

DEAR DONDRITES,

February might be the shortest month, but that doesn't mean this is the shortest newsletter!

There are some big events for Dondrite coming up. We hope you've all bought your gala tickets already and have signed up for the Career event, because once March rolls around the corner, things are going to take off!

Of course, you can read on and find out everything there is about the upcoming events of Dondrite and the Donders. We will have a fresh new crossword for you and we will recap the pre-PhD event if you missed it.



FEBRUARY

DO YOU WANT TO BE IN THE YEARBOOK?

**We're busy creating the 2019-2020 yearbook!
And to make it, we need your answers to the
questionnaire.**

To give you your well-deserved personal page in the yearbook, we need to know more about you. So tell us all about your favourite Donders/Dondrite memory, your special talents or weird habits.

Moreover, we all want to know some interesting facts, like:

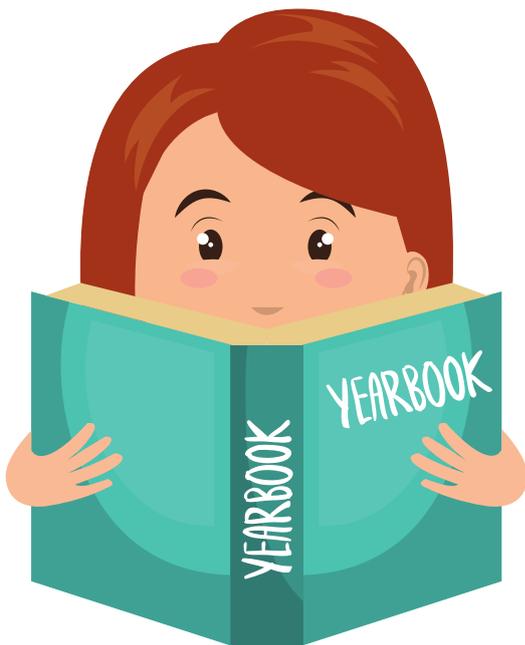
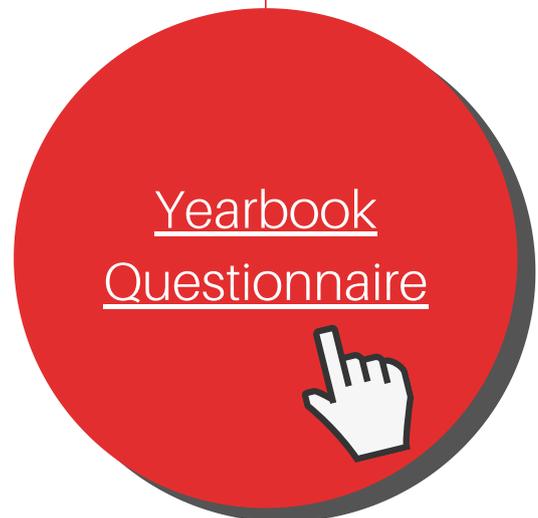
What is the best place to
hide from deadlines?

Who of us CNS students is most
likely to win a Nobel prize one day?

What are the most popular
courses?

Please supply us with your answers to create an awesome yearbook, because the yearbook isn't complete without you! You can fill out the questionnaire by clicking the button. The questionnaire can be filled out until

April 30th.



A WORD FROM THE BOARD

Hey fellow Dondrites!

As you would hopefully have heard already, Dondrite recently (on January 31st) turned three! This obviously meant we had to celebrate our birthday, which we did by eating cake with our members, and having dinner together with all current and previous Board members.

Other than that, we organized another 'Meet the committees' earlier this month, to introduce our fabulous committees to the new February starters and anyone else who was interested. We hope everyone who was there got a good idea of who our committees are and what they do! If you would like to join a committee, you can fill in [*this*](#) form so we know how to contact you, or contact the committee you're interested in to attend one of their meetings. We can definitely recommend it: being in a committee is a really great way to have fun with your fellow students, make friends, and actually build on your organizational skills while doing so. ;)

As Board members, we of course always have to look forward to future plans for Dondrite, which means we're already looking into planning our next General Assembly, what we have to do for it and which documents we have to get ready. The next GA will probably be some time around April, so you'll probably hear more about it in the next newsletters. Until then, we have very fun and busy times ahead of us with lots of (big) Dondrite activities: mask painting, the gala, the career event, a ragweek event and the big trip to Athens. We're looking forward to seeing you all at these events!

Love,
The Board



RECENT DONDRITE EVENTS

How-to PhD Discussion Panel

Earlier this month, we hosted our first How-to PhD event at Donders Institute. We thank our speakers Anne Mickan, Jordy Thielen, Brooke Latour and David Norris for providing current Master students and employees at Donders with many interesting insights and important advice for the PhD journey they will soon embark upon.

The speakers brought their unique perspectives and stories to the panel, sharing useful tips and experiences of being in academia in the United States, UK, Germany, and Netherlands among others.

The discussion covered a lot of useful topics, ranging from the many ways in which students can reach out to different labs and apply for different projects, the expectations that they go in with, picking the right supervisor, and most importantly, how to cope with, and overcome challenges faced during a PhD.

In case you really wanted to come join in on the discussion but couldn't, we got you covered! Here's a [link](#) to the recording of the entire discussion session. Soak in all the wisdom from all our panelists, and share this information with friends and researchers alike!

<p>Donders Centre for Cognition Artificial Cognitive Systems Lab</p>  <p>Jordy Thielen PhD Student</p> <p>Research fields Artificial completion, in-vivo, brain-computer interface</p> <p>Background MSc in Cognitive Neuroscience and Artificial Intelligence</p>	<p>Max-Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics Donders Centre for Cognition</p>  <p>Anne Mickan PhD Student (IMPRS)</p> <p>Research focus Cognitive mechanisms of foreign language attrition</p> <p>Background MSc in Cognitive Neuroscience (Class of '15)</p>
<p>Radboud University Medical Center Human Genetics</p>  <p>Brooke Latour Postdoc</p> <p>Research focus Neural development, migration and synaptic network maturation in genetically defined Autism Spectrum Disorder</p> <p>Background PhD at the Radboud Institute for Molecular Life and Sciences, research assistant, UGA staff scientist at Harvard University</p>	<p>Donders Centre for Cognitive Neuroimaging</p>  <p>David Norris Director of Research and Principle Investigator</p> <p>Research focus Functional magnetic resonance imaging</p> <p>Background BA and MA in Physics at University of Cambridge PhD at University of Aberdeen</p>



UPCOMING DONDRITE EVENTS

PAINT YOUR MASK

February 27, 17:00-19:00

The gala is coming up in less than a month, so we wanted to provide you with the opportunity of decorating your own mask! In this activity we will provide masks that you can paint and decorate. The event is taking place the 27th of February from 17h on in Trigon (specific room to be announced). Sign up here: [link](#)



BORREL

March 5, 19:30, Cafe Maxim (City centre)

Information Borrel for the Athens trip

MASQUERADE BALL | GALA 2020

March 7, 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](#).



CAREER EVENT

March 9, 18:30-21:30

Where will the road lead you after graduating from Radboud University? There seem to be endless possibilities both within and outside of academia. In this event, several speakers will talk about their career and current work to help you taking the right turn at the crossroads ahead.

Please sign up and send us your questions here: [link](#)



RAGBINGO & BRAINS

March 10, 13:00-14:00, Trigon Canteen

This year, the RAGweek aids Free a Girl and the Food Bank. We are organising a bingo activity to help! Bingo cards will be available at the counter for a voluntary donation. The best part is that the winners will get a lunch worth €5.- at the best food place on campus: Betty and Mora's!

BIG TRIP TO ATHENS

March 13-15, Athens



UPCOMING DONDERS EVENTS

DCCN Colloquium Jo Hajnal (Lecture)

12 March, 13:45-14:45, Red Room (Trigon)

Title to be announced

Inaugural speech prof. dr. Rob J. van Lier

13 March, from 15:45, Academiezaal Aula,

Comeniuslaan 2

Tussen Waarneming en Werkelijkheid

Special Donders Session "Methods Market"

19 March, 10:00-12:00, Red Room (Trigon)

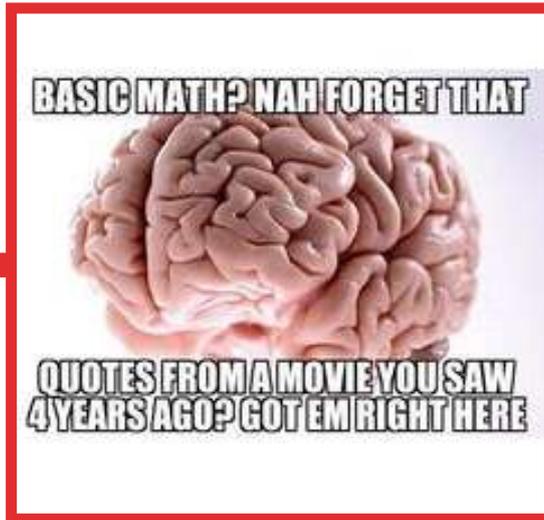
Present your methodology in an informal setting

Donders Lecture by Robert A. Barton

26 March, 16:00-17:00, Lin 3 (Linnaeus)

Sensory-motor control, cognition and brain evolution: exploring the links

MONTHLY MEME



FUN FACT

IN 1713, a peace treaty was signed in Utrecht that led to UK taking over the Spanish territory of Gibraltar. Today, Gibraltar's fate hangs in a balance, as Spain seeks sovereignty once again.

On February 1st, 2020, UK finally stepped out of the European Union, choosing to leave 1318 days, or approximately 43 months after first deciding to do so via a public referendum.

There will not be a hard border dividing the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, though UK will possibly deny tax benefits for goods shipped to the Republic of Ireland from their northern neighbor. For Gibraltar however, with EU member states agreeing Spain has veto over all decisions related to the British territory, UK's borders remain in flux. Dondrite's sincere condolences to all it's British members and alumni. We hope you return to EU soon!

NOTICEBOARD

Meet-the-Committees

Last week at the Meet-the-Committees, you could get to know all wonderful committees that keep Dondrite up and running. If after this event, you would like to sign up for a committee, you can do so by filling out the google form!

[Google form](#)



Do you have anything you want to share here? Send us your message at

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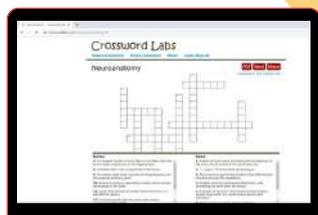


CROSSWORD

The 2020 gala is nearly there, and this year the theme is masquerade! To get you all hyped-up (even more!) for the gala, this month's crossword will be all about the clothes worn during a ball, the origin of masquerade, and the location of the gala! Have fun filling out the crossword, and hopefully we will see you at the gala!

The crossword can be filled out using:

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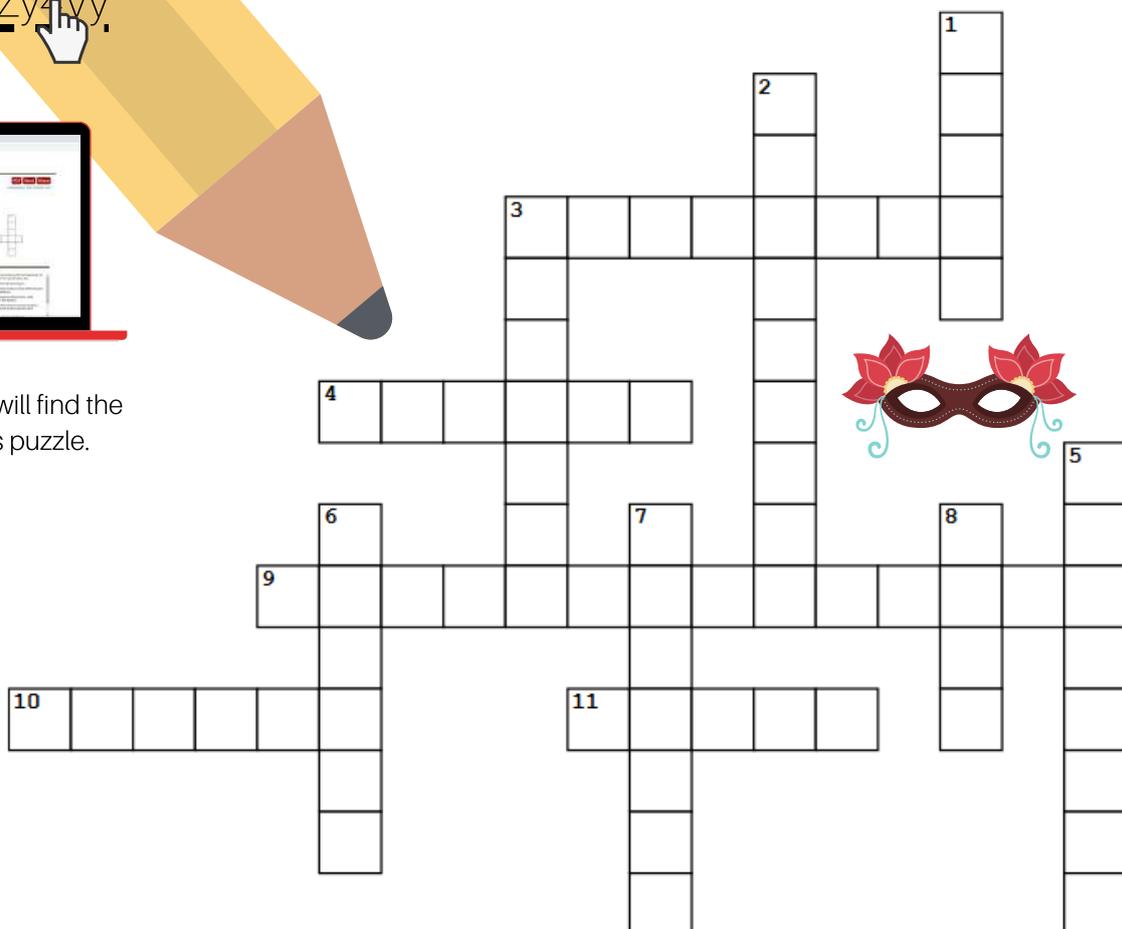


On the next page you will find the solution to last month's puzzle.



Down

1. The country where masquerade originates from.
2. (2 words) David Norris's (in)famous dance he did during last year's gala.
3. A set of clothes in a style typical of a particular country or historical period.
5. A woman's elaborate full-length dress suitable for wearing to balls and similar social gatherings.
6. A man's dinner jacket.
7. (2 words) The location of this year's gala!
8. A covering for all or part of the face, worn as a disguise, or to amuse or frighten others.

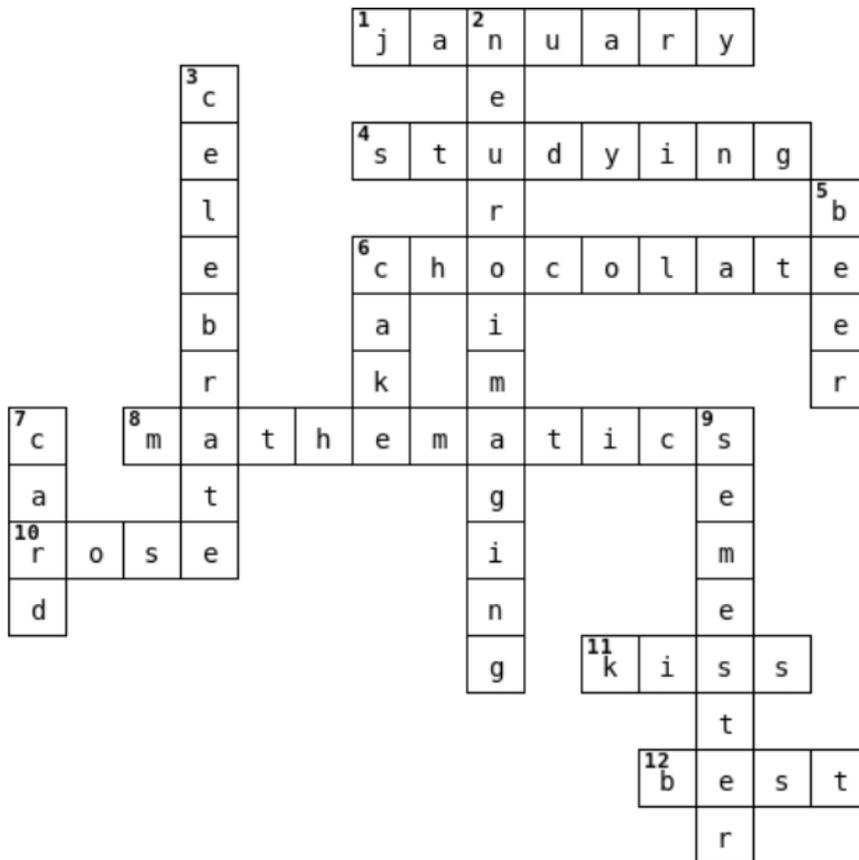


Across

3. An annual festival, typically during the week before Lent in Roman Catholic countries, involving processions, music, dancing, and the use of masquerade.
4. A necktie in the form of a know with two loops.
9. (2 words) The location of last year's gala.
10. The city where masquerade is particularly popular.
11. To move rhythmically to music, typically following a set sequence of steps.



CROSSWORD solution



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.

"It's the same as when I try to suffocate you, you are never going to like that."

--Anonymous Professor

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