



Rudolf Magnus Institute of Neuroscience

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Changes in the Research Training Committee

The Research Training Committee presently exists of three members of staff, each representing one of the three Departments of the Rudolf Magnus Graduate School. The representative of the Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery Dop Bär, who was recently appointed Director of the Master's Biomedical Sciences, was succeeded by Leonard Van den Berg. As part of his function, Leonard Van den Berg will now also act as ombudsperson for the PhD students within the Department of Psychiatry. Another major change in the composition of the Research Training Committee will be the joining of two PhD students. This renewed committee of five members will ensure further streamlining of the research-training track of PhD students.

FOR QUESTIONS, regarding the Research Training Committee, j.dekker@med.uu.nl

Rudolf Magnus Summer School 2004

The theme of the Summer School 2004 is 'Genetic control of behaviour', and the programme is now available. The Rudolf Magnus Summer School will take place on Thursday and Friday, September 16th and 17th, 2004, and will be held at a historic location in the centre of Utrecht, Ottone (Kromme Nieuwegracht 62). Registration for PhD students and staff is now open.

INFORMATION: programme and registration, <http://www.rudolfmagnus.nl>

Business Cards of the Rudolf Magnus Institute

All staff, post-docs and PhD students will shortly receive an invitation to order the newly designed business card of the Rudolf Magnus Institute. These cards will be printed on two sides, with on one side the newly designed Rudolf Magnus card and on the other side the standard UMC format. Both sides of the cards will be in English. You will also receive an additional e-mail address in the format, j.jansen@rudolfmagnus.nl. This e-mail address will be redirected to a default e-mail address of your own choice. All staff, post-docs, and PhD students will receive a complimentary set of cards.

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Certificate of Graduate School

The Director and the Research Training Committee of the Graduate School took pleasure in presenting the Certificate to the following Doctors: Han Boter, Leontien Diergaarde, Geert-Jan Groeneveld, Indrag Lampe, Marijn Lijffijt, Dik Rutgers, Louise Sabelis, Enikö Sajti, Dorine Slaats-Willemse, Jeroen Terpstra, Jan Veldink, and Tineke Vogelaar.

INFORMATION: Graduate School and criteria to receive the Certificate, <http://www.rudolfmagnus.nl>

Research Award Diederik Van Dijk

Diederik Van Dijk (Anaesthesiology) has won a Clinical Scholar Research Award of the International Anaesthesia Research Society for his project, 'Long-term cognitive decline after coronary artery bypass grafting: is off-pump surgery beneficial?'. The prize of \$ 75,000 will be spent on the award winning research in 2004 and 2005.

Brochure 'Rudolf Magnus Institute'

The brochure gives an account of our contemporary institute, and is intended to promote our institute (inter-)nationally. It has an approximately 50-page glossy format with full colour print, photographs and interviews, along with institutional information. All staff, post-docs and PhD students will receive a copy of the brochure.

Network of European Neuroscience Schools

An initiative was taken by the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS) to create a Network of European Neuroscience Schools (NENS). Its most important aims are promotion of the European higher education in neuroscience, setting of quality standards in neuroscience programmes, encouraging and supporting mobility among students and staff, and improving cooperation among current and future European scientists. FENS hosts the NENS website at which all schools can present core data of their bachelor's, master's, and graduate programmes.

INFORMATION, visit the NENS website, <http://fens.mdc-berlin.de/nens>

Rudolf Magnus Symposium, 17 November 2004

The yearly symposium in which the winner of the Rudolf Magnus Research Award 2004 is to be announced will be held in the afternoon of Wednesday November 17th, 2004. The keynote lecture during this symposium will be delivered by **Robin Murray**, distinguished researcher of the Institute of Psychiatry in London.

Academic Promotions

Since March, we celebrated another 11 PhD-graduations (supervisors between brackets).

- D.A.J.P.Denys, *On certainty* (H.G.M.Westenberg, H.G.M.Van Megen)
- G.J.Groeneveld, *Treatment strategies for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis* (J.H.J.Wokke, H.J.Guchelaar, L.H.Van den Berg)
- E.C.Sajti, *Behaviour, mood, and immune system* (J.J.Heijnen, W.H.Gispen, N.Van Meeteren, J.Van der Net)
- L.W.E.Sabelis, *Insulin sensitivity and chronic heart failure: the missing link?* (W.L.Mosterd, T.W.Van Haften, M.L.Zonderland)
- L.Diergaarde, *Social and cognitive dysfunction following neonatal lesions in the amygdala* (J.M.Van Ree, B.M.Spruijt, M.A.F.M.Gerrits)
- J.H.Veldink, *Factors determining risk and outcome in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis*. (J.H.J.Wokke, P.R.Bär, L.H.Van de Berg)
- M.Lijffijt, *Impulsivity, inhibitory control, and ADHD* (J.L.Kenemans, H.Van Engeland)
- J.Terpstra, *Neonatal amygdala lesions and stress responsivity in rats. Relevance to schizophrenia* (V.M.Wiegant, J.M.Van Ree, C.C.Gispen-De Wied)
- P.J.Senden, *Skeletal muscle characteristics and exercise performance in chronic heart failure. A clinical study before and after physical training* (W.L.Mosterd, M.L.Zonderland, E.Bol)
- I.K.Lampe, *Brain and behaviour: the effects of aging and recurrent depressive illness* (Th.J.Heeren, R.S.Kahn, H.E.Hulshoff Pol)
- M.Van Nieuwenhuizen, *Social information processing in children with mild intellectual disabilities* (A.Vermeer, W.Matthys, B.Orobio de Castro, L.Wijnroks)