



Dondrite news

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Dearest Dondrites, it is the start of the new year and therefore it is also time for a brand new edition of the Dondrite news! We hope you all enjoyed your summer holidays and the introduction! Fortunately, the introduction has not ended yet, because this whole month is the introductory period for becoming a member of Dondrite. If you haven't signed up yet, you can do that here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/MUJVHheSOIb1KoGr2> .
If you were a member last year, remember to sign up again for this year! In this Dondrite News you can read all about the upcoming activities and how to sign up for them. What's more, we will introduce our mascotte so keep on reading!

Love, the Dondrite board

Recent Dondrite Activities

Introduction day:

Before the hassle of classes and internships officially started again, there was a the notorious and always glorious introduction day. Some lucky second years got to be the first ones to meet our new students and engage in the crazy 88. They got to know each other and the university better, had a laugh and free cookies! We were very impressed with the creativity and passion displayed during these challenges and we are happy to welcome the first years!

active members of Dondrite gathered in the Erasmus building. They were soon joined by new CNS starters wanting to know more about what it is like to be in one of the committees (answer: it is awesome!). The various committees brought representatives which conveyed their war stories to a fine association of triple A students - beyond the reach of the howling winds. Many questions were asked and answered, and some of us went to the Refter afterward to enjoy a hearty meal!

Meet the committees:

On a stormy wednesday afternoon, the current

If you're interested in joining a committee but haven't had the chance to make this known (e.g. when you signed up for Dondrite online, or at this meet the committees event) you can send an

email to boarddondrite@gmail.com and we'll be able to direct you further. Those who have already indicated their interest can expect an invitation for an upcoming meeting soon, if they haven't already.



Dondrite Spotlight:

The second in a series of accessible discussion sessions organized by the education committee was held last Thursday. After tackling questions regarding human enhancement in the first installment, this time the big question on the table was whether the internet was killing our brains! Doomsayers like [Nicholas Carr](#) foresee a future where the internet stifles creativity, and our attention span and memory have shrunk considerably. During the Dondrite Spotlight, a small band of enthusiastic neuroscientists discussed whether that idea holds any neuroscientific water. Their conclusion? I'm afraid I forgot, and Google won't tell me.

Upcoming Dondrite & Donders Activities

Team Building Challenge:

The final activity during the introduction month is organised by the Activity committee. This chaotic yet fun team building challenge will divide the members in 2 teams, following Captain Steven or Captain Nic respectively. The teams will be presented with mental and physical challenge that they will need to solve together - in under a minute. Are you the creative type? Strong? Smart? Fast? Make sure to sign up, because your team will need all the fantastical talents it can get!

<https://goo.gl/forms/EwQboJ9Q7oTMpPdr1>

Info: September 28 20:00, Erasmus 2.56

Facebook: <https://goo.gl/7qtyym>

Day trip Amsterdam:

On the 21st of October the Travel committee will

take you all on a journey towards the capital of this country, Amsterdam! The day will be filled with fun activities. First we're going to check out Body Worlds (a museum on the human body), do a fun game in the afternoon and in the evening some are going out for dinner, but you can also make your own plan. By signing up the travel committee will arrange a ticket to Body Worlds (€15) and a train ticket (if needed, price varies between €7 and €14) for you. You can also join us without signing up, but then you have to buy your own museum and train tickets. We hope to see you all on October 21!

Sign up here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/dJ4RYuJEWklnuD3p1>

Bodyworlds: <https://www.bodyworlds.nl/en>

Info: October 21, whole day, Amsterdam

Facebook: goo.gl/vWtVRZ



General Assembly - bylaws:

As most of you may know, Dondrite has a very short history. This means that many facets of our lovely study organization still have to be fleshed out. Of these, the most pressing are the

Dondrite bylaws. Our bylaws specify the rules and regulations used f.i. to select new board members or how the Dondrite finances and General Assemblies should be organized. To this end, the Dondrite Board calls for a General Assembly!

As is customary in General Assemblies, all Dondrite members who wish a say in the direction in which Dondrite is going, can join and vote on the matters at hand. In the upcoming General Assembly, we wish to discuss and vote in our new bylaws, to ensure that Dondrite will be able to enjoy a long and prosperous future. Make sure to attend and let your voice be heard!

Info: October 3, 18:00, Trigon

Upcoming Donders Events:

Date:

Lecture Peter Zeidman

Tuesday, September, 26
12:30-13:30
00.07 Donders Room (Spinoza building,
Montessorilaan 3)

Radboud ADHD symposium

Wednesday, September, 27
whole day
Nijmegen (unspecified)

Informal workshop on speech, predictions oscillations and more

Thursday, September, 28
13:30-15:30
00.07 Donders Room (Spinoza building,
Montessorilaan 3)

Donders lecture by Matt Davis

MRC cognition and brain science unit, Cambridge

Thursday, September, 28
16:00-17:00
Linnaeus building LIN3

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

Dondrite Spotlight

In Dondrite Spotlight we interview a member every month. This month is a little bit different since we will interview our bright new mascotte.



What is your name?

Though this seems like a simple question, I do not know the answer yet. Maybe the Dondrite members can help me come up with a name? If you have got any ideas, just add them to the poll on Facebook we'll make soon and choose a name.

How did you end up being the Dondrite mascotte?

I was born in a bear shop in the Netherlands. My brothers were all very nice, but my father was

really harsh. He wanted us to be cute and cuddly all day so that he could sell us out to other people! Fortunately the board members bought me and took good care of me. Floortje developed a really cool logo that is now visible on my t-shirt. Sometimes I am even allowed to chill in the office of Mister Koning and Mister Norris.

What is your favorite brain region?

As you may know, bears are quite intelligent compared to other mammals. We are said to have a level of cognition comparable with a three year old child. My favorite region is my frontal cortex, because this region allows me to think about which tools to use for gathering food. And I reaaaally like food!

Fun Fact

Have you ever wondered why we put candles on birthday cakes and blow them out? According to a very credible news source, the tradition

started in Ancient Greece. People brought cakes adorned with lit candles to the temple of Artemis, goddess of the hunt. The candles were

lit to make them glow like the moon, a popular symbol associated with Artemis. Many ancient cultures also believed that smoke carried their prayers to the heavens. Today's tradition of

making wishes before blowing out your birthday candles may have started with that belief. Something to think about when you blow out candles on your next birthday!
