly. With all Dondrites present we ate pizza, and were updated on the proceedings of the committees. We also discussed and approved the finances up to now and decided on a redistribution of some leftover money, so that the coming activities can be even better than imagined! A small addition pertaining to the Advisory Committee was made to the bylaws. As the General Assembly drew to a close, we faced a happy as well as sad moment, as Marlies officially left the board of Dondrite and Viola became the new treasurer. We thank Marlies for her work for Dondrite and how she helped shape Dondrite into what it is today.

Finally, the application procedure was discussed and the general assembly was successfully concluded.

Scientific Movie Night:

On Wednesday, 18 April, we had our second Scientific Movie Night of this academic year, organised by the Education Committee. The movie we watched was "Gattaca", a SciFi movie that presents a society in which children can be genetically selected before conception. It focuses on a man who was not part of this genetic selection programme, who now tries to overcome the disadvantages he has compared to the genetically selected population. As this topic is highly ethically loaded, we concluded the movie night with a discussion on some of the themes that were introduced in the movie.

Upcoming Dondrite & Donders Activities

Brewery Excursion:

Have you ever been at a borrel, drinking beer and wondering as the curious researchers in spe we are, how on earth they make those beers? On May 8th, an answer to this important question will be provided by brewery de Hemel! They'll show us the process of brewing beer and let us taste their heavenly beers as well. With the Dondrite discount, all of this will cost you only 9 euros.

To join this event, please sign up before May 1st and transfer the money to the mentioned account. Signing up can be done through this form: [\[link\]](#)

Cheers! The Activity committee

Isabel, Riv, Idil, Marta, Renuka, Kari & Tineke

Info: May 8, 18:30-21:00

Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/events/419867181807843/?notif_t=plan_user_invited¬if_id=1524479011894509

Synapsium

Busy working on your thesis internship and very motivated about the research you have been working on for a while now? Join us for this year's Synapsium as a student speaker or for a poster presentation! We are still very actively searching for both, so we encourage all CNS students to sign up, or to tell any other bachelors, masters or first-year PhD students you know to present their own research! If you are interested you can sign up here: [\[link\]](#)

For everyone else, if you are interested in listening to the research of your fellow

students, or of our keynote speakers (check them out on our social media!), you can now sign up to attend on our website: [[link](#)] (Tickets are 5€ if you pay before the event.) If you have any other questions, you can contact us by mail

and you can follow updates on our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)!

Info: June 9, Elinor Ostrom Building

Upcoming Donders Events:	Date:
Formal DCC Lecture Nicolas Schuck [url]	Tuesday 8 May 12.30 - 13.30
DCCN Colloquium Todd Braver [url]	Monday, 14 May 15.00 - 16-00
Donders session: Rolf Zwaan "making replication mainstream" & Christina Bergmann "A brief introduction to preregistration" [url]	Thursday 17 May 10.30 - 12.00

For more information see: <http://www.ru.nl/donders/agenda-news/agenda/>

Berlin Trip

On a cold and very, very, early Friday morning, the Travel committee awaited some eager Dondrites to take them on a train to Berlin, so that the first Dondrite trip could officially begin! After a tiring 6-hour journey, we arrived at the Freie Universität Berlin to get a talk about their imaging facilities, tactile representations in the brain and an aside on your brain on drugs. A small tour of their labs later, we left to go to our hostel to drop our luggage. Our dinner consisted of an

all-you-can-eat vegan buffet (for only 8 euros)! Opinions on the quality of the food differed, but that's just something you'd have to find out yourself. The evening continued with drinks in a chemist-bar, where the cocktails were served in erlenmeyers and the table was literally filled with a skeleton. The evening ended, however, in a karaoke bar where the true colours of the Dondrites shined through songs of *NSYNC, Backstreet Boys and other magnificent artists.

A short night's sleep, a tasty breakfast and a small public transport trip started off our Saturday. We arrived at the Humboldt University to get an exclusive explanation and demonstration of an OCT scan, a cool research technique used there to scan the retina (which I can recommend everyone to do, having a picture of your retina is a great conversation starter) and draw inferences on the brain. Our Saturday afternoon was left open, so everyone went their own way to explore and soak in some original Berlin culture (where the inner tourists came out and basically everyone visited the Brandenburger Tor). We reconvened at dinner, ate some great German cuisine (read: schnitzels) and prepared ourselves to explore the city's nightlife. The group split up: Some people discovered the inside of a punk/rock-club, whereas others found out exactly how the techno scene was represented in Berlin. Epic dance moves were thrown, some alcohol was consumed and beautiful songs were horribly sung a capella, but the night of course ended in a comfortable hostel bed.

When the Sunday sun arrived only a couple of hours later, the hostel's breakfast awaited us. The Sunday was left open for everyone's enjoyment, and most people chose to go to a market, where knick knacks were sold, ranging from old telephones to vinyl and fur coats to bags with puns. When we gathered to leave for the station, the news broke that the Dutch

railway company (NS) stated that no trains would go from Berlin to the Netherlands. In a slight panic, the travel committee asked around at the Berlin station, who said they hadn't heard of such a thing. Confused we got on the train, which very calmly travelled all the way to the Netherlands, where we switched to some other trains and were safely delivered back to Nijmegen.



The trip was a great success and for everyone that missed it: There's always next year. A big shout-out to the travel committee and our mamas of the trip, who made everything possible and took great care of us!

Fun Fact

Maybe some of our motivated members went to visit a museum during our Berlin trip. If you did, it probably was a difficult choice as Berlin

has around 170 museums. This is why Berlin is said to have more museums than rainy days.

