



# Rudolf Magnus Institute of Neuroscience

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### **David De Wied deceased (12 January 1925 – 21 February 2004)**

David De Wied deceased on 21 February. He was the founder of the Institute. David De Wied was an eminent scientist who received many honours including Royal Honours. He was President of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences (KNAW), and founded the European Journal of Pharmacology. He significantly contributed to the medical biology signature of the UMC Utrecht. David De Wied, who frequently visited our Institute after his retirement in 1990, will be sadly missed.

### **Master of Neuroscience and Cognition gains further recognition**

The Masters Programme Neuroscience and Cognition was recognised by the Utrecht University as 'International Prestige Masters Programme'. As a direct result of this recognition, the programme will receive a grant of € 1,000,000. This grant is to be used for scientific research that supports also training and education of the Masters Programme.

### **Alliance with the Helmholtz Institute**

The Rudolf Magnus Institute has made a strategic alliance with the Helmholtz Institute, the 'Rudolf Magnus – Helmholtz Alliance of Brain Research'. Both institutes will remain independent. The board of the Alliance is formed by the directors of the institutes, and will stimulate, initiate, and coordinate joint initiatives. The alliance will among others explore the following initiatives: to plan the research support for the 'Prestige Master' (see above), to arrange a covenant for the Utrecht Imaging Centre of Cognitive Neuroscience, to strengthen the PhD training programme, and to apply for joint grant applications (UU, NWO, EU).

INFORMATION: about the Helmholtz Institute, <http://www.phys.uu.nl/~wwwfm/>.

### **Marjon Van der Meulen wins Award**

Marjon Van der Meulen (Dept Neurology and Neurosurgery), together with her colleague Irene Bonner (AMC, Amsterdam), was awarded the annual prize for research on Neuromuscular Diseases by the Princess Beatrix Foundation. The prize was awarded to Marjon on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004, for her groundbreaking work on the diagnosis of polymyositis, published in Neurology (61:316-21).

### **Programme Summer School 2004 announced**

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

INFORMATION: programme of the Summer school 2004 <http://www.rudolfmagnus.nl>.

## First certificates of Graduate School awarded

Following last year's publication of the criteria for the Certificate of the Rudolf Magnus Graduate School, the first Certificates have now been awarded to the PhD students who have met these criteria. The director and the Research Training Committee of the Graduate School take pleasure in presenting the Certificate to the following Doctors: W.Alpherts, D.Denys, H.Lesscher, J.Reijneveld, and C.Wolters.

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

## Booklet for promotion of the Institute

The information about our Institute/Graduate School, which was gathered for the evaluation of the Institute in 2003, will be presented in a booklet that will be used for promotional purposes. Although the booklet can be used as an annual report of 2003, it will have a more timeless contents so that it can be used for the promotion of our Institute for years. It will be produced professionally during the coming months and have an attractive format with many photos and interviews accompanying the institutional information.

## Inaugural addresses

On January 20<sup>th</sup>,2004, Eline Lindeman has presented an overview of her field of research (Rehabilitation Medicine), in an inaugural address entitled 'To rehabilitate and to learn'. In two weeks time, Jan Neeleman (Psychiatric Epidemiology) will present his views on his field of work in an inaugural address entitled: 'That what binds all medical specialisms'.

DATE AND VENUE: inaugural address J. Neeleman, Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 2004, 16.15 h, Academy Building, Domplein 29, Utrecht, with reception afterwards. The address will be in Dutch.

## The Institute in the news

When all media-attention of the UMCU was considered over the year 2003, the scientific research within our Institute was the most cited research in the media. Still we could do better, given the fact that many potential news items, like the publication of scientific top articles, are often not released to the press. In particular, more information about the acceptance of research articles in scientific top journals would be most welcome to a wider exposure to the media.

SEND: all relevant news items to the attention of [j.dekker@med.uu.nl](mailto:j.dekker@med.uu.nl) (coordinator of news items).

## Academic promotions

Since December, we celebrated another seven PhD-graduations (supervisors between brackets).

- J.P. Boter, *Effectiveness of outreach stroke care* (G.J.E. Rinkel, R.J. De Haan)
- E. Van Erp-Van der Kooij, *Coping behaviour in pigs - consequences for welfare and performance* (M.J.M. Tielen, V.M. Wiegant, W.G.P. Schouten, F.J.C.M. Van Eerdenburg)
- D.I.E. Slaats-Willemse, *Cognitive Endophenotypes of ADHD* (J.K. Buitelaar, J.T. Swaab-Barneveld)
- D.R. Rutgers, *Cerebral Circulation and Metabolism in Obstructive Carotid Artery Disease* (W.P.Th.M. Mali, L.J. Kappelle, J. Van der Grond)
- H.M.B. Lesscher, *Vulnerability for Cocaine Dependence; Involvement of  $\mu$ -opioid receptor* (J.M. Van Ree, J.P.H. Burbach, M.A.F.M. Gerrits)
- I.E.C. Sommer, *Language lateralization and schizophrenia* (R.S. Kahn, N.F. Ramsey)
- E.J. Rook, *Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of diacetylmorphine in opioid dependent patients* (J.M. Van Ree, J.H. Beijnen, W. Van den Brink)