

EMGO+ MENTAL HEALTH NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2012

NEWS

- Joost Dekker, professor of allied health care at the department of rehabilitation medicine and the department of psychiatry, and Henk Verheul, head of the department of medical oncology VUmc, have received 521.000 euro from Alpe d'Huzes/KWF Kankerbestrijding for their project "Screening and treatment of psychological distress in colorectal cancer with metastasized disease: the TES-trial (Targeted screening, Enhanced care, en Stepped care voor psychological distress)". There is a vacancy for a PhD student (see attachment).
- The European Psychiatric Association has elected Christel Middeldorp (biological psychology) winner of the best paper in 2011 in the 'Clinical psychopathology and refinement of psychiatric diagnoses'. In her paper '*The genetic association between personality and major depression or bipolar disorder. A polygenic score analysis using genome wide association data.*' she shows that neuroticism and depression are partly caused by the same genetic risk factors. For this paper she used data collected at the Netherlands Twin Register (NTR) and the Netherlands Study of Depression and Anxiety (NESDA). [Read more.](#)
- The number of compulsory psychiatric admissions has increased a lot in the last 25 years in the Netherlands. Louk van der Post studied which factors cause a patiënt with a serious psychiatric crisis to be admitted involuntarily with an IBS (Inbewaringstelling). [Read more.](#)
- The Alzheimercentrum has launched a digital portal for patiënts with Alzheimer and their relatives at <http://www.alzheimercentrum.nl/patienten/het-portaal>. [Read more.](#)
- Publication in Nature: An international team van scientists, including scientists from the VU Amsterdam, has discovered 68 new genetic locations influencing the size and the number of blood platelets. [Read more.](#)
- IVF twins develop as well as natural twins (data from the Netherlands Twin Register). [Read more.](#)

Some interesting news items (link via ctrl click):

- [Testosteron voor vrouwen met sociale fobie](#)
- [Depressie heeft geen invloed op hechting tussen moeder en kind](#)
- ["Goed dat er meer eerstelijns ggz-zorg komt"](#)
- [Best practices 'dwang en drang' geboekstaafd](#)
- [Cliënten in langdurige zorg geven cognitieve fitness een 8,3](#)
- ["De patiënt als persoon is buiten beeld geraakt"](#)
- [Naar een geneesmiddel voor ptss?](#)
- [Marokkaanse kinderen hebben vaker psychische stoornissen](#)
- [Inzet internet verhoogt productiviteit en effect behandeling](#)
- [Magic mushroom trips point to new depression drugs](#)
- [Anxiety, other disorders more common in autism](#)
- [Treatment for diabetes and depression improves both](#)

PHD CEREMONIES

Willemijn Hoek

Thursday March 1st; 13:45 aula VU

Title: Subclinical Depression and Anxiety in Adolescence: Developmental Trajectories and Online Intervention

Promotors: prof.dr. W.J.M.J. Cuijpers and prof.dr. J.M. Koot

INAUGURAL LECTURES, SYMPOSIA EN COURSES

GGZ KENNISDAG: READY FOR THE FUTURE?

Thursday February 2nd, 2012, 09:30 - 17:30, Beers van Berlage Amsterdam

[More information](#)

VUMC SCIENCE EXCHANGE DAY

Friday March 9th, 11:00-17:00, Amstel Hall and Foyer VUmc

DUTCH PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE 2012

Wednesday April 11th, 2012, 09:00 - 17:00

Het 10e jubileumcongres: Volksgezondheid 2.0. De toekomst van de volksgezondheid.

(co)organised by the Department of Public and Occupational Health of VU University Medical Center.

[More information](#)

EMGO+ RETREAT

Tuesday May 8th; 9:00-17:00 + dinner, Amsterdam Arena

In the afternoon there will be a special program for Mental Health members.

COLLOQUIA FEBRUARY/MARCH 2012

WETENSCHAPSLUNCH DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

Tuesday February 7th, 12:00-13:00 (room D005, A.J. Ernststraat 1187, including lunch)

Speaker: Lynn Boschloo (PhD)

Subject: The co-occurrence of depression and anxiety with alcohol use disorders

Contact person: ma.kok@ggzingeest.nl

COLLOQUIUM CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Monday February 13th; 12:00-13:00 (Transitorium,TBD)

Speaker: Annet Kleiboer

Registration/ more information: a.s.geraedts@vu.nl

COLLOQUIUM CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Monday February 23rd; 16:00-17:00 (K1B-73)

Speaker: Prof. Marcel van Hout, Professor of Experimental Psychopathology, Utrecht University

Subject: How EMDR works

[More information](#)

COLLOQUIUM BIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Friday February 24th, 9:00-13:00 (2B-12)

Speaker: Jouke-Jan Hottenga

Subject: Genotype datasets update (Merge4)

COLLOQUIUM BIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Tuesday February 28th, 16:00-17:00 (2B-20)

Speaker: Karin Janssens (UMCG)

Subject: Biological factors in the etiology of functional somatic symptoms in adolescents

WETENSCHAPSLUNCH DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

Tuesday March 6th, 12:00-13:00 (room D005, A.J. Ernststraat 1187, including lunch)
Speaker: Prof. Adriaan Honig
Subject: Dialyses, depression and ethnicity
Contact person: ma.kok@ggzingeest.nl

COLLOQUIUM CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Monday March 12th; 12:00-13:00 (Transitorium,TBD)
Speaker: Jan Theeuwes (Cognitive psychology)
Registration / more information: a.s.geraedts@vu.nl

COLLOQUIUM BIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Tuesday March 13th, 12:00-13:00 (2B-20)
Speaker: Adrie Seldenrijk (GGZ inGeest)
Subject: Depression, anxiety & subclinical cardiovascular disease

ONDERZOEKSREFERAAT SOMA EN PSYCHE

Tuesday March 20th; 12:00-13:00 (Polikliniek VUmc, PK 1 Y 145)
Speaker: Dr. Marijke Bremmer
Subject: Slaap, Stemming en Suiker: onderzoek naar de effecten van slaapproblemen bij depressieve patiënten met diabetes mellitus

COLLOQUIUM DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

Thursday March 22nd; TBD
Speaker: Prof. Richard Tremblay, professor of Pediatrics/Psychiatry/Psychology, and director of the Research Unit on Children's Psychosocial Maladjustment at the University of Montreal.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Personal Page and Project Page

To get a Personal Page, contact Karin Johnson ke.johnson@vumc.nl.
New co-workers at Mental Health: please inform Marissa Kok mh.emgo@vumc.nl who you are, what you do and how to reach you.

All projects have a Project Page on our website. If yours is missing, contact Marissa Kok mh.emgo@vumc.nl. To create a Project Page the following information is needed: number of the scientific committee (WC-number), starting date and estimated end date of the project.

EMGO+ intranet

Use our new EMGO+ intranet website. Log in with your Personal Page account at <http://intranet.emgo.nl>.

Research themes on EMGO+ website

The EMGO+ website is extended: each research theme within a program can now make its own webpage. [Soma & Psyche](#) has already done this. For more information, contact mh.emgo@vumc.nl.

Database EMGO+ projects

EMGO+ has developed a database for all its research projects: www.projectendb.nl. We need the help of the project leaders and professors to keep this database up to date! All project leaders and professors can log in to the project database with their Personal Page account, to check if the information about their current projects is correct. If not, please inform mh.emgo@vumc.nl.

GRANTS/FUNDING

European Commission: KP7 Calls

€7 billion available for training, fundamental and applied scientific research
All documents for the Work Programme for 2012 are available now:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_calls/

A summary of the 10 work programmes (in Dutch) can be found on the website of [AgentschapNL](#). Specific assistance regarding FP7: [VU/VUmc Subsidy](#)

Subsidie-informatie op VUmc intranetsite

<https://intranet.vumc.nl/afdelingen/thema/vcw/subsidie-aanvragen/>

VU Subsidy Desk - Part of VU/VUmc

<http://www.vu.nl/en/research/grants-and-funds/research-support/grants-desk/index.asp>

VU Guidance programme

VU University Amsterdam provides assistance to researchers taking part in the NWO grant programmes, [Mosaic](#) and Innovational Research [Incentives Scheme](#) (Veni, Vidi, Vici) and in [ERC Ideas](#). The VU Guidance Programme is based on the NWO assessment procedure as described in the [NWO's IRIS brochure](#).

The NWO committee assesses the applications on the basis of the quality of the researcher, the quality of the research proposal and the innovative character of the research proposed. The committee takes the external assessment reports, the applicant's reply and the selection interview into account when arriving at its decision.

The VU Guidance Programme consists of four parts: 1) a workshop on how to write a research application, 2) advisory sessions, 3) a presentation workshop and 4) a mock selection interview. The VU Guidance Programme is available free of charge to researchers currently working at VU University Amsterdam and to researchers who currently work elsewhere but wish to conduct research at VU University Amsterdam with an IRIS grant.

Details regarding this guidance programme can be found on the VU research website: [Dutch](#) or [English](#). Candidates who wish to take part in the guidance programme are kindly requested to register (for each element of the programme separately) through the website.

Contact: Maja Grcic, IRIS and ERC coordinator, m.grcic@dienst.vu.nl

ZonMw Subsidiewijzer

<http://www.zonmw.nl/nl/subsidie/subsidiekalender/>

NWO Subsidiewijzer

http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/pages/SPPD_7AK3L2

Hersenstichting

<http://www.hersenstichting.nl/onderzoek/subsidies>

Fonds Psychische Gezondheid

<http://www.psychischegezondheid.nl>

EU-beurzen

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7>

All European Subsidies online

This website integrates the funding opportunities for studying, working or performing research in one of the European nations. The portal aims to stimulate and help students (bachelor, master, PhD) worldwide to find and select appropriate scholarships to study in Europe.

<http://www.scholarshipportal.eu/>

- Program leaders Mental Health Hans Koot and Brenda Penninx -