



Yield Newsletter – May 2014

Dear Yield members,

In this Newsletter, we would like to inform you about the latest Yield activities and upcoming Yield lab meetings.

Yield news

We are delighted to communicate that two submitted research proposals were positively evaluated (midway evaluations):

Geertjan Overbeek submitted a Horizon grant for the call 'Understanding health, ageing and disease: determinants, risk factors and pathways' (PHC-01-2014-2-stage, 'Towards healthier ageing: Uncovering interplay between genes and family risk in the development of substance and conduct problems'). This means that Geertjan can submit the second stage of the proposal. We wish him good luck!

Frans Oort submitted a Graduate Programme proposal to NWO. This proposal received very positive midway evaluations. If the proposal is granted, Yield will be able to appoint four PhD students (AiO's) under the supervision of Yield's principal investigators.

Other

The Yield team will soon plan the lab meetings and activities for the fall 2014. We will continue with relevant research topics from the Yield day next to satellite meetings (more informal meetings). If you have any suggestions regarding relevant topics, do not hesitate to email us (h.larsen@uva.nl).

The Finnish researcher dr. Tellervo Korhonen will present her research during a colloquium to be held on **11 June 2014**, from **14:00h - 15:00h** in **P.2.27**. Since 2009 Dr. Korhonen has worked as adjunct professor in public health at the University of Helsinki. Her research focuses amongst others on the role of (poly)genetic vulnerability and gene-environment interactions in the development of substance (ab)use. Dr. Korhonen will present on the etiology and risk factors connected to the development of nicotine dependence, and possible treatment thereof. She will also pay attention to disorders that often co-occur with nicotine dependence, such as depression and alcohol dependency.

Lab meetings

In the lab meeting of 24th of April, we discussed the research topic "The curious mind". We discussed the concept of curiosity from a developmental perspective, the challenge as to how to assess curiosity and how research on curiosity might be able to influence education. The focus of a possible research proposal is on 'individual differences in discovery learning'. The first stage of this research proposal will be submitted to the Spencer Foundation in June 2014. We cross our fingers!

Up-coming meetings

Thursday 22nd of May at 11:00, location GS.28A: "The effects of implementation of tablets use in schools" will be discussed. A short overview of the type of research conducted on this topic will be given. This topic is still in an early stage and concrete research proposals have not been developed yet. Involved researchers are already invited, but if you would like to attend the meeting as well, send an e-mail to Mariëlle de Reuver (j.m.dereuver@uva.nl) or Helle Larsen (h.larsen@uva.nl)

Thursday 19th of June at 11:00, location GS.28A: Topic will follow

For an overview of all topics discussed during the Yield day: see February's Newsletter (<http://cde.uva.nl/research/rpa-yield>) for a short description.

With kind regards, on behalf of the Yield Team,
Frans Oort, Mariëlle de Reuver and Helle Larsen