This is our newsletter that will appear every four weeks. If you have any information you can send it to: secr-mhens@maastrichtuniversity.nl

- General Information

Statement Professor Linden: End of the year – Start 2019

2018 was another successful year for MHeNs. We expect that over 50 PhD defences will be completed by the end of the year, including two “cum laude” PhDs on vestibular implant research from the Department of Otorhinolaryngology (Raymond van de Berg and Nils Guinand). This year has also seen positive developments of the Track-PhD system (thanks to our PhD coordinator Martin van den Boxtel), which is increasingly becoming a central instrument for coordinating the support for our PhD students. Two of our faculty members held their professorial inaugural lectures, Pilar Martinez Marjolein de Vugt and Jos Prickaerts. MHeNs investigators have again been successful in competitive grant applications to national and international funding bodies, and we expect that our intensive mentoring programme for personal grants, which is particularly targeted at early career researchers, will bear fruit in the coming years. Amongst the new initiatives that have started (or come to fruition) in 2018 we have had the first MHeNs lectures that aim to cover topics that are of interest to researchers from all our divisions and departments, the first CIN workshops and the first workshops and brainstorming sessions of the Brain and Nerve Centre (BNC, or Hersen en Zenuwcentrum, HzC). All of these initiatives aim to facilitate communication and sharing of expertise between disciplines and research groups, and to make the integration between fundamental, translational and clinical research ever closer. Of course these are complemented by the important seminar series that are held by each division and many research groups. I would like to encourage you to attend as many of these scientific events as you can – also those hosted by other divisions. I myself have certainly found it most stimulating during my first year at MHeNs to learn so much from our researchers, both junior and senior, about our impressive breadth and depth of research in mental health and neuroscience.
We are looking back on a wonderful MHeNS Research Day 2018. The theme of the day was “Career perspectives in and outside academia”. With more than 170 attendees, more than 80 poster presentations, 14 pitches from early career researchers on their work and ambitions, interesting talks from MHeNs alumni on their career paths, and a lively debate on career choices, it has been a successful and fruitful day. The highlight of the day was the interview with Annemarie Penn-te Strake (Mayor of Maastricht) about her exceptional career and lessons learned. A special thanks to all the speakers, poster presenters and attendees. Let’s keep up the MHeNS spirit!

MHeNS research day 2018 pictures.

Alzheimer Centre Limburg asks for attention for prevention of dementia.

On Monday 26th November 2018, professor Marjolein de Vugt and professor Frans Verhey of the Alzheimer Centre Limburg sounded the gong of the Amsterdam trade market to raise attention for prevention of dementia. They did this together with Alzheimer Nederland. By means of the ‘We are our own medicine’ campaign, the Alzheimer Centre Limburg is taking the lead in preventing dementia.

YouTube

In October 2018 the results and products of the 2-year TANDEM project became available, in collaboration with the Alzheimer Centrum Limburg and Alzheimer Nederland. In this project, an adjusted version of the 8-week mindfulness training was developed for people with early stage dementia and their informal caregiver. Results were described in a review and a mixed-method feasibility study (submitted). All Dutch certified mindfulness trainers could order the TANDEM materials (manual and workbook) at no cost.

Read more (only in Dutch)

- Grants/Calls/Nominations

Win your prize
The calendar gives an overview of the prizes for which the FHML/UM would like to nominate candidates

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SWOL
The mission of the Limburg Fund SWOL is to support scientific research and education at Maastricht University. As one of the cornerstones a better future for generations to come, science deserves that support.
Deadline first round 2019:
- Scientific projects. March 1st, 2019 (activity/project takes place after April 1st, 2019)
- Student activities: March 1st, 2019 (activity/project takes place after April 1st, 2019)

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Reminder Veenhoven Award 2019
The deadline submission is 31st of December 2018.

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J.C. Ruigrok Prijs 2019 – Menswetenschappen
Nomination deadline: January 1st, 2019

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Weston Brain Institute International Outstanding Achievement Award 2019
Nomination deadline: January 8th, 2019

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CARIM - Studentbeurzen Nederlandse Hartstichting 2019 Call for Proposals
Deadline submission: February 11th, 2019

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Registration form
Application form
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- **Acquired Grants MHeNs**
  - **Erasmus+ SIDECAR** (€ 113,645) – Marjolein de Vugt (P&N)
    - Project title: ‘Skills In DEmentia CARe – Building psychosocial knowledge and best practice in dementia care’
  - **ZonMw Memorabel** (€ 104,474) – Pieter-Jelle Visser (P&N)
    - Project title: ‘The path towards primary prevention of dementia’
  - **EIT DeepSPA** (€ 206,059) – Pauline Aalten (P&N)
    - Project title: ‘Deep Speech Analysis for Cognitive Assessment in Clinical Trials’
  - **JPNZonMw COGNISANCE** (€ 265,283) – Frans Verhey (P&N)
    - Project title: ‘Co-Designing the Dementia Diagnostic process and post-Diagnostic care (Cognisance).’
  - **Alzheimer Nederland Grant cycle 2018** (€ 200,000) – Jaap Jansen (RAD)
    - Project title: ‘Glymphatic dysfunction and cognitive impairment: a memory clinic study’
  - **Alzheimer Nederland Grant cycle 2018** (€ 150,000) – Daniel van den Hove (P&N)
    - Project title: ‘In vivo epigenetic editing of Oxt in Alzheimer's disease’
  - **JPND ZonMw COGNISANCE** (€ 265,283) – Frans Verhey (P&N)
    - Project title: ‘Co-Designing the Dementia Diagnostic process and post-Diagnostic care (Cognisance).’
  - **Alzheimer Nederland Grant cycle 2018 cross border** (€ 50,000) – Stephanie Vos (P&N)
    - Project title: ‘Individualized Alzheimer Research Criteria (IARC): a Dutch-German Initiative’
  - **Johanna Kinderfonds** (€ 9,986) – Caroline van Heugten (P&N)
    - Project title: ‘Keuzewijzer kinderen en jongeren met hersenletsel’
  - **Bionorica** (€ 72,600) – Jos Prickaerts (P&N)
    - Project title: ‘Preclinical experimental work about sceletium tortuosum extract (Zembrin)’
  - **ZonMw MIGS** (€ 329,050) – Henny Beckers (OHK)
    - Project title: ‘Is ImnFocus Microshunt (IMS) implantation a cost-effective alternative to standard trabeculectomy (TE)?’
  - **Abbott** (€ 223,317) – Bert Joosten (ANES)
    - Project title: ‘L2-DRG-Stim and pain relief in an experimental model for discogenic lower back pain: stimulation setting and mechanism’

- **In collaboration with CARIM** Dr. Sébastien Foulquiers has been attained an EFSD Grant.
  - Project title: ‘AGE-ing of the brain microvessels: the road to the onset of Vascular Cognitive Impairment’

- **General announcements**
  - **Policy grant submissions**
    - Grants that are submitted for sign-off close to the deadline cause administrative problems and cannot be properly scrutinized internally. We are therefore implementing the following policy for grant submissions from MHeNs
      - Applications should be sent in due time to the administrative team for budget calculations and other administrative issues (at least 6 weeks before deadline)
      - The application should be discussed with the head of department and division leader (and ideally be read and commented on by other colleagues as well) and then sent to the MHeNs secretariat at least 6 weeks before the deadlines so that an internal peer review (IPR) can be carried out. This will be done by scientific director, division leaders and deputies and other senior academics with the aim of providing helpful feedback to applicants, strengthening applications and increasing their success rates.
      - This policy generally also applies to consortium applications not led from Maastricht although we may waive IPR if this has been conducted at the coordinating institution.
      - If these deadlines cannot be met because of exceptional circumstances (e.g. funding calls with tight deadlines) MHeNs will still endeavor to submit the applications but generally the aim should be to allow for sufficient time for IPR.

**AVG within FHML:** Algemene Verordening Gegevensbescherming

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**Human Resources**

As of today, all UM employees can submit their declarations for business trips and other costs digitally.

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**Vacancy**

Promovendus School for Mental Health and Neuroscience Deadline December 10th, 2018

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Courses/Workshops/Events/Symposia

Third CIN meeting
December 17th, 2018. 1500 – 16.30 hrs, Jo Ritzenzaal, Oxfridlaan 55 room 1.005A
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Website CIN

Humane Neuroanatomy and its clinical application
April 1.4, 2019 – Maastricht University
Deadline registration: March 1st, 2019.
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13th MHeNs topics in translational neuroscience workshop “Pain and Co-morbidities
April 16, 2019, StayOkay Maastricht
Deadline registration: March 15th, 2019
More information will follow: Website

Summer Course Mood 2019
June 30th until July 5th, 2019, Florence Italy
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MHeNs Translational Neuroscience lectures:
Professor Meng Li – Cardiff. See Website
January 14th, 2019, 4 PM until 5 hrs, Drink Banditos
Location: Jo Ritzenzaal (roomS0.007), Oxfridlaan 55, Maastricht
More information will follow soon.

Professor David Healy – Bangor University, Wakes United Kingdom
March 13th, 2019, 4 hrs until 6 hrs
More information will follow soon

Prof. B. Franke (Barbara), Radboud University Nijmegen. See Website.
May 6th, 2019, 4 PM until 5 hrs, Drink 5hrs, Location: to be confirmed
More information will follow soon.

Lectures & seminars
Overview division “Translational Neuroscience colloquia:
The presentations will be held at Tuesdays from 16:00-17:00hrs. All lectures will be in the Greep Room azM / 4th floor, unless indicated otherwise.
December 11th, 2018: Ghazi Al Jowf
December 18th, 2018: Faris Almasabi

Overview division “Translational Neuroscience colloquia 2019
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Course opportunities for PhD candidates
Most courses of the masters Epidemiology and Health Sciences Research are also open for PhD students and other health professionals wishing to maintain and improve their knowledge of public health. Courses in Epidemiology and Health Technology Assessment are open against attractive prices and can be followed as a full masters module.
More information Master coordinator: Leo Schouten

Online PhD writing 1 - Anytime, Anywhere
Would you like to learn how to write an academic paper, but do not have the time to come to the Language Centre? Then this interactive and effective course will help you to improve your academic writing skills from wherever you are. You’ll focus on linguistics and structure, two important components for writing in a clear and concise manner. We’ll also analyse actual samples of your writing and focus on issues within your work. The course consists of 8 webinars of 45 minutes each. You can register now for the (PHD-online) course that starts February 4, 2019.
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Other relevant courses
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Welcome new PhD Students at School MHeNs
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Upcoming PhD Ceremonies December 2018
Liselot Kepershoek. Title: Access to formal dementia care; A European perspective.
Friday December 7th, 12 hrs.
Henrietta Steinhart. Title: Same but Different; Psychological Interventions and how to Mind the Knowledge Practice Gap.
Wednesday December 12th, 14 hrs
Ulrich Mehnert. Title: The management of urine storage dysfunction in the neurological patient.
Thursday December 13th, 14 hrs
Giovanne B. Diniz Title: Weaning-induced alterations on neuropeptidergic population of the rat hypothalamus.
Tuesday December 18th, 10.45 hrs
Rajani Ravindra Battu. Title: Inherited Retinal Diseases: New Imaging and Molecular Genetics.
Wednesday December 21st, 2018 at 11.45 hrs

PhD Mingle Day 2018 “Life after your PhD”
December 14th, 2018 | Greepzaal, niveau 4 MUMC+
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EURON mobility grant
The EURON mobility grant is intended for PhD students from the research groups affiliated to the EURON programme. Applicants are expected to spend a period of maximal three months at a EURON partner university for the purpose of methodological training or a joint project. The mobility grants cover travel and accommodation costs of up to 1,500 EUR.
More information or contact the EURON Office on secr.euron@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Closing date for application: December 15th, 2018

Courses/Workshops/Events/Symposia
Upcoming Courses and Events 2019
Detailed information and registration: www.euronschool.eu or contact EURON Office on secr.euron@maastrichtuniversity.nl

EURON workshop Drugs and the brain: From Laboratory to Clinic
October 1 -5, 2019 – University of Crete, Heraklion, Greece
More info will follow: www.euronschool.eu

FENS Grants, Meetings and Training opportunities
FENS and its partners would like to draw your attention to several open calls for a series of training activities and meetings.

Travel grants for the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Japan Neuroscience Society
Deadline submission: January 14th, 2019
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FENS travel scholarships available to attend the Australian Course in Advanced Neuroscience (ACAN)
Deadline application: February 1st, 2019
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Understanding and targeting Alzheimer’s disease
May 5-8, 2019, Rungstedgaard, Denmark.
Deadline early application: February 1st, 2019
Deadline regular application: February 27th, 2019
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CAJAL hands-on course on Brain Homeostasis and Neurovascular Coupling
May 19 – June 8, 2019, Bordeaux Neurocampus, France
Deadline: February 3th, 2019
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FENS-SfN Summer School on Brain reading and writing new perspectives of neurotechnology
June 2-8 2019, Bertinoro, Italy.
Deadline February 4th, 2019
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Dynamics of the brain: temporal aspects of computation
June 9-12 2019, Rungstedgaard, Denmark.
Deadline early application: February 19th, 2019
Deadline regular application: March 14th, 2019
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Other Courses/Workshops/Events/Symposia
- Other Schools/UM central
  - Redesign Bachelor Geneeskunde: announcement data Come@Cocreate sessions
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  - All others
    - Studium Generale Dutch and English Lectures
      Dutch and English lectures, which are always free to visit, unless other notice
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    - M-BIC Lectures
      The M-BIC lectures take place in the auditorium of the M-BIC (Oxfordlaan 55, Maastricht), at 16.00 CET and are followed by an informal reception.

Papers/publications recently accepted for publication/Book chapters
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Societal Impact
- Interviews
  Bert Lenaert was invited to write a contribution to the science blog 'Body in Mind'.
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  - Invited presentations
    Prof Caroline van Heugten gave a presentation to volunteers of the Noord-Limburg Aphasia Centre on the occasion of their 25th anniversary.
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  - Research day 2018 - Pictures

For your information
Update on privacy regulations:
https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/privacy-regulations

Communication guide
Communications, media & house style
General information
New templates are now available for making PowerPoint presentations
Presentations
Scientific Posters
Contributions
With this MHeNs newsletter we would like to keep you informed of the most recent developments and achievements within MHeNs. Contributions (e.g. news of events and grants, important publications, societal impact related topics and research results related to MHeNS research) can be sent to: secr-mhens@maastrichtuniversity.nl.

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