

Dondrite news

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We are now through the first semester and we hope all of you have gotten through the first exams successfully. The weather is also getting warmer and the sun is out more, which of course makes everyone

happy! Meanwhile, the committees are working hard to plan all kind of exciting activities. March is going to be a busy month, but in a good way ;) For more info, please read on!

Recent Dondrite Activities

Dondrite Spotlight:

For this month's spotlight a very interesting talk was given about the brain and evolution by Miles Wischnewski.



He told the story about our first steps to our most impressive cognitive achievements. Further, details about how our ancestors changed over time physically and mentally were discussed and reconstructed skulls were demonstrated to explain that. Finally in

the last 30 minutes, changes in the brain were briefly discussed and different theories about why our brain is likely to shrink was talked about. We were happy to see many dondrites as well as non-dondrites at the event!

Gala Through the Looking Glass:

The second annual Dondrite & Donders gala was an even bigger success than the first edition. The tickets were sold out and the guests looked splendid! The magical ambiance of De Hemel was enhanced by the decorations and the music. Bites and drinks were enjoyed throughout the night and the photographers caught the best of it, including David Norris spindancing with the first year students.



Meet the committees:

On the 14th of February, Valentines day, you had the chance to date with all the committees (and committee members) of

Dondrite. While eating a bunch of cookies everybody could chat with the committee or committees they were interested in. We think it was a great success since many people showed interest. After the meet the committees dating evening we also had a small meeting with the current committee members about how things are going. If you couldn't be at the meeting, but still want to join a committee, no worries, you can always contact the committees via email or personally when you want to join!

Application Committee

Have you ever wondered how the Dondrite Board is formed? In contrast to most traditional Dutch study associations, we do not have a complete new Board every year. Instead, we recruit one or two Board members when there is a position available and gradually renew. This means Board exists of four to five members that can transfer their knowledge to the new members. To choose these new members, a temporary Application Committee is formed.

This committee consists of one or two general Dondrite members, one or two Dondrite committee members and one or two current Board members. So there are always twice as many non-Board than Board members in the Application Committee. If there are more than two members or each group that apply, a random selection will be used to select two.

Since there will be a Board Application this spring, we are looking for a new Application Committee. Any Dondrite member can apply to become part of this committee, unless they want to apply to the Board. The Application Committee members review the written applications, talk to the applicants and propose a new Board member to the General Assembly. This procedure takes place between March 26th and April 2nd. It is an interesting experience that does not take very long. You do not need previous experience. If you want to apply to this committee, please fill out this form before March 23rd: <https://goo.gl/forms/bL3JCs6MpaJpSteA2>

If you want more information about the Application Committee or the Board, please email us at boarddondrite@gmail.com or don't hesitate to come talk to us!

Upcoming Dondrite & Donders Activities

Dondrite Borrel:

Once a month, on the first Friday, Dondrite hosts a Borrel in the Cultuur Cafe. Borrel is Dutch for catching up and having a drink together. So, if you mention being a Dondrite member to the bartender during the Borrel, you will get a small discount on soft drinks, wine and regular tap beer. It is a great way to mingle with the other Dondrites and relax. We hope to see you there!

Info: March 02 17:00, Cultuur Cafe.

RAGweek Laserquest:

After the astounding success of last year, Dondrite is organising another tournament of Laserquest. This year we do so in cooperation with Cognac, the study association of Artificial Intelligence. If you're worried about the violence Laserquest portrays, rest assured: we only shoot at each other for charity. All profits will be donated to the RAGweek, the national student charity week. This year we will raise money for suicide prevention and underprivileged children in Sri Lanka through ACNS. More information and sign-up details will follow shortly.

Info: March 12 18:30, Hall 2 Gymnasium.

Career event:

Many of you might have wondered what you can actually do with this research master and what kind of professions are possible. Therefore, Dondrite, Maizena and Mosaic have organized a career event that gives you the possibility to obtain answers to these questions. Ten social scientists from the professional field, with a degree from one of the Research Masters will share their experiences and give you an idea of what the possibilities are as a graduate. The career event will take place Wednesday evening, March 14 and is free for all research master students. We hope to welcome many of you this evening. After the talks of alumni, you can have a little chat with the speakers at the Cultuurcafé.

Info: March 14 18:30, SP1, SP3

Facebook: [\[link\]](#)

Master Party:

The Study Associations of all the Master Programmes of the faculty of Social Sciences present: the Master Party! The theme is therefore also MASTERS. We invite you to dress up by any master in a craft that inspires you, whether that be Da Vinci, Van Gogh, Beyonce or Pavlov. Get ready to mingle and dance!

Info: March 16 21:00, St. Anneke

Facebook: [\[link\]](#)

Upcoming Donders Events:

Date:

**DCCN Colloquium Matthew Apps
Lecture** [\[url\]](#)

Tuesday, March 6,
16:00-17:00

DCCN Colloquium Pascal Mamassian Lecture [url]	Thursday, March 8, 13:45-14:45
Theory of Mind and Autism: 30 years on Lecture [url]	Thursday, March 8, 19:30-21:00
DCN Seminar: The Role of Inhibitory Neurons on Visual Processing [url]	Wednesday, March 14, 09:00-10:30
Donders special session: Methods Market [url]	Thursday, March 15, 10:30-14:30
Formal DCC Lecture Mirjam Pijnappels Lecture [url]	Tuesday, March 27, 12:30-13:30

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

Fun Fact

Currently the winter Olympics are being held in Pyeongchang (not to be confused with Pyongyang) and the only sport the Dutch can competitively perform in is speed skating. In fact, they are so focussed on this one sport that of their 110 medals in total, 106 have been won in speed skating (one other in snowboarding and three others in figure skating). I guess they just really like their ice.
