

# Dondrite news

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## DEAR DONDRITES,

We're on the verge of starting everything up again: There will be new courses, maybe a new internship and of course new students! Dondrite is also picking up steam. We'll have fun activities, informational gatherings and of course we will welcome the new students as well.

Besides new students, we will help you to get to know some already present and active students: those that joined the DPC. They will introduce themselves and let you know what YOU can do to make the CNS programme the best it can be.

Although January was a slow month for Dondrite and February is the shortest month, there will be more than enough things to do. In this edition of the Dondrite News you can find all the details on the upcoming events.

And of course, we can't forget the most important moment of January: Dondrite's birthday! Take a moment on the 31st to congratulate your favourite study association.



# JANUARY

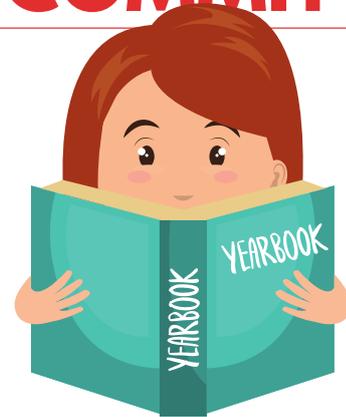
# A BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE SCRIBE COMMITTEE

Every month you receive all updates and interesting stories through the Dondrite News. And by the end of the year, there will be an awesome yearbook with all interesting facts and quotes from your fellow students! But what goes on behind the scenes in creating this?

Once a month, we meet up to discuss the upcoming issue of the Dondrite News. We decide what items we want in there and assign who is going to do what. We then arrange for example an interview to take place, or we attend Dondrite activities to write a little bit about.

Being a Scribe member can be for various reasons. Some really like writing news items, some are amazing meme collectors, and some like the designing aspect the most.

However, as the committee is getting smaller and smaller, we could really use some new help! Of course, joining Scribe as a full member is most fun, but you don't necessarily have to join as a full member. You could for example only join the Yearbook team or become a freelancer for the Dondrite News! Moreover, you don't have to be a magnificent writer already: you can also focus more on the designing aspect or it is just a good place to develop your writing skills.



### The Yearbook team:

For if you are interested in:

- **Working with InDesign**
- **Having the power to select the funniest answers and quotes from fellow students for their page**
- **Making an overview of all fantastic Dondrite events of the year**

### The Dondrite News team:

For if you are interested in:

- **Interviewing**
- **Writing pieces about recent events**
- **Creating a beautiful layout of the newsletter**

We even have the option to occasionally write a piece for the Dondrite News as a freelancer for the Dondrite News!

## INTERESTED?

Fill out the Google Form by clicking the button below to get more information and join a meeting.



# DEGREE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

**You might have heard of them, you might have even seen them in person. They are the representatives that we both need and deserve. But what is it they actually do, and why should you care about it going smoothly?**

## Introducing the Degree Programme Committee

One student representative per track of our programme, mirroring one staff representative per track of Donders. Their task is to inform and advise the programme leadership on decisions regarding the structure and content, making sure that the needs of students and teachers alike are met in full, or at least in compromise.

## Education and Examination Regulations

Just as countries have their constitutions, Dutch educational programmes have their Education and Examination Regulations (EER). And just as with a constitution, this document serves as the foundation for the rights and duties for both students and lecturers. However, unlike (most) constitutions, ours undergoes a yearly revision, addressing educational hurdles and incorporating student feedback. This revision process is led by the DPC, and it is here that they make their lasting mark.

## How can they help?

They are there to represent you, and so any request regarding the programme that feels too big to be asked as an individual can be delegated to them. Likewise, you can reach out to them regarding the EER, whether to make sure that you understand it correctly, or to bring their attention to matters that should be addressed.

## How can you help?

By being aware of your rights and duties as a student in the CNS master (in other words, the EER). If you see a lecturer overstepping the boundaries, if you see blatant disregard for the educational standard, or if you have an idea for how things can be done better, don't hesitate to reach out to them.

**Mesian:**  
Change needs time, but it has to happen.

**Shervin:**  
Seize the means of assessment.

**Gerardo:**  
Rules help control the fun.

**Maroš:**  
Make CNS great again!



## HOW TO REACH THE DPC:



In person



by email: [dpc.cns@ru.nl](mailto:dpc.cns@ru.nl)



or through their (brand new!) website:  
<https://dpc-cns.ruhosting.nl/>



### Final note:

Exam period is almost over, and course evaluations will be sent out soon after. Please take the time to fill them out, as fixing the unknown is a difficult task.

# A WORD FROM THE BOARD

Hello everyone!

Wishing you all a very happy new year! 2020 is here, and Dondrite is back. Rejuvenated and with a lot more excitement, a lot more warmth, coziness, and camaraderie.

We started the year with exam studying sessions (which brought together the first and second years beautifully), we got our professional photoshoot pictures from another great collaboration between Dondrite committees, and we snuggled up with cute little animals to de-stress before the exams!

But most importantly, we got our hoodies! We, the Board, are extremely happy that you all loved the soft, comfy sweatshirts and are demanding for more! Thank you for all your love <3

This month on the board we are starting to look into new external sponsors and new relevant connections, and all the new updates that we would like to bring to the website! Are there any cool features you would like to see up there? Reach out to us and let us know!

Lastly, introduction week is approaching again soon! The exams are nearly over and new students are joining our program soon! So let's give them all a warm welcome ;D We will have meet-the-committees soon in February along with many more fun and educational events to help us get to know the new students and rage after the end of the first (or third) semester!

Speaking of, the countdown has now begun for the Gala and the Big Trip! Who's excited for those? We know we sure are!

Wishing you the best of your semesters with Dondrite and an amazing year ahead :)

With Love,

Dondrite Board



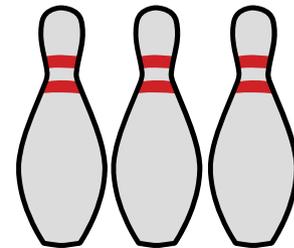
# RECENT DONDRITE EVENTS

## SOFT SNUGGLE SESSION

As a break during the exams, we went to the Goffert Park Animal farm to get some relaxation by snuggling with donkeys, sheep and cows. We even saw some deer!



# UPCOMING DONDRITE EVENTS



## **PUBCRAWL**

**February 3, 19:30, Grote Markt (City centre)**

Get to know the February starters on this pubcrawl organised by the Activity committee! Meet at 19:30 at the statue on the Grote Markt to join!

# WELCOME

## **BORREL**

**February 6, 19:00, Cafe Maxim (City centre)**

It's that time of the month again. Have a drink with your fellow students at the monthly Dondrite Borrel. Get the standard discount at the bar and have fun!

## **HOW TO PRE-PHD**

**February 10, 15:30-17:15, Red Room (Trigon)**

This event will provide you with some important guidance on your journey towards a PhD. We will have a panel of four Donders researchers at different stages of their academic career to reflect on their experience in a moderated discussion. Our guests will represent the four different research themes at Donders, and some of our speakers have also completed the MSc Cognitive Neuroscience. The complete panel will be announced soon! To focus our event on the topics that are of most interest to you, please fill out the sign-up form and send us your questions: [link](#).



## **BOWLING AND BEYOND**

**February 10, 22:00-23:30, Olround**

The 10th of February we are going bowling at 22:00 at Olround Bowlingcentrum (Heyendaalseweg 90-92).

The costs are only €4,50 per person for Dondrite members and €5,50 for non-members. There are only limited places available, so be quick to sign up via the form: [link](#). 

The deadline to sign up is the 1st of February or until all places have been taken. Payment instructions can be found in the sign up form.

## **CNS JOURNAL LAUNCH**

**February 13, 18:00, Trigon**

Come join us for a wonderful celebration of the 15th Volume of the CNS Journal, and help us congratulate all the published authors for their hard work!

Tentative Schedule

18:00-19:00, Red room: keynote talk and celebration of authors

19:15-21:30, Trigon Living room: fun workshops and borrel

## **MASQUERADE BALL | GALA 2020**

**7 March, 20:00, De Waagh**

The Activity Committee invites you all to join us at the Gala, that will take place on the 7th of March at De Waagh! Get your tickets now through this [link](#).



# UPCOMING DONDRERS EVENTS

## **Graduate School Scientific Integrity day 2020**

**4 February, Donders Room (Spinoza)**

Workshop for PhD candidates on scientific integrity.

## **Pre-defense Symposium**

**13 February, 10:00 - 16:00, Donders Room**

**(Spinoza)**

From Action to Communication in Brain, Cognition and Behavior.

Titles of talks TBA.

## **Formal DCC Lecture Alireza Salami**

**18 February, 12:30 - 13:30, Donders Room (Spinoza)**

Title TBA.

## **Donders Session "Neuroeducation: fact or fiction?"**

**20 February, 10:00 - 12:00, Red Room (Trigon)**

During this Donders Session, we will try to separate fact from fiction and come to an integrated understanding of what neuroeducation is and isn't and what it can and can't become.

## MONTHLY MEME

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space.  
Let  $a, b \in X$ .  
Then the distance between  $a$  and  $b$  is:



## FUN FACT

It is nearly February, which means that it is nearly February 14th, which means that it is nearly Valentine's day! Did you know that after the Roman Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage, Saint Valentine continued to marry men and women in secret? He died on February 14th, which is why we celebrate love on that day. Did you also know that every year, more than 36 million heart shaped boxes of chocolates are sold across the country? And that February 14th is the second largest card giving day of the year, just after Christmas?

## NOTICEBOARD



THE CNS JOURNAL TEAM INVITES YOU TO ITS

# JOURNAL LAUNCH

VOLUME NO. **15**

FEBRUARY 13, 2020, 18-21 PM  
TRIGON BUILDING, RED ROOM  
KAPITTELWEG 29, 6525 EN, NIJMEGEN

Feel free to congratulate the authors for their success and enjoy the amazing talks, workshops and **FREE** food and drinks!

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The Activity Committee of  
**DONDRITE**  
requests the honor of your presence at the

# Masquerade Ball

Gala 2020

07.03.20 | SATURDAY | 20.00

@ De Waagh  
Grote Markt 25, Nijmegen

Buy your €15 ticket here: <http://ticketkantoor.nl/shop/dondrite2020gala>

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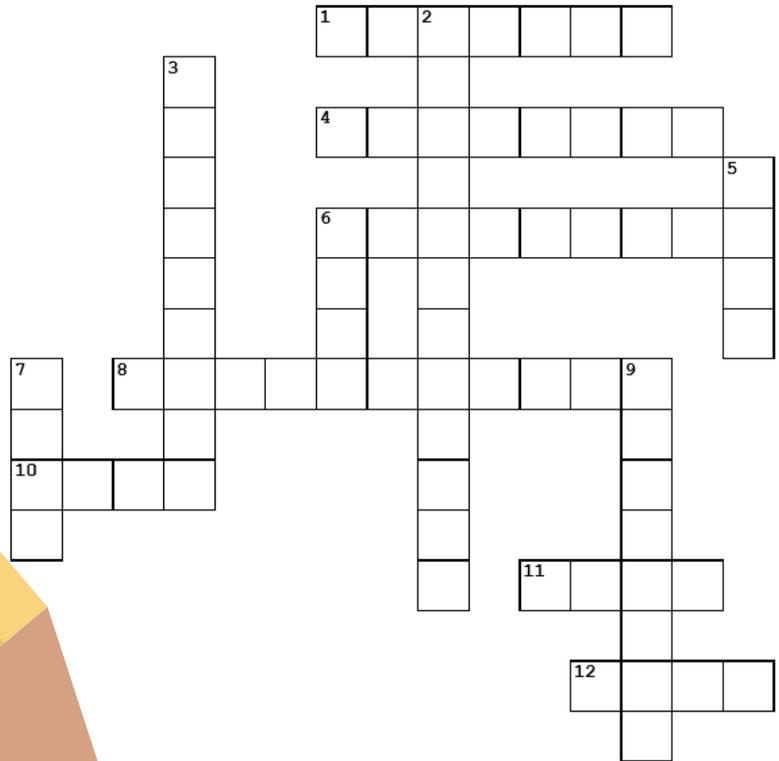
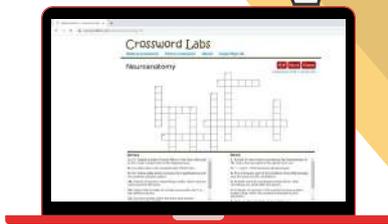


# CROSSWORD

The exams are nearly over, which means it's time to relax with a nice and fun crossword puzzle! Also, it is nearly Dondrite's third birthday! Because it is nearly Valentine's day as well, this month's theme will be a combination of exams, birthdays, and love!

The crossword can be filled out using:

<https://bit.ly/36vCwJg>



On the next page you will find the solution to last month's puzzle.

## Across

1. The month of Dondrite's birthday.
4. Devoting time and attention to gaining knowledge of (an academic subject), especially by means of books.
6. A sweet, brown food preparation of roasted and ground cacao seeds that can be made in the form of a block. Hint: during Valentine's day it's usually heart-shaped ;)
8. The abstract science of number, quantity, and space, either as abstract concepts, or as applied to other disciplines such as physics and engineering.
10. A prickly bush or shrub that typically bears red, pink, yellow, or white fragrant flowers.
11. A touch or caress with the lips as a sign of love. Also an American rock band.
12. Dondrite is the ... study association that has ever existed!

## Down

2. The use of various techniques to either directly or indirectly image the structure, function, or pharmacology of the nervous system.
3. Acknowledge (a significant or happy day or event) with a social gathering or enjoyable activity. Something we should do for Dondrite's birthday!
5. An alcoholic drink that we should drink to celebrate Dondrite's birthday!
6. An item of soft sweet food made from a mixture of flour, fat, eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, baked and sometimes iced or decorated. Something we should eat for Dondrite's birthday!
7. A piece of thick, stiff paper or thin pasteboard, in particular one used for writing or printing on. Exchanged a lot during Christmas and Valentine's day!
9. A half-year term in a school or university, especially in North America, typically lasting for fifteen to eighteen weeks.

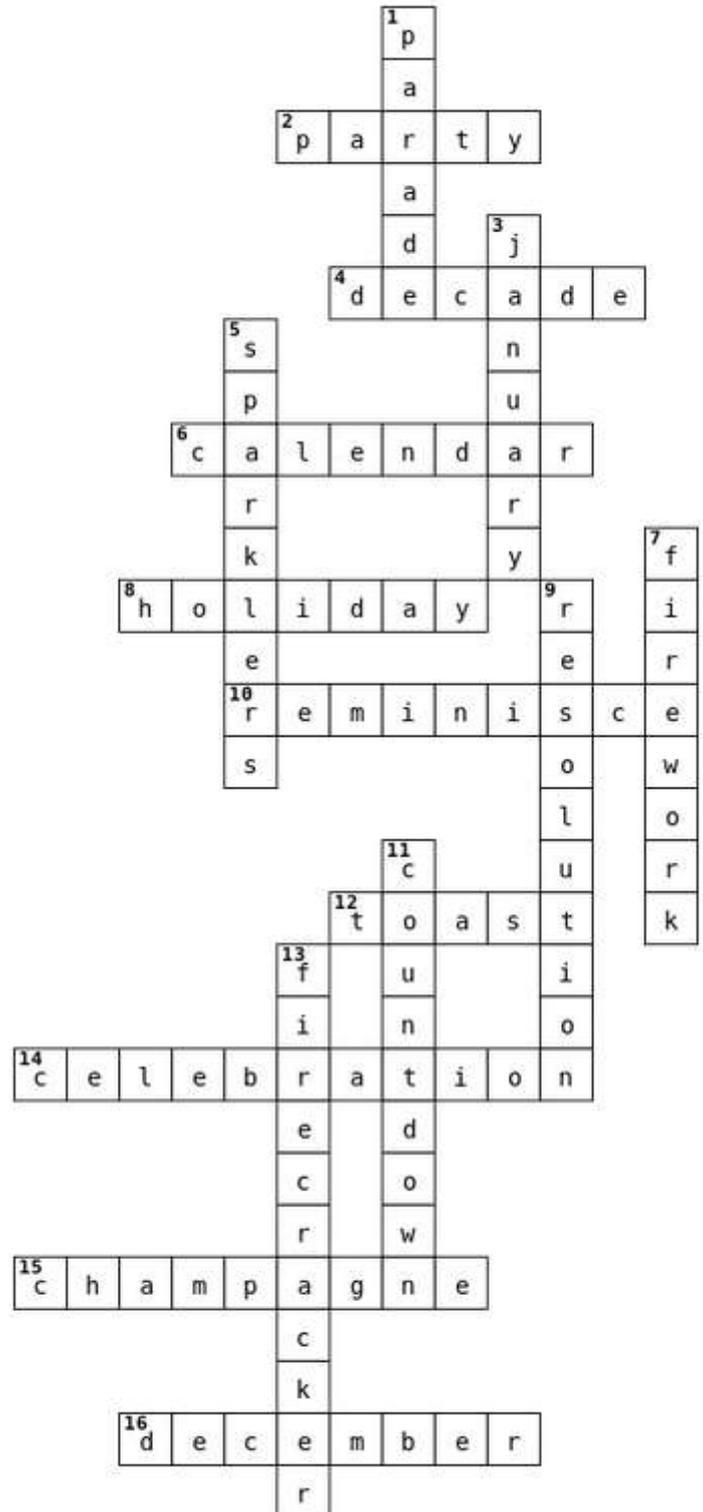
# CROSSWORD solution

## Across

2. A social gathering of invited guests, typically involving eating, drinking, and entertainment.
4. A period of ten years
6. A chart or series of pages showing the days, weeks, and months of a particular year, or giving particular seasonal information.
8. An extended period of leisure and recreation, especially one spent away from home or in traveling.
10. Indulge in enjoyable recollection of past events.
12. A call to a gathering of people to raise their glasses and drink together in honour of a person or thing, or an instance of drinking in this way.
14. The action of celebrating an important day or event.
15. A white sparkling wine named after the region it's produced.
16. The last month of the year.

## Down

1. A public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event.
3. The first month of the year
5. A handheld firework that emits sparks.
7. A device containing gunpowder and other combustible chemicals which causes spectacular effects and explosions when ignited, used for display or in celebrations.
9. A firm decision to do or not to do something. Typically Associated with New Year's
11. An act of counting numerals in reverse order to zero, done right before midnight on New Year's eve.
13. A loud, explosive firework; a banger.



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**"We're after protons in water, because we have a heck of a lot of them"**

--Anonymous Professor