The official Dondrite Information Pamphlet

Read everything you need to know about our study association in here!
What is Dondrite?

Dondrite is the study association of the CNS master. We are involved in promoting the interaction between students and employees of the Donders Institute in Nijmegen. We do so by organizing activities that encourage socializing among students, making it easier for them to get to know each other and discover the city of Nijmegen. We also organize different study-related activities that range from lectures by guest speakers to discussion groups about hot topics; we further aim at improving the study environment by organizing study groups which encourage a more interactive and cooperative approach and favor a deeper understanding of the different courses.

You can be as committed as you like!

When you become a Dondrite member, there are no obligations. You can go to as many or few events as you like! For people who want to take their membership to the next level, there is the option to become a committee member or join the board for free! Continue reading to find out more about our committees.

Dondrite, the CNS master and the committees

Our association is within the Master but not directly part of the programme, to better understand the structure and who to contact for doubts, suggestions and complaints you can look at the scheme below. On the next page you can find descriptions of all our committees!

You can join Dondrite for only €10 per year!

You can find the signup form on our website: www.dondrite.nl or send us an e-mail!
The Board
The board manages the budget, coordinates the committees and promotes communication both within the association and with external parties. The board consists of three to five people that all have different tasks within the board. The chair leads the meetings of the board and also leads the General Assembly. The secretary answers most of the emails, keeps track of the member administration and writes minutes of the board and general meetings. The treasurer keeps track of all the money related business. He or she makes sure that everything is paid in time and registered properly. Finally there can be one or two general members that perform the more general tasks like maintaining the website ther social media.

The Activity Committee
The activity committee organizes all non-study related activities for the Dondrites. On the first Friday of every month we will a special Dondrite Borrel where we can bond together, but we also organize other activities in each month. One of these activities you have most likely already seen, because it is the introduction. Other activities range from the very sportsy, to cultural, to just relaxing. The highlight of our activities is our Dondrite Winter prom.

The Education Committee
The education committee is deeply devoted to stimulate the tireless brains of our fellow Dondrites! To help you build the most solid understanding of even the hardest courses we organise studygroups that share the knowledge contained in our diverse backgrounds. And since we know that a true Dondrite can never get enough of neuroscience, we set up events to debate hot topics in our discussion meetings, and organise lectures from guest speakers to deepen our knowledge or broaden it with new skills.

The Scribe Committee
The Scribe committee are here to deliver all of the hottest updates and info from Dondrite to its members! We are responsible for delivering the monthly updates in the Dondrite News. Once a month, we meet up to discuss what the most important topics from the previous month are. We cover the wide range of Dondrite events – making it possible that we all share in the fun & joy. We are also responsible for creating the Dondrite Yearbook!

The Synapsium Committee
This committee organizes a yearly symposium by students and for students of the CNS master. During the annual event, you can listen to interesting topics discussed by keynote speakers, you can look at informative posters during the poster presentations, and there is a panel discussion. This committee makes sure that every year, the Synapsium is as interesting as ever!

The Travel Committee
This committee organizes fun day trips and a yearly big city trip to an awesome, yet unknown destination. This year the big trip will take place around March. During this trip we will do a scala of activities like for example a city tour and a pub crawl. Furthermore we we will try to meet other neuroscience students from the city through a visit to a cognitive neuroscience related department or company. It is going to be awesome so sign up as soon as registration opens!

The Advisory Committee
The Advisory Committee is the one that differs most from the other committees. Their task is to go through and give advice on the things that Dondrite does, to help keep the inputs and goals of previous members still relevant for current and future Dondrite-generations. This does not mean they make decisions for us; they give us advice on things their experienced eyes believe could benefit the association. To avoid any conflicts of interest, the committee consists exclusively of non-active Dondrite members. This does not mean that just anyone can join this committee; it should at least consist at least one former Board member, and one person from the Research Master of Cognitive Neuroscience Management.

Become a committee member!
We’re always looking for new enthusiastic members that can help us grow while learning useful organizational skills! Don’t worry about the time it will cost you, you can always indicate yourself how much time you have got and it is a lot of fun! You will meet everyone during our “Meet the Committees” event soon! If you want to join one of the committees already you can sign up via our website! For more information, please contact one of the members of the committees or the board!
Every year, we try to organise as many fun activities as possible! Some recur annually, whereas others are a one-time thing. For example, every year the Travel committee organises at least one day trip and one big trip abroad, such as to Porto or Athens! The Activity committee organises multiple fun activities, including the yearly Dondrite gala. The Synapsium committee organises a yearly synapsium, and the Education committee always organises a lot of informational events as well. Finally, the Scribe committee makes sure that all memories are kept forever in the beautiful Dondrite yearbooks!

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