



# Dondrite news

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## DEAR DONDRITES,

Regularly, we think of November as the month of Thanksgiving, Sinterklaas and the start of the winter season. Aside from these celebrations, November also brings us heavy storms (and donders). In short, November is a perfect time to start baking an apple pie, especially when the days gets shorter and the weather gets colder. It can be difficult to keep in touch with your friends and family these times, but baking them a pie will never do any harm!

We can always use a good excuse to bake an apple pie. And how to best eat that apple pie, with Dondrite News obviously!

In this month's issue, our amazing Dondrite committees will be introduced. You can read all about their members, their pursuits and their future plans. Next to that, we will provide you with the past activities, as well as a word of the board. Have a look at the upcoming activities, fill in the crossword with your friends and have a laugh at some funny memes. The picks will present some interesting neuroscience related movies.

Stay healthy, safe and happy reading!

Cheers,  
Scribe



# NOVEMBER



# Dondrite's awesome 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 2020/2021 Dondrite committees!

## Travel committee

Hi there!

As the travel committee we normally organize one day trip to somewhere in the Netherlands (or just over the border in Belgium or Germany) and one weekend trip further away. Last year we visited Maastricht for the day trip, and we planned to go to sunny Athens for the weekend trip, but unfortunately Corona happened.

We know that you guys are itching to travel to exotic places again, however organizing trips is not possible yet, so we will be organizing travel-related activities instead! We started up a few online language cafes where we can all socialize together in Dutch, French, German, Italian or Spanish, so that everyone is 100% ready to travel when we've beaten COVID. We've also organized a pirate-themed hike through the lovely Mookerheide, it was almost as if we travelled to a tropical island in the Caribbean :P. We'll keep you posted about our coming activities!

Our awesome team currently consists of Tinke (chair), Spencer (treasurer), Sanne (secretary), Yana, Laura, Joyce and Charlotte (board). If you're interested in joining us or if you want to join a meeting to see what it's like, you can always send one of us a message :).

We're looking forward to seeing you at our activities!



## Scribe Committee

Hii all,

We are Vera, Vaishnavi (chair), Eline (board), Lieke (treasurer) and Emma (secretary). In short, Scribe is dedicated to both the Dondrite News and the Dondrite yearbook. Every month our creative brains are firing at its full potential to provide you with an amusing monthly newsletter. This way, we update you with the recent and upcoming events, introduce a new main item and create small games as bingos and crosswords. Furthermore, the letter is a nice way to get to know our beloved board and their plans in the part 'Word of the Board'.

Next to that, we are proud to tell you that we have already published three beautiful editions of the Dondrite yearbook. Every year we work hard to make it happen. Last yearbook was covered with an overview of Dondrites members, committee pages, a wailing wall and complement wall, history section, a dictionary part with funny quotes and pins and interesting statistics of Dondrite.

We hope you all like reading our newsletters!

The Scribblers



# Dondrite's awesome committees

## Education committee



Hii all,

Whenever you feel the urge to expand your mind beyond the regular studies, Education Committee has you covered! The team consists of 6 amazing students. Mariana joined the Education Committee because she enjoys organizing events for her fellow students and because she finds these opportunities for personal growth important. For Maroš, deriving from events well done, being co-chair of the Education is everything and more than one could hope for. Melanie is part of the Education to facilitate fun events and to provide a space for all students to help and support each other and to work jointly on getting the best out of their studies. Pius to join the education committee as a co-chair. Coming up with new ideas and organizing events to support and inspire other students have been extremely rewarding for him. Sophie joined the Education Committee with the hopes of providing engaging events for fellow students to enjoy and helping them to succeed academically. Last but not least, Jochem enjoys supporting this committee because it helps students study where necessary and expand interests where possible.

It doesn't matter whether you want to improve your grades through study groups and exam preparation sessions, plan future steps with Internship Information Session or Career events, or just enjoy fruitful discussions with Scientific movie nights and Café Philosophique, all of these and more are organized to provide additional opportunities for growth. Our members meet once a week to plan the next big event and converse about our personal victories and challenges. We build upon a foundation of cooperation to create enriching experiences for our classmates, together connecting the individual pieces of varied tasks into a big picture of Education.

## Synapsium committee

Hi, Dondrites!

Hereby, we will introduce ourselves to you: we are the Synapsium Committee! We will, as the name already reveals, organize the yearly Synapsium that will take place at the end of the academic year. During this symposium, you will be able to listen to inspiring presentations of keynote speakers. On top of that, there will be talks of your fellow students, a panel discussion, and much much more. We have only just started with the organization of this years' Synapsium, but nevertheless, we are already full of ideas. Hopefully, we can even have the event on campus this year, but of course, we will be fully prepared to switch to an online event if needed. Briefly put, we are very motivated to make this years' Synapsium as successful as previous editions.

The best part of it all? We are still looking for people to join our committee! So, if you are interested in becoming part of the Synapsium committee or you just have some questions, don't hesitate to contact us!

Cheers!  
Synapsium Committee



# Synapsium

# Dondrite's awesome committees

## DPC



Hi,  
DPC members Pius ("*Embrace change*"), Maaïke ("*Communication is key*"), Gerardo ("*Rules help to control the fun*") and Maroš ("*Make education great again*"). You might have heard of them, you might have even seen them in person. They are the representatives that we both need and deserve. But what is it they actually do, and why should we care about it going smoothly?

Introducing the Degree Programme Committee: one student representative per each track of our programme, mirroring one staff representative per each track of Donders. Their task is to inform and advise the programme leadership on decisions regarding the structure and content, making sure that the needs of students and teachers alike are met in full, or at least in compromise.

Just as countries have their constitutions, Dutch programmes have their Education and Examination Regulations (EER). And just as with a constitution, this document serves as the foundation for rights and duties for both students and lecturers. However, unlike (most) constitutions, ours undergoes a yearly revision, addressing educative hurdles and incorporating student feedback. This revision process is led by the DPC, and it is here that they make their lasting mark.

DPC is there to represent you, and so any request regarding the programme that feels too big to be asked as an individual can be delegated to them. Likewise, you can reach out to them regarding the EER, whether to make sure that you understand it correctly, or to bring their attention to matters that should be addressed.

Email: [dpc.cns@ru.nl](mailto:dpc.cns@ru.nl)

[Website](#) 

## Activity committee

Hi, we are (left-to-right, top-to-bottom) Bas, Eline, Colette, Laura, Irene, Oxana, and Suzanne from the Activity Committee!

This year, our aim is to provide you with many fun activities that will take your mind off studying. To this end, we are for example organizing monthly online board game nights. On those evenings, people can play several entertaining games in different rooms. In addition, we did an online escape adventure, during which students had to solve puzzles and work together to solve the mystery. A second part is coming up!

Another thing our committee tries to achieve is to make it possible for you to interact more easily with your fellow students, since it might be harder to meet (new) people during corona times. One example is the speeddating event we organized recently, during which people had 10 minutes to talk to two other students every round. This definitely led to some interesting conversations!

We hope to see many of you during our upcoming events!



## A WORD FROM THE BOARD

Dear Dondrites,

Somewhere around March 2019, I actually wrote the very first ever Word from the Board, when we came up with this idea to update members about what the Board was actually doing. Today, I'm writing my last one. Am I sounding somewhat dramatic yet? Good, that was what I was going for.

I find myself unsure what to write now. Something about everything I learned over the past two years of being on Board? Or about how maybe the best thing about this whole experience was just having fun with my fellow Board members? Some Dondrite achievements of the past two years that I'm proud of? (I think the Dondrite hoodies are really cool, I'm glad we made that happen.) Maybe even something about the more difficult parts of being on the Board, like doing things that are outside of my comfort zone, making mistakes, dealing with disagreements with fellow Board members, or keeping our association running during a pandemic?

Mostly, I guess I just wanted to say that to me, Dondrite has always been a great addition to the CNS master, and having Dondrite and being so involved in it has made my experience studying here better. I remember thinking, last Saturday, during our pirate-themed hike, how nice it was to just see people again. Or a few days earlier, during the speed-dating event, how it was great to talk to some of the people that I hadn't really talked to before. I just think we have a pretty cool thing going on here, and that helping each other, and having opportunities to socialize with each other, is important (maybe especially during these strange times we're experiencing right now). I hope other people think about it that way as well, and if so, I'm glad that I could have helped to make these things possible.

Anyway, even though I'm leaving the Board because our bylaws say board members can't stay on the Board for longer than two years, I also think that I've been on the Board for long enough and the time is right for me to leave, and hand things over to some new people. I hope to see you all at the general assembly of December 2nd, to vote on some very important documents that we worked very hard on over the past few months, as well as of course to vote in new Board members and vote me out (although you won't get fully rid of me yet, as I still have to graduate this academic year, and will probably stick around and show up to Dondrite activities every once in a while until then). :)

Lots of love,  
Charlotte



# RECENT DONDRITE EVENTS



## Online board game night

On Thursday, November 12th, Dondrite's Activity committee organized an online board game night. Several games like Cards against Humanity, Pictionary, Mafia, Among Us, Black stories and Codenames were provided in nine different rooms of meet jitsi. A lot of them enthusiastically participated and had a fun evening. Online board game night is so well accepted and appreciated that now it has become a monthly regular event. We look forward to many more events like this which connects folks of CNS programme despite the circumstances.

## Social speeddating

On Tuesday, November 17th, Dondrite's Activity committee organized an online speeddating event to meet fellow friends and to find friendly match. Yes, it was relatively new concept and 18 cheerful participants took part in it with high spirit. Indeed it was a successful event as everyone enjoyed it a lot. Thanks to Activity committee of Dondrites to attempt in making people find friends for life.



## Hiking Adventure

On Saturday, November 21st, the Travel committee organised a pirate themed hiking adventure at Mookerheide. A nature reserve with extensive heaths, beautiful forests and a rich history. Eighteen participants were randomly divided into groups of two. Each team was provided with puzzles and challenges to solve along the way and some conversation topics to break the ice. Participants and organizer had a great trip with loads of memories to take home. We thank Travel committee of Dondrites to have organized successful (physical) travel adventure with all the Corona measures. The winners of this event will be announced shortly on Dondrite social media pages, shortly!



# UPCOMING DONDRITE EVENTS

## Online Escape Adventure 2.0 Saturday November 28th, 20:00

The last online escape room event was such a hit that we decided to also organize a part two! We present to you: Escape Adventure 2.0 on the 28th of November at 20h. For everyone who participated in the last event you do not need to sign up again, we will communicate through the already existing Whatsapp groups. For all of you who did not participate in part 1 but are still eager to be there this time, that is of course possible! The event will cost 1 euro for Dondrite members and 2 euros for non-members.

Please sign up [here](#).

The deadline to sign up is Wednesday the 25th at 23:59. Please only sign up if you can really make it.

## Online Board Game Night Tuesday December 1st, 20:00



Since we cannot organize our monthly borrels (drinks) anymore this year and the game night was such a success, we decided to organize monthly online board game nights instead. They will be taking place every first Tuesday of the month so the next one is already on the first of December at 20h! We will continue using the [game night chat](#) where we will share the links to the different games we will play. You don't need to sign up, just show up in the main CNS jitsi at 20h or join a game room later!



## Dondrite General Assembly Wednesday December 2nd, 18:00



On December 2nd, we will host the first GA of this academic year! Here, all Dondrite members are invited to cast their votes on important topics and join the discussion. Importantly, during this GA we will vote on our beloved treasurer, Charlotte, leaving the board, as well as voting in the new board candidates! Moreover, we will vote on the documents, which you received by email.

The meeting will be hosted via WebEx, for which a link will be provided soon, so keep an eye on your inbox!

## Scientific Movie Night - Diversity in Science Thursday December 10th, 20:00



Three brilliant African-American women at NASA, Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson, serve as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race and galvanized the world. 'Hidden Figures' (2017) interweaves a rich history of mankind's greatest adventure and the civil rights movement with the intimate stories of courageous female and black scientists.

In our 2nd online scientific movie night, we will watch 'Hidden Figures' together and have discussions in small groups about inequalities and diversity in academia and science. Save the date and some popcorn!

# MONTHLY MEME

You can now vote for the best memes in Education's meme competition. 91 memes related to science, brains and studying are waiting to crack you up. The creators of the three best memes will each win a 5€ gift card for the world's best Italian canteen right at Trigon, Bett & Mora. We included some memes as a preview. Go check out all of the 91 memes and vote for the ones you like best!

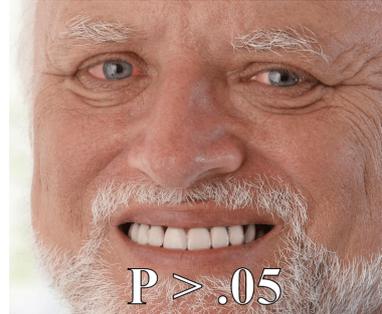
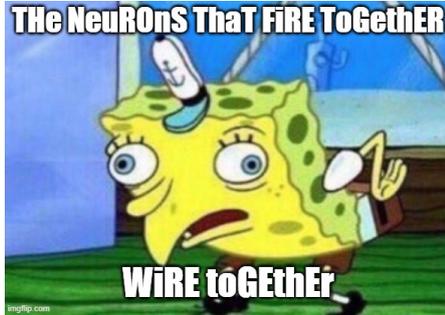
**VOTE** 

**Preview:**

Me relaxing after sending my supervisor an email



My supervisor responding immediately



**And many more...**

## DONDRITE PICKS

*Neuroscience films*

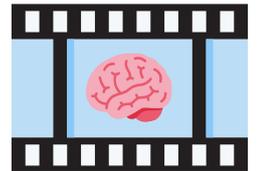


**A beautiful mind**  
**No explanation needed. Just watch.**

**Memento**  
**Shows in a very clever way how memory loss is experienced.**



**Brain on Fire** 



**Inside out**

## NOTICEBOARD

Don't forget to pay for your Dondrite membership if you haven't done so yet!

*Save the Date*

December 2nd at 18:00 we will have our first General Assembly of this academic year! You can find all the important information in your inbox! Hope to see you there!

**IMPORTANT!**

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

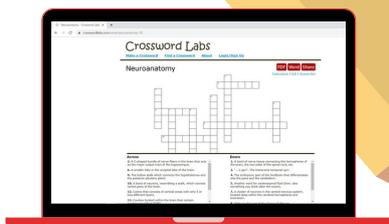
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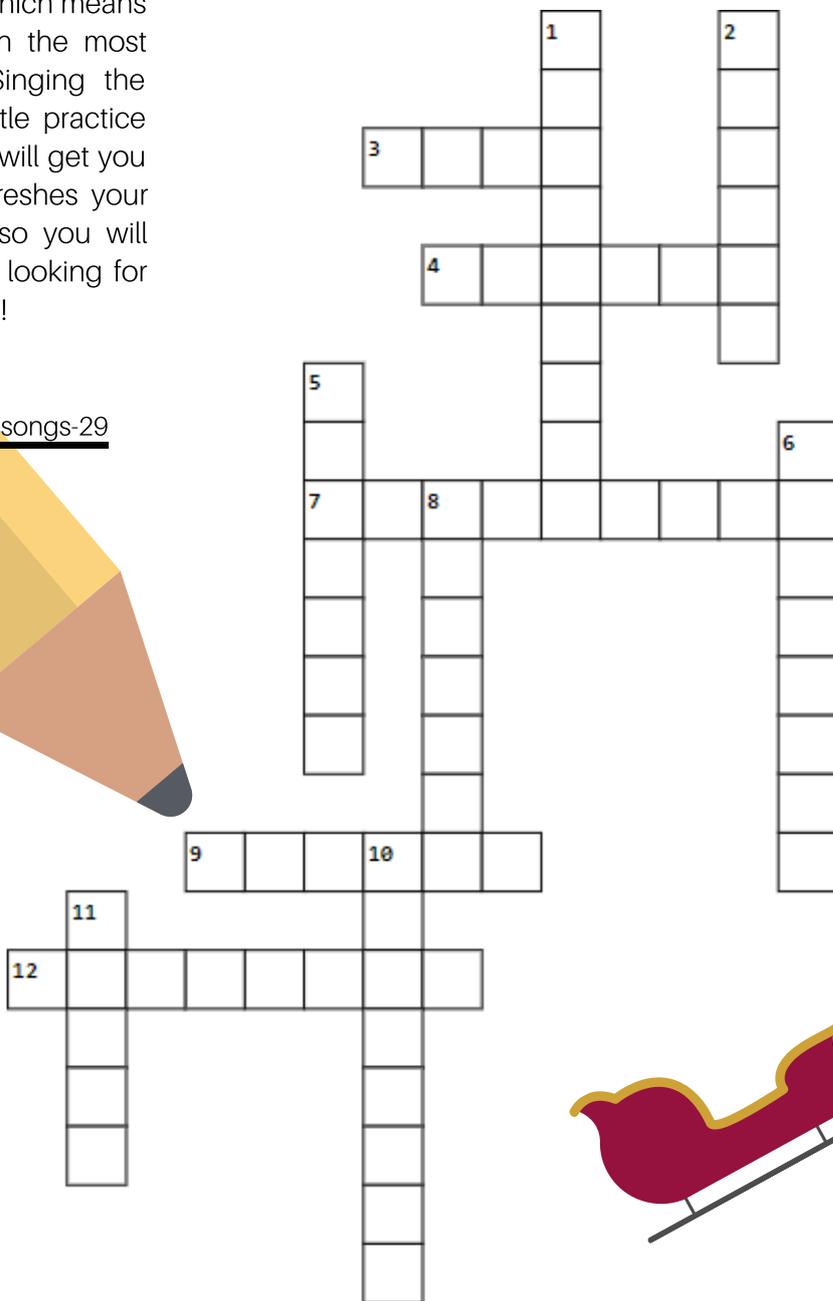
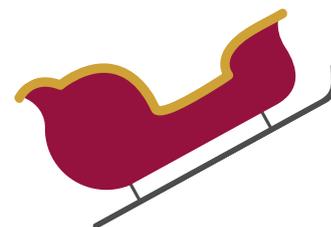
# CROSSWORD

December is just around the corner, which means that we will have to sing along with the most wonderful Christmas songs soon. Singing the wrong lyrics is embarrassing, so a little practice does not hurt. This week's crossword will get you in the right Christmas mood and refreshes your knowledge about Christmas songs, so you will have nothing to worry about. We are looking for the missing word of the lyrics. Have fun!

The crossword can be filled out using:  
<https://crosswordlabs.com/view/christmas-songs-29>



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



**Across**

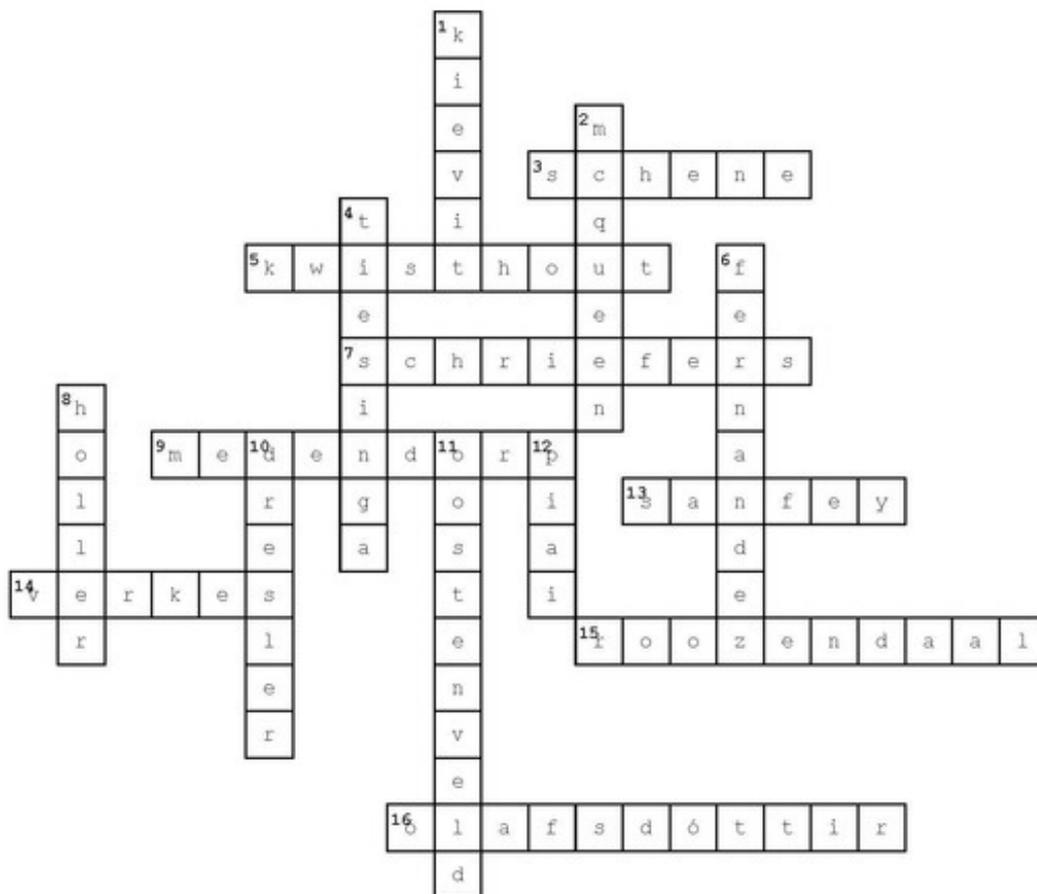
- 3. Santa Claus is coming to \_\_\_
- 4. In a one-horse open \_\_\_
- 7. And I'm just gonna keep on waiting underneath the \_\_\_
- 9. Have yourself a merry \_\_\_ Christmas
- 12. Rudolph the red-nosed \_\_\_

**Down**

- 1. Simply having a \_\_\_ Christmas time
- 2. What a \_\_\_ time, it's the right time
- 5. Later we'll have some \_\_\_ pie
- 6. Driving home for Christmas with a thousand \_\_\_
- 8. This year, to save me from tears, I'll give it to someone \_\_\_
- 10. Where the \_\_\_ glisten and children listen
- 11. \_\_\_ on earth for everyone

# CROSSWORD solution

## Labs in the Donders Institute



### Across

- 3. Stress-related disorders
- 5. Brain (Inspired) Computing
- 7. Contextual Flexibility in Language Processing
- 9. Sensorimotor Control
- 13. Decision Neuroscience
- 14. Disorders in Impulse- and Aggression Regulation
- 15. Behavioural Neuroscience
- 16. Neural Mechanisms of Episodic and Spatial Memory

### Down

- 1. Developmental Neuroscience
- 2. Sound Learning
- 4. Neuroinformatics
- 6. Memory and Emotion
- 8. Communication in Social Interaction (CoSI)
- 10. Sleep and memory
- 11. MEG methods
- 12. Language Function and Dysfunction

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"Because well, the brain is kinda complicated."

--Anonymous Professor