



# Dondrite news

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*D*azzling Dondrites,

You are now reading the October edition of the Dondrite News. If you are a new member, welcome to the family! In case you decided to join for another year, we are glad to have you back. We are now almost past the second month of this academic year, and a lot has happened. However, we are still looking ahead to a bunch of exciting events throughout the year.

In this edition, you will find some memories from the past month, like the borrel crawl (with an exciting announcement...!) and the Gent trip. Also, as part of our Internview series you can find a very informative interview with Vivian Vonk, a second year CNS student.

Last but not least, we have a little crossword again, this time the fastest person to solve it will be included in our new shout-out section next month! Have fun!

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## **Dondrite Borrel Crawl!**

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On the autumnal eve of the 5th of October, the members of Dondrite set out on a brave quest to find the best student bar. We searched high and low through the top nightlife Nijmegen had to offer. No matter, we were determined to find the best of the best. The night started off at Café Maxim - a quaint bar just outside of the city. With a specially reserved Dondrite booth at the back, this first location set the standards quite high. The weekend had started, and we were revellers in it. When the stroke of 9:15pm arrived, we were reluctant to leave. But onwards we travelled, en masse towards the city centre -

the streets of Nijmegen quaking in the aftermath of the fleet of bicycles known as Dondrite that was coming. We arrived at the next location, not a moment too soon. With our sights set on In De Blauwe Hand, we filed in. The place was packed - not surprising as the oldest and one of the most attractive bars in Nijmegen. Alas, our hopes were dashed. The scarcity of seating was our downfall. We had to come up with a contingency plan - and the bright lights of De Waagh enticed us. The night plowed on thanks to some quick thinking, and rearranging of furniture (sorry bartenders!). The next rounds were bought,

merriment was to be had and then eventually it came time for us to move forwards with our quest. De Fuik and then the Dollars café were next on the horizon. Both places suited for an entourage of students. And thankfully all music sounds great once you're a few beers in. Dancing was on the cards. Unfortunately though, the night eventually came to an end, but not the quest! Voting opened as to which bar would

become the official Dondrite bar - and the results are in!

We are happy to announce that both Café Maxim and Dollars got almost equal votes. As Maxim was the winner, we will have our regular borrels there from now on and keep Dollars for the after-event option. We hope to see you all at our next borrel at Maxim!

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## Recent Dondrite Activities

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### Day Trip Gent:

The Travel Committee organised a wonderful day trip to the beautiful city of Gent, Belgium on the 20th of October. Scrumptious waffles, tasty beers and grand vistas galore!

Here are some photos from the lovely day courtesy of Yingjie Shi!



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## Upcoming Dondrite & Donders Activities

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## **Dondrite Karaoke!:**

It's almost time for the October activity!

We hope all of you will join us in Roxy's, the karaoke bar of Nijmegen, for a nice evening of singing, dancing, chatting and having a drink

with all your favorite Dondrite members!

**Info:** October 25, 21:00, Roxy's Karaokebar

**Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/events/279727915991766>

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## **Upcoming Donders Events:**

## **Date:**

**DCCN Colloquium Marieke Wichers (UMC Groningen) (Lecture)**

[\[url\]](#)

Thursday, November 8,  
13:45-14:45

**Formal DCC Lecture Melissa Le-Hoa Võ (Lecture)**

[\[url\]](#)

Tuesday, November 13,  
12:30-13:30

**Donders session: Biomarkers of brain disorders (Lecture and debate)**

[\[url\]](#)

Thursday, November 15,  
10:00-12:00

**Donders Lecture by Prof. Christian Büchel (University of Hamburg) (Lecture)**

[\[url\]](#)

Thursday, November 22,  
16:00-17:00

**Formal DCC Lecture Chistoph Mathys (Lecture)**

[\[url\]](#)

Tuesday, November 27,  
12:30-13:30

**DCCN Colloquium Marieke Wichers (UMC Groningen) (Lecture)**

[\[url\]](#)

Thursday, November 8,  
13:45-14:45

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

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**The Inter(n)view**

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The interview with a student returns! Under a refreshing new name, *The Internview*, your faithful Scribe journalists set out to talk to one of your fellow Dondrites about their internship. This time, we have spoken with Vivian Vonk, ex-chair of the Education committee and February 2016 starter. Since the beginning of this year, she has been working on system neurology and movement disorders. We met up in the canteen of the Trigon to talk about her experiences.

**What are you exactly doing in your internship?**

‘I am focusing on essential and dystonic tremors, so I’m working with patients. These tremors occur during movement and are quite similar. I try to figure out which brain patterns occur with which tremors. To get the right patients, I call potential candidates and try to figure out whether they are right for our research. I found this very scary in the beginning, but all the people are so nice and enthusiastic! They want to talk about their disease and love to help out! For the right patients, we use fMRI and tASC to scan their brains while performing tasks.’

**So what do you do if you have found a patient?**

‘I go through a video protocol of 30 minutes for each patient. They have to perform some tasks so we can find out what type of tremor they have and whether they are a good fit for our research. They move their arms in specific ways, or try to move water from one cup to the other. That can get quite messy sometimes... And it’s also quite confronting for them; sometimes only then they realise the extent of the tremor. But everything is done so we can help them in the end, that makes me feel better about having them perform those tasks.’

**How did you find your internship?**

‘I just came across a vacancy on Blackboard. They

were looking for someone to help in this new group



and the subject interested me, so I signed up. I had to do an interview and was chosen to start in January! That was a bit early, because I was supposed to start my internship in February. In January I tagged along and learned what I was supposed to, so I could start in February.’

**How do you manage your time?**

‘I work on my internship four days in the week. I have a 32-hour contract and for me 32 hours is 32 hours. So on Fridays I’m off! My supervisor is quite chill, it’s all good as long as I get my work done. Sometimes I do come in on Friday though, if my supervisor needs me.’

When I’m not calling or interviewing patients, or when I’m not helping at the scanner, I work in the Trainee Room. I still follow the Motor Control course. I go to the lectures and study for it, but in the weekends I do absolutely nothing. Enough is enough.’

**What do you want to do when you’re done?**

‘I don’t want to do a PhD. It seems to be too stressful and I want to have kids within 5 years, that’s just too difficult while doing a PhD. If a very nice one comes along, I might say yes, but I’d rather do something else now. What exactly? No idea. There’s so much I can do with this Master! It has given me many skills and I think I’ll find my way somewhere.’

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**Shoutouts!**

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Do you have something you'd like to share with your fellow Dondrites? Maybe there's an event you're organizing or an upcoming conference or talk you'd like to advertise. Maybe you have suggestions for what you'd like to see in the newsletter or at future Dondrite events and

activities. Or maybe you just want to wish a friend happy birthday. Whatever it is, we'd like to hear from you! You can fill out our form by following the link below:

<https://goo.gl/forms/36gqGhvoEstTdBhO2>

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### **Fun Fact**

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Not a whale, but still marine: Did you know that sharks can pick up small electrical impulses through tiny holes in their faces, which are

called Ampullae of Lorenzoni? Furthermore, while dreaming has been observed in bony fish, it has not yet been observed in sharks!

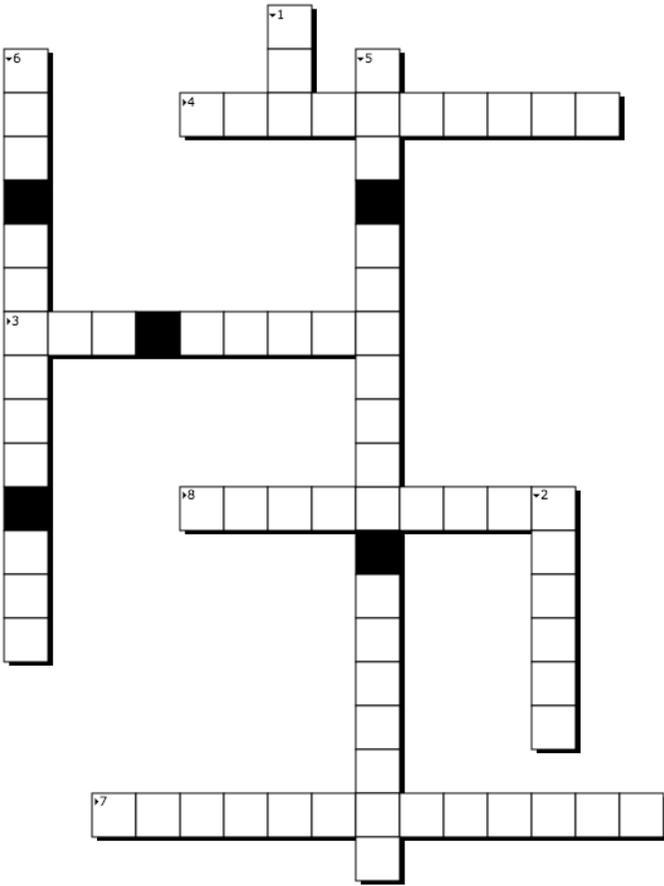
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### **Crossword - The Halloween Edition!**

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Below you'll find our new crossword section! If you solve the puzzle, send your solution to [scribedondrite@gmail.com](mailto:scribedondrite@gmail.com) for a feature in our

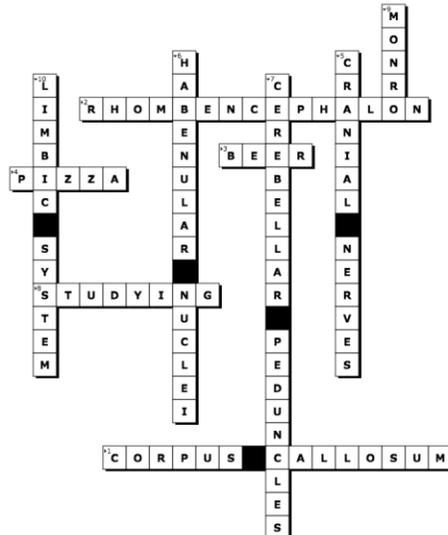
shoutout section! Or just wait until next newsletter when we release the answers to see how well you did.



1. A cute name for your significant other
2. What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?
3. A ghost's favourite dessert
4. You could follow Jenna's tutorial and be this for halloween
5. The other books with hot vampires
6. November 1st
7. The 1998 classic film
8. They have no body

## Solution

Here is the solution to last month's edition.  
Check to see how you did!



1. Floor of the longitudinal fissure and roof of the lateral ventricles.
2. Metencephalon + myelencephalon = \_\_\_\_\_.
3. To drink after any exam.
4. Eat this after every exam.
5. Oh oh oh to touch and feel very good velvet. Such heaven!
6. Near the pineal body. (Bonus points if you get this one).
7. Connect the cerebellum to the brain stem.
8. what you should be doing instead of scrolling through Twitter.
9. The interventricular foramen of \_\_\_\_\_.
10. temporal lobe + hippocampus + amygdala \_\_\_\_\_.

