



Dondrite news

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DEAR DONDRITES,

New academic year, new me! You might have noticed it when you opened this month's newsletter: we changed the layout of the Dondrite News! We're making a fresh start this year and a new, flashy format seemed suitable to provide you with the best news in the prettiest way our minds could imagine.

In this month's issue, you can see what members make up the amazing committees of this association, you can read about the experiences the September starters had during the introduction week and what events are being organised in October.

And, to spice things up even more, we have some new recurring items! Every month, you can now enjoy a monthly neuroscience meme and funny professor quotes. Furthermore, the board has some things to say and this month's crossword will revive some beautiful (or horrible) memories of the Neuroanatomy exam, or remind you of how much you've already forgotten...



SEPTEMBER

INTRODUCTION DAYS

A new academic year means many new enthusiastic September starters! With about 50 new CNS master students, Dondrite had the task to make these new students feel at home at the Radboud university and make sure they get to know each other. Therefore, during the introduction week, the Activity committee organized two great introduction days! It all started with forming molecules of a certain number of people (counting is very hard sometimes). With that as a warm-up, we started the name games and other ice-breaker games to get to know each other. As nice as we Dutch people are, we learn each other's names by hitting each other with a newspaper (the so called "krantenmeppertje"). Maybe a bit strange, but very effective.

After getting to know the group a little bit better, it was time for the famous Crazy 88 (or actually Crazy 55). With about 1.5 hours on the clock, it was our task to gather as many points by making pictures or videos of all sorts of tasks. These assignments made us see who of the group can sing beautiful serenades to random strangers, who is good at playing imaginary tennis on the tennis courts, and who is not afraid of asking a little help at the Academic Writing Centre with creating his/her Tinder profile. The afternoon resulted in many hilarious photos and videos, and of course the best group got a free pitcher at the end at Cultuurcafé to celebrate their victory.

After the busy introduction afternoon on Wednesday, it was time for a more chill and relaxed introduction activity on Friday. The afternoon was spent chilling at the Waalstrand, enjoying the weather, and recovering from the intense week. After this, everyone had fresh energy to explore the many bars Nijmegen has to offer in the evening at the Dondrite barcrawl! (Shout-out to Eva who managed to get the group free drinks at every bar.)

It is certain that with all these new Dondrite members, we will have a great year!



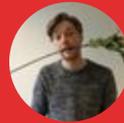
INTRODUCING THE NEW COMMITTEES

A new academic year has started and that means there are also many new committee members. Hereby, we would like to introduce to you the current members of the 2019/2020 Dondrite committees!

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Vera



Wessel



Eline



Tony



Harshil

ACTIVITY



Jurriaan



Eva



Laura



Mesian



Suzanne



Greg



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Alex

SYNAPSIUM



Kexin



Elena



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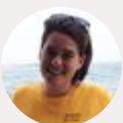


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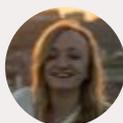
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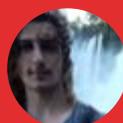
EDUCATION



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Sietse



Sacha



Sarah



Melanie



Pius



Maroš



Karolis

A WORD FROM THE BOARD

Hey there fellow Dondrites!

Welcome back everyone and for others, welcome to Dondrite! We hope that everyone had a great summer and has started their first semester off well. By now, we hope all first year students have had the opportunity to get a taste of what it means to be a Dondrite member and hope you are as excited as we are for the upcoming year.

With this month's word from the board, we want to inform you of all the exciting things that are coming your way as well as some new things the board has been discussing to offer you.

As you have seen, from our various posts, our first GA is coming up and we hope to see a lot of old faces and hopefully new faces there. Additionally, the Activity Committee has our first two events of the year scheduled. The introduction borrel, which will give all the first year students a time to relax, after the first round of exams as well as let you meet more of the second year students. Then, in case that wasn't enough for you, they have also scheduled a Historical Treasure Hunt. It will give you a chance to explore our famous city and compete with your fellow Dondrites. Quick disclaimer, to participate in any of these events, make sure you sign-up, pay or renew your membership for the upcoming year.

This month in the board, we have been discussing new merchandise for Dondrite members. As you may have seen on Facebook, we have asked you, our members, to let us know which merch you prefer. As of now, Dondrite hoodies are leading the way for this new era of Dondrite swag.

Other than this, we recently got an offer from a Nigerian prince in our inbox, who wants to transfer 7 million dollars into our bank account, so we'll let you know how that goes. ;)

Word,
The Board



UPCOMING DONDRITE EVENTS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2 October, 17:30 - 20:00, Oval Office (Trigon)

The first general assembly of the year will take place while enjoying pizza and (non-) alcoholic drinks.

During the meeting, all members of Dondrite can vote on businesses concerning Dondrite; e.g. money matters and the goals of the association for the coming year. Proposals for such matters have been made by the Board, and are attached to the email you have received. They will be discussed and possibly changed at the GA, depending on your input! You are advised to read the documents before the meeting, as there will be no time to read all of them together during the GA. .



OCTOBER BORREL

4 October, 16:30 - Onwards, Café Maxim

The first monthly borrel/drink is coming up, and everyone is welcome to join! This is great opportunity to get to know each other while enjoying a drink!



HISTORICAL TREASURE HUNT

6 October, 14:00 - 19:00, Kronenburgerpark

This event will consist of an interesting and exciting historical treasure hunt. During this event, we will discover Nijmegen in the most fun way!

The assembly will be in the Kronenburgerpark. Afterwards, we will go for some - very special - drinks at a secret location. Be there or be ■!

You can sign up for the event via:

<https://forms.gle/qAbS7auSrmHeVXVG8>

TRAVEL DAY TRIP

16 November, all day, Maastricht

The next day trip will go to Maastricht! Join us on the trip to this lovely city. Sign-ups will open soon!



UPCOMING DONDERS EVENTS

DCCN COLLOQUIUM - Hugo Spiers

9 October, 10:00 - 11:00, Red Room (DCCN)

Why are some people so good at navigating?

DCCN COLLOQUIUM - Etienne Koechlin

10 October, 13:45 - 14:45, Red Room (DCCN)

Neural sources of subjective probabilities in human decision-making.

FORMAL DCC LECTURE - Angelo Cangelosi

22 October, 12:30 - 13:30, 00.07 Donders Room

Developmental robotics for language learning, trust and theory of mind.

THE TRUNK IN NEUROMUSCULAR DISORDERS

23 October, 14:30, Academiezaal Aula

PhD defence by L.H.C. Peeters on the trunk in neuromuscular disorders: a neglected part of the chain.

DONDERS LECTURE - Marina Bedny

24 October, 16:00 - 17:00, Linnaeus building 3

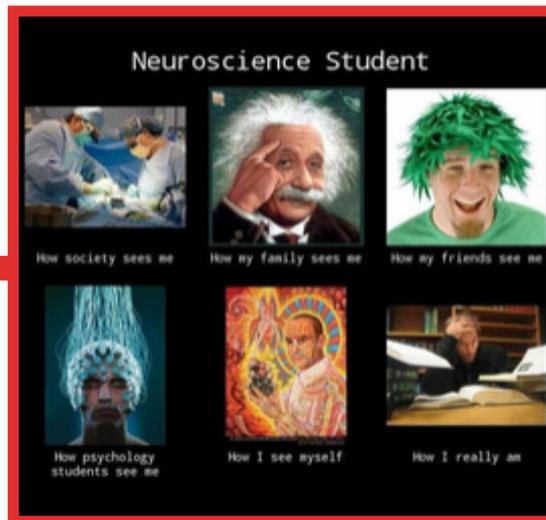
Nature and nurture in neurocognitive development: insights from studies of blindness.

THE MENTAL COUCH POTATO

31 October, 14:30, Academiezaal Aula

PhD defence by M.I. Froböse on the neurochemistry of cognitive control.

MONTHLY MEME



FUN FACT

Did you know that elephants have the largest brain compared to all other land animals? With a mass of 5 kg (11 lb) and 300 billion neurons it is almost three times as large as the human brain. Elephants therefore have arguably one of the most intelligent brains of the animal kingdom. They can do incredible things such as identify different languages (including body language), mimic human voices, use tools, and show empathy. Additionally, what they are most known for is their extraordinary memory. One could say Dumbo isn't so dumb after all!

WE NEED YOUR: PROFESSORIAL QUOTES

Ending a newsletter can be hard, and a little awkward at times. You want something memorable, something funny that sticks, maybe something the Dondrites will talk about the next day. A real piece of final wisdom to depart on. Luckily, as you all know, our gracious professors are endless sources of wisdom, so we don't need to look far. Therefore we are introducing a new segment (and totally not ripping off Tony's bachelor-uni's newsletters): The professorial quote. Has your professor ever just dropped a bombshell that, especially out of context is just plainly hilarious, or actually profound, or just plain bonkers? Write it down at the bottom of your notes, on the back on your hand (don't try this at home), or, if recorded, make it into a ringtone, but most importantly: share it with us! Send it to scribedondrite@gmail.com and it might just be the final wisdom of the next Dondrite newsletter.

"That's a stupid question."

"This is typical when you put human people in an MRI scanner."

"Just be happy with your intuition."

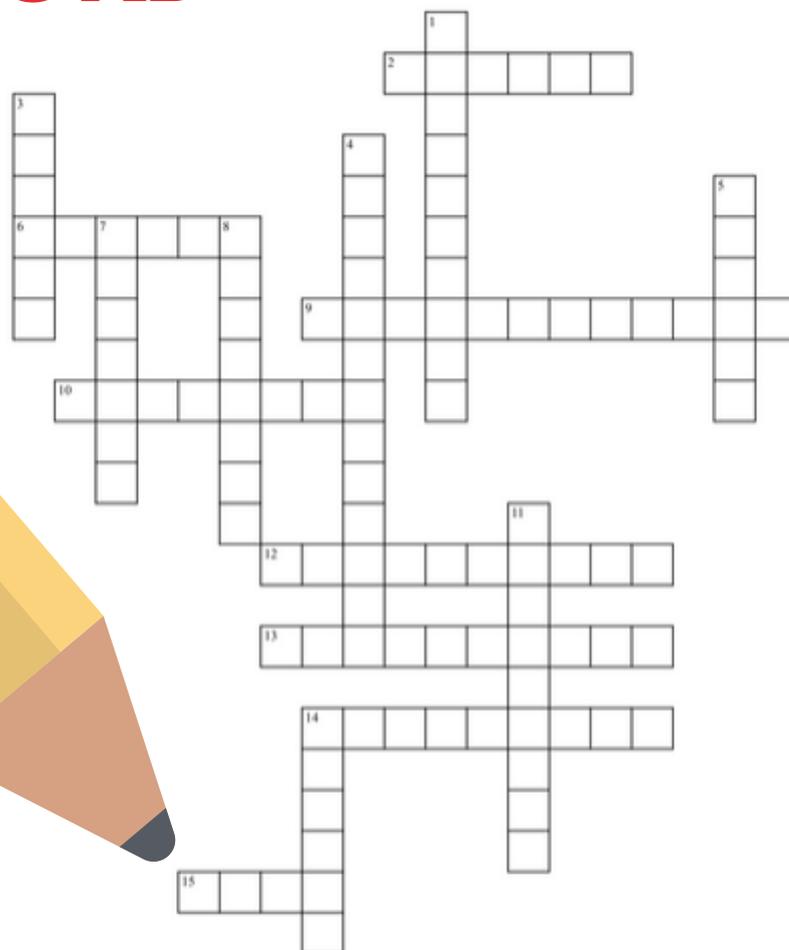
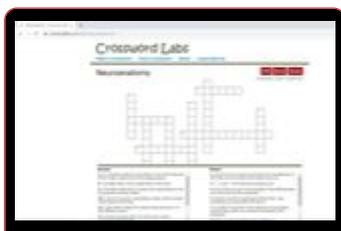


CROSSWORD

November 24th the first-year students had their first exam - the dreaded (or eagerly awaited) Neuroanatomy exam! The course not only entailed dissecting human brains, it also meant studying and remembering lots of brain areas and structures. Of course, these complex names are very important in the rest of your career, so let's see how much you still remember!

The crossword can be filled out using:

<https://bit.ly/2nGOPCY>



Across

2. A C-shaped bundle of nerve fibers in the brain that acts as the major output tract of the hippocampus.
6. A smaller lobe in the occipital lobe of the brain.
9. The hollow stalk which connects the hypothalamus and the posterior pituitary gland.
10. A band of neurons, resembling a stalk, which connect varied parts of the brain.
12. Cortex that consists of cortical areas with only 5 or less different layers.
13. Cavities located within the brain that contain cerebrospinal fluid (CSF).
14. Gyrus that surrounds the Corpus Callosum.
15. A thick membrane made of dense irregular connective tissue that surrounds the brain and spinal cord.

Down

1. A band of nerve tissue connecting the hemispheres of the brain, the two sides of the spinal cord, etc.
3. "...s gyri". The transverse temporal gyri.
4. The embryonic part of the hindbrain that differentiates into the pons and the cerebellum.
5. Another word for cerebrospinal fluid (hint: also something you drink after the exam).
7. A cluster of neurons in the central nervous system, located deep within the cerebral hemispheres and brainstem.
8. Wide caudal part of the Corpus Callosum.
11. A nerve that passes between the peduncles and the uncus of each temporal lobe.
14. At or near the tail or the posterior part of the body.

"And then we nicely asked some rats to remember something."

--Anonymous Professor

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