



Dondrite news

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Now that **King's Day** is over, and you have hopefully recovered from the celebrations (whether you partied very hard, or you are just not that enthusiastic about big events), here are this month's Dondrite News. There's a lot to report on this issue! We are very proud of the CNS students (now alumni!) who graduated this month. Also, some of our Dondrite members

have a lot to tell about their memories made in Porto. Finally, there was also a brewery tour, and the last GA of this academic year. In this GA, some important changes in the board have happened, read more about it in the Dondrite activities and shoutouts sections! We hope you enjoy this issue, and wish you a great May (and a great May vacation for those who actually get/take some time off! Use it!)

Annual big trip: Porto

On March 21 it was finally time to leave for the annual big trip. After a great trip to Berlin last year, this year's travel committee decided to go more south; to the beautiful city of Porto. 26 Dondrites (including one Portuguese Donders PhD student) were ready for five days of tours through labs and bars in Portugal's second largest city.

Being used to Dutch spring, 22 degrees, sun and glorious blue sky did sound pretty decent to us. We arrived in Porto in the late afternoon, and directly got to check out the amazing Happy Porto Hostel. For dinner, as on pretty much all days, we went to have either seafood or Francesinha - a traditional Portuguese

sandwich which includes a lot of bread, a lot of meat, a lot of sauce, and sometimes some veggies. It is traditionally served with an egg on top and french fries. Our Portuguese PhD student called it *the Portuguese heart attack on a plate* and to us that seemed quite accurate.

The first night ended shortly after dinner as we needed to get up early the next morning for the academic part of the trip: the lab tours! We visited three labs: the sex lab, the addiction lab and the nerve regeneration lab. For the latter two, you can go check out the website of the i3s institute of the University of Porto (<https://www.i3s.up.pt/>). We learned a lot about the theory behind the studies that are

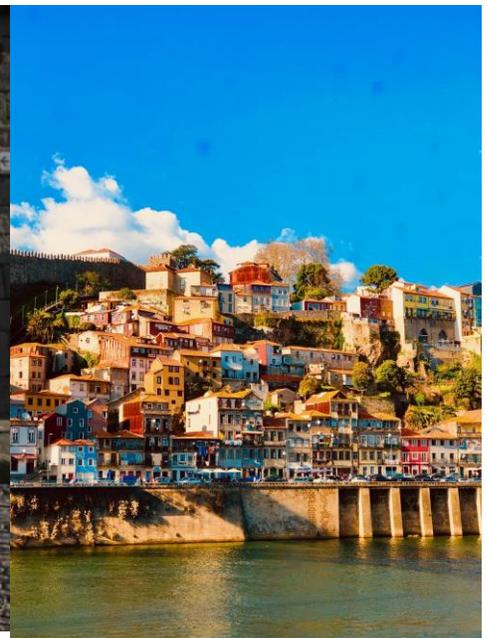
conducted in these labs and also got a tour of their facilities.

The next two days were filled with sightseeing, ice cream, beach walks, swimming, soccer matches, karaoke and - of course - some partying. For the fourth day, the travel committee had organized a winery tour for us. We learned a lot about the process of making the famous port wine and afterwards obviously had to verify the quality of the wine ;-). As this

already marked the last night of the trip, we met up for a big joint dinner and enjoyed the last night as a group.

The next day we returned to Nijmegen safe and sound but the trip remained a subject of conversation for way longer.

Dear travel committee, thanks for organizing such a fun and interesting trip. You did an amazing job!





Recent Dondrite Activities

Graduation borrel:

On April 5, nine students graduated successfully from the Research Master program Cognitive Neuroscience. To celebrate our prior classmates, Dondrite organized a graduation borrel which was held at our beloved Café Maxim. Numerous Dondrites came together to drink a toast to the latest CNS alumni and hear about their future plans.

By the way, with Tineke graduating, and consequently stopping her work for Dondrite, the last founding mother of Dondrite has left (see GA recap). Now it's all up to us newbies (and forever honorary member Tristan) to take good care of Dondrite. Thank you for all the

dedication, hard work and fun you put into this association, Tineke.

We wish all graduates the best for their future endeavors. Cheers to you!



Oersoep Brewery Tour:

On April 16, a group of Dondrites got together at the Oersoep Brewery at the HonigComplex. We learned about their wild fermentation and barrel aging process as well as tasted a range of the brewer's concoctions, from a smokey brew to a peppery ale. A Scribe favourite: the light beer infused with passion fruit!



General Assembly Recap:

The oval office was the setting for Dondrite's latest General Assembly on April 24. In this meeting, the Board updated the present members on the progress of the past year. Spoiler: we're doing great! The Board members also presented their policy plan for the year 2019-2020, which will see a focus on external sponsoring, networking and the Dondrite website! A tentative budget was proposed, which will be finalised and voted in at the next GA.

And finally, two Board members, Viola and Tineke, were voted out and one new member will join the Board: Alex! We wish the leaving Board members the best of luck in their future and Alex the best in his new role as Secretary in the Board.

Upcoming Dondrite & Donders Activities

LaTeX Workshop:

Sign-up form:
<https://forms.gle/Jc7qjbzbJhPb84DQ9>

Info: May 2nd, 15:30-17:00

Website Development Workshop:

Sign-up form:
<https://forms.gle/Jc7qjbzbJhPb84DQ9>

Info: May 16th, 15:30-17:00

Synapsium Borrel:

Info: May 17th, TBA

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Info: May 25th, Elinor Ostrom Building

Upcoming Donders Events:**Date:**

DCCN Colloquium Mona Garvert (MPI for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences)[\[url\]](#)Thursday, May 9,
13:45-14:45**Donders session: "Molecules of behaviour"**[\[url\]](#)Thursday, May 16,
10:00-12:00**DCCN Colloquium Kartik Sreenivasan (NYU Abu Dhabi)**[\[url\]](#)Thursday, May 23,
13:45-14:45

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

A Word from the Board

In this edition of the word from the board, Viola and Tineke like to share some of our thoughts and feelings. We both have a very different background with regards to Dondrite and the Board, and often we have had different opinions as well (but not always).



Tineke has been here forever (since feb '16). Back then, there was only the idea of a study association, but she loved it and jumped right in. Together with Emma and Rowan she recruited Tristy and the 4 of them officially founded Dondrite on January 31, 2017. Tineke filled the role of secretary first and then became president of the Board. Throughout all that she was the connection to the Activity committee. In my time with Dondrite I learned to balance organisation skills, ambition and strong opinions with understanding (of everything except finances) and bureaucracy.

Dondrite will always be my baby and hold a special place in my heart, not just because I invested myself in it but more importantly because of all the great experiences I've had here. I am very grateful I got to share that with all of you!



Viola, who joined a year ago, came in as a slightly confused and inexperienced first non-Dutch board member. First she joined to supervise the Travel committee and later she helped the Synapsium committee. It has been a year of so much. Learning how budgets and bookkeeping work, amazing friends, so much laughing, loads of work and discussions. I am so happy the boardies a year ago convinced me to join (so also thanks Wessel and Tabas) and all the awesome events and shit that came with it thanks to all of us in Dondrite.



The combination of Viola and Tineke ensures that everyone's interests are safeguarded, and that we are in equal measures principal, practical and dramatical (well maybe not entirely even). Neither of us is perfect, but we both were incredibly committed to take care of the Dondrites. Leaving is bittersweet, because of course we will miss you, but we are also very excited about the new Board and Dondrite's future. In the meantime, we will focus on our own, as both of us intend to do a PhD. Maybe we'll even both stay at the Donders, but even if not, we will be back. And the most important part, we are very confident and happy to see the association becoming even amazing with the current Board, committees, members and all the future ones.

Endless love and hammering,
Violation and Tintin

Shout-outs!

If you've ever felt like your spelling just doesn't make the mark, don't worry about it - because apparently neither does the BBC's. On

Wednesday 10th April, the BBC reported on the fact that the first ever image of a black hole has been created. If you haven't heard about

this, you have been living under a rock. Prof. Heino Falcke was the motivating force behind this project, and guess what? He works at Radboud! Yay, Radboud! Funnily enough though, our friends at the BBC heard Rebound. So we are all officially students at the Rebound University - I'm here for this type of uni merch. To be honest, the blunder is an honest one, but frankly I don't know what the money from my TV license goes to (we pay for our national TV provider in the UK). So shout-out to the BBC and Rebound University.

(You can read all about the research here: <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-47873592>)

Also - shout-out to Dr Katie Bouman who developed the algorithm to actually show us the

image!)



Another shout-out is to the Board! We're saying goodbye to our beloved Tineke & Viola. Thank you for all of the hard work you have put into Dondrite - we really appreciate it. And we extend our warmest welcome to our new addition - Alex!

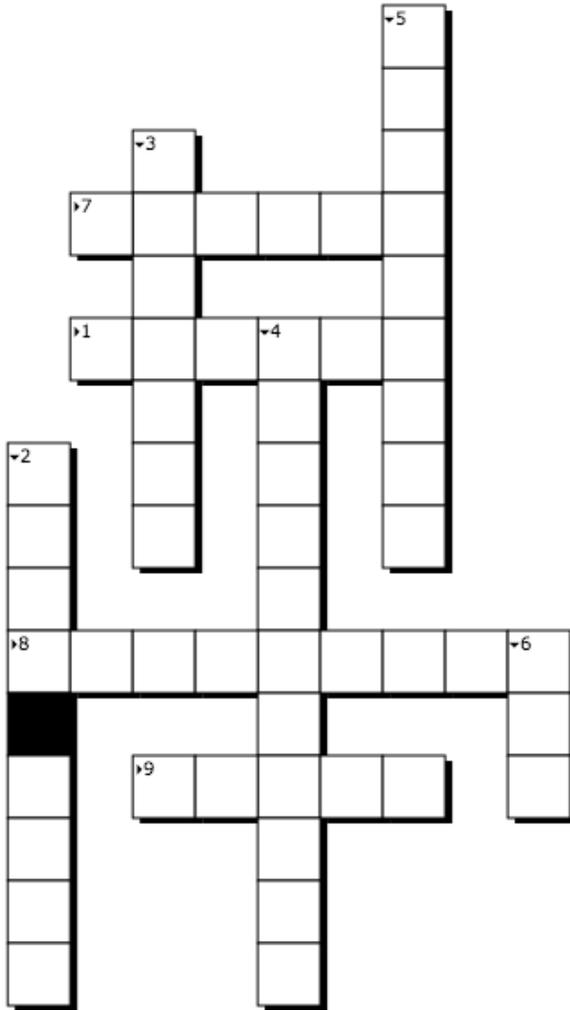
Fun Fact

Fun fact for the Non-Dutchies amongst us: Did you know that King Willem, whose birthday we celebrate in April, earned the nickname *Prins Pils* (yes, Prince Pils, like the beer) during his time at Leiden University? Apparently he enjoyed student life and being a member in one of the Dutch infamous student associations a little too much. On a more positive note, he did

still successfully graduate with an MA in history, and he also speaks five languages.

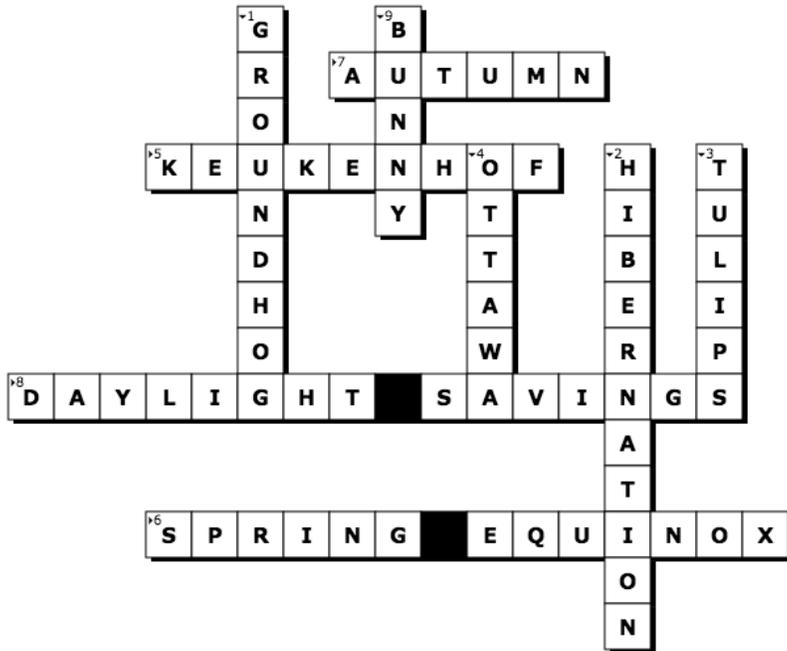


Crossword



1. This architect designed one of Porto's bridges and a famous Parisian tower.
2. The city is famous for this drink.
3. The city's nickname, given for withstanding the the Portuguese civil war.
4. A regional dish known as the "Frenchy".
5. This author lived in Porto and is rumoured to have named a character after Portugal's former dictator, Antonio Salazar.
6. The number of bridges over the Duoro.
7. This organization recognizes the city centre as a world heritage site.
8. A person from Porto.
9. What inspired the nickname.

Solution



1. This animal predicts the number of weeks until spring.
2. A deep sleep to save energy.
3. The Netherlands is famous for these flowers which bloom from March to April.
4. This city received these flowers as a gift from the Netherlands following WW2.
5. While we're at it, go to the _____ to see these flowers!
6. March 20, 2019
7. Meanwhile, the Southern Hemisphere is heading into _____.
8. March 31, 2019
9. This cuddly animal delivers chocolates and treats to children.