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*A*t long last, the moment is here. Dondrite has become an official study association, its legal documents written up by the notary, recognised by the chamber of commerce

and celebrated with a splendid gala. Hooray! Hooray! Hooray! There is no time to rest however, because we have a great many plans in store for you.

Introduction of Dondrite board and committees

In this edition, the new chair of the Activity committee *Isabel Terwindt* introduces us to their plans for this year.

“Dear fellow Dondrites,

Sometimes all you need is something to get your mind of the intense course load that comes with the CNS master. For that exact purpose I proudly present our wonderful activity committee! Currently consisting of 6 lovely people: Kari, Katharina, Lennart, Lisanne, Tineke and Isabel, we organize the Dondrite activities that have absolutely nothing to do with education.

You’ve most likely seen us embarrass ourselves during the karaoke, handle some balls at the bowling, or had a drink with us during one of the monthly Dondrite drinks.

On February 3rd we hosted the first annual Dondrite prom on February 3rd. We couldn’t be happier how it turned out, and sincerely hope that you all enjoyed it as much as we did.

For this semester we have another couple of great activities planned, so read further to find out what we are doing next. Hope to see you all at our next activity!

Cheers!”

Wanted: committee members

Something has led to this moment at which you are reading the Dondrite news. Call it what you will: fate, destiny, our inclination to tell you about ourselves. Any way you slice it, you are part of the wonderful world of Dondrite now. But why leave it at that? You can go behind the scenes, you can be part of the magic. Join one of our committees and get a say in all the exciting events Dondrite organises! The travel, synapsium, education and activity committees welcome all to join them for a trial meeting if you are interested in becoming an active member. If you have already expressed

interest you will receive an invitation soon, if you have not yet done so but you are thinking about joining, please send an email to boarddondrite@gmail.com with any questions or to sign up. And may the force be with you.

Recent Dondrite Activities

Fabulous February introduction:

The end of the last exam was the start of the introduction day for the February starters. Free lunch, speed dating, making a fool of yourself all around campus and the Dondrite drinks were all part of the program, as tradition dictates. The fab Febs however did not shy away from any challenge and we are very glad to welcome them as new Dondrites!



Aurora Borealis gala:

Long foretold, well attended and overall resplendent it was, the first ever Dondrite&Donders prom. What else was to be expected with free drinks, dance lessons, snacks, a swinging band and David Norris? We are still amazed that we somehow pulled this off and immensely grateful that you were there

to enjoy the festive opening of Dondrite. To everyone who has been feeling poorly after the prom, we do apologise for spreading the plague.



Masterly party:

Just a week after the grand gala we were interested to see if we could top it. Therefore, the study associations of the masters related to psychology joined forces to organise the yearly Masterly Party. There were flowers, cheap drinks and something to do with the birds and the bees. Yes, it was a hot night indeed, even though it started snowing again.

Upcoming Dondrite Activities

Ragweek March 8-15:

The charity week of the Radboud is already a time filled with lots of love and joy and Dondrite will of course carry its weight. Together with the other two research master study association of our faculty, Mosaic and

Maizena, we challenge you to a laserquest battle! Form a team of 4 and pay only 5 euro's entree per person. All profits will go to charity, even 10% of the income the bar which we will go to afterward will be donated! Sign up

before March 2nd via:

<https://goo.gl/forms/BKp1XbC2zaPM7OAH3>

Next to the peaceful idea of shooting each other to make this world a better place, we have a second option for you to raise money. We invite you to bake and donate cookies for Maizena's bake sale on Monday, March 13th.

Dondrite drinks March 3 18:00:

Meet us at the Cultuurcafé to catch up with your friends and/or to relieve some tension at our monthly Drinks! Don't forget to mention you're with Dondrite in order to get a discount.

Career event March 6 18:30 - CC5:

The study associations of the RU Social Sciences Research Masters (Dondrite, Maizena and Mosaic) are jointly organizing a helpful event aimed to help you orient yourself on the job market both in- and outside academia.

If you are already considering ways to escape the clutches of university when you graduate,

but are still unsure on where else to go, this is your opportunity to gain new knowledge of what life is like in the real world!

Likewise, if you are not sure yet whether academia is for you or just want more information on what working life is like, be sure to keep the 6th of March free in your schedules!

Dondrite city trip May 5-6:

Get ready for another milestone in Dondrite history, our first study trip! On May 5 and 6 we are going to the lovely city of Antwerp. We have loads of activities planned, including a trip to the University of Antwerp and a pub crawl where we can enjoy the finest Belgian beers! Sign up now but be quick! We have limited spots available and it is first come first serve. Deadline for signing up is the 1st of March, so sign up via:

<https://goo.gl/forms/LdXdq0773AhBs1O>

Upcoming Donders Events:

Date:

Dutch Neurodevelopmental Disorders Day
Symposium & Congress

Wednesday, March 8,
09:00-17:00

Donders Lecture Kenneth Harris

Thursday, March 9,
16:00-17:00

Donders Special Session
On data visualization

Thursday, March 16,
10:30-14:30

Farewell symposium prof. dr. Van Luijtelaar
On neural communication

Friday, March 17
09:30-17:00

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

Save the date

Oh happy day, Synapsium and Dondrite have joined forces! More about the prestigious yearly CNS

symposium will follow soon, including the committee's Dondrite news introduction next month. Stay tuned and reserve June 8th* in your calendar for the yearly symposium.

*None of you will have lectures or exams on that date.

Dondrite of the month

An esteemed member of the Synapsium committee and usually almost on time for lectures, our Dondrite of the month is... Levan and/or Leo Bokeria!

Leo has been a source of innovation within Dondrite and a general force for good. His ideas have included using Trello for improved coordination and making use of editable online documents for study group allocation and neuroimaging questions. furthermore, he does a great job in keeping everyone in the loop on

interesting upcoming Donders events.

Congratulations Leo!



Fun fact

Did you know that we have a very thorough notary protecting the Dondrites both in life and in death? In the Dondrite Articles of Association it is specifically written that you are freed from any rights and obligations as a Dondrite member when you die. That's one less thing to worry about.
