



Rudolf Magnus Institute of Neuroscience

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Innovational Research Incentives Scheme (Vernieuwingsimpuls) NWO

Recently, the results of our grant applications to the VIDI-programme of NWO have become available. The VIDI-programme is part of the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme, which is intended as support for senior staff members. Innovational aspects and quality of research are the most important criteria for funding. Per grant about €600,000 will be available. The Rudolf Magnus Institute has been remarkably successful: four out of five grant requests were funded. Some numbers for comparison. Nation-wide 431 grants were requested, of which 75 were funded (17%). At the Utrecht University 11 grant applications were funded, and nation-wide 19 applications were granted in the medical sciences. We have done exceptionally well, and we can be proud of our Institute. Apparently our research is innovative and we have some talented researchers among us.

The grant applications rewarded are:

- Roger Adan, Department Pharmacology and Anatomy of the RMI, subdivision Pharmacology and Anatomy of the Division of Neuroscience.
Role of neuropeptides in disorders of energy balance.
- Leonard van den Berg, Department Neurology and Neurosurgery of the RMI, subdivision Neurology of the Division of Neuroscience.
Genetic susceptibility factors in patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.
- Chantal Kemner, Department Psychiatry of the RMI, subdivision Child and Adolescent Psychiatry of the Division of Neuroscience.
From neuronal connection to social interaction.
- Nick Ramsey, Department Psychiatry of the RMI, subdivision Psychiatry of the Division of Neuroscience.
The neural basis of automatised cognitive functions.

Professors: in and out

Earlier this year Gabriël Rinkel (Department Neurology and Neurosurgery of the RMI, subdivision Neurology of the Division of Neuroscience) was appointed as first strategic professor (stimuleringshoogleraar) of the UMC Utrecht, with as special assignment *Neurology with specific attention to subarachnoidal bleeding*. On July 1st 2002 Roger Adan (Department Pharmacology and Anatomy of the RMI, subdivision Pharmacology and Anatomy of the Division of Neuroscience) was appointed as professor in *Molecular Pharmacology*.

Two professors will leave us, both presently working in the Department Psychiatry of the RMI, subdivision Child and Adolescent Psychiatry of the Division of Neuroscience. They are Jan Buitelaar who is appointed in Nijmegen to chair the Division of Psychiatry, and Peggy Cohen-Kettenis who will continue her work, especially her gender research, in Amsterdam.

