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**D**es, you read that right! As of today, we are Dondrite, and no longer CogNito. Out with the old and in with the new, dear Dondrites! As you will all know by now, the name change was deemed necessary due to some Amsterdam-based rabble having claimed CogNito a few years before we did. The board

thanks everyone for their participation in the ponderous process of deciding on a new name. 60 of you participated in the conclusive poll, and Dondrite received 76.7 per cent of the votes. Having resolved the naming crisis, the board can now once again move forward with turning Dondrite into an official study association.

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## Introduction of Dondrite board and committees

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In this edition, the chair of the travel committee *Myrte Druyvesteyn* introduces us to their plans for this year.

“Dear fellow Dondrite Members,

We here at the Dondrite travel committee are delighted to introduce ourselves to you all, give you some insight on what we do, and explain why you should be excited to hear more from us!

This year our team consists of Emma (our Dondrite chair), Eline R, Lennart, Wiebke, and Myrte. Together we are currently working hard to organize Dondrite’s first **study trip**. Our goals for this trip are to visit different universities, explore neuroscience related labs, and to see and learn how research is done

outside of Donders. Hopefully, doing so will lead us to gain new insights into our own research activities. Think of lectures, campus tours, and lab visits just to mention a few. Of course our trips will not be all study and education. We will also organize fun activities like exploring the destination city and (hopefully) organize fun, informal meetings with our neuroscience peers abroad.

Much excitement in the works, so stay tuned as we will reveal more concrete plans for this year’s trip in February!”

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## Recent and Upcoming Dondrite Activities

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### Boogie Bowling Night:

Many of you came down to Olround in order to knock over some defiant cones and listen to classy “boogie” music. Little did we know at that time that we would also get the chance to put our spelling and singing skills to the test! Strikes were scored and shots were won on this exciting evening.



## Advanced Matlab Session

Learning how to use Matlab well can be tricky. Luckily, three amazing volunteers were willing to help us out during a low-threshold drop-in session at the DCCN.

## Dondrite Drinks:

Don't miss the next Dondrite drinks on January 27<sup>th</sup>! Everyone will by that time deserve a bit of relaxation after the exams. More importantly, this will be your first chance to meet the new February starters! The board and the activity committee will supplement their normal Donders introductions with tours and information in the afternoon. After which, they will surely allow us to take them with us for a drink at the Culture Café in order to meet you!

## Karaoke Night

December may be dark, cold and lonely, but it wasn't in café Lenthe, where things got heated with the amazing karaoke skills of our Dondrites! A shady kind of pub – like it should be – cheap alcohol and no inhibitions at all made this evening unforgettable. But just in case, some fabulous photos will be a reminder forever.



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### Upcoming Dondrite Events:

### Date:

**International dinner**

Friday, January 13

**Dondrite drinks**

Friday, January 27

**The Dondrite Gala**

Friday, February 3

**Masterly Party**

For all master study associations from psychology.

Friday, February 10

**Dondrite career event**

Together with the other ReMa's of our faculty.

Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

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### Upcoming Donders Events:

### Date:

**Donders session: rhythmic rewards**

Detailed program to be announced.

Thursday, January 19,  
10:30-12:00.  
DCCN, Red Room

**Donders session: Neurotechnology**

On interfacing brains and computers.

Thursday, January 19,  
13:00-14:30  
DCCN, Red Room

**DCCN Colloquium Sam Solomon**

Detailed program to be announced.

Thursday, January 26,  
13:45-14:45  
DCCN, Red Room

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

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## The 1<sup>st</sup> Dondrite Gala

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If you listened very, very carefully or maybe even if you paid no attention at all, you will have picked up on something special. The official beginning of our study association will be celebrated with the first ever Dondrite gala! This beautiful scientific phenomenon does not occur in the Netherlands normally. However,

for one night and one night only we are bringing it to Nijmegen. The Donders Institute and Dondrite want you to join us on this very special evening to enjoy the theme, the band and the open bar. Stay tuned for more information about this unforgettable evening under the fantastic *Aurora Borealis*!

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## Dondrite of the Month

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You may know her as on time, on point, hard-working and a matlab-miracle, but to us she is the first ever Dondrite Member of the Month... Congratulations Floortje Bouwkamp! Besides

being the creative genius behind our upcoming Dondrite logo, she correctly guessed the theme of our upcoming gala: Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights!

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## New Students

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As of this moment, fifteen new students have been accepted to the CNS master for the February start cohort 2017. We hope that you

are all as excited as we are to get to know our newest comrades in arms as the second semester commences!

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## Fun fact

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Did you know that for many scientists a certain fascination with alcoholic beverages doesn't end at the point where they stop being students and become respectable university researchers? I present you with two techniques designed for accelerating MRI imaging which have slightly

suspicious names. Firstly, GRAPPA (Italian for grapes/wine): GeneRalized Autocalibrating Partial Parallel Acquisition. Secondly, CAIPIRINHA: Controlled Aliasing In Parallel Imaging Results IN Higher Acceleration.

Happy holidays everyone!

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