



Yield Newsletter - November 2014

Dear Yield members,

In this Newsletter, we would like to update you on the ongoing and future Yield activities.

News

Yield-day 2015

As previously announced the Yield-day will be held on Thursday 29th of January 2015 in Pand020, Amsterdam. In December, we will invite all members to indicate their presence. The goals of the Yield-day are to meet with other Yield members, to generate knowledge, to plan joint research and joint grant applications. This year we invited a professional agency specialized in activating creativity, innovativeness, and in creating a positive mind set. The agency will coach the brainstorm session. There will also be a number of Yield members who will present examples of Yield research. More details on the programme will soon follow.

Graduate Programme

On November the 20th 2014, an information meeting for Research Master students from Psychology and Child Development and Education was held. Students were informed about Yield, the Graduate Programme, how to apply and the selection procedure. For more information contact Helle Larsen H.Larsen@uva.nl.

Yield Institutions [Academische Werkplaatsen]

Next to the initial contacts with boards of primary and secondary schools and care institutions, Yield is now also in consultation with the Sarphati Institute, to discuss collaboration. The Sarphati Institute is an alliance of researchers from the VU, VUmc, UvA, AMC, GGD, HvA, and partners from the industry. The focus is on increasing public health and promoting a healthy life style (e.g., with research on obesity, overweight, brain disease, cardiovascular disease, and cancer). The Sarphati Institute will also start new large cohort studies, in which Yield researchers might want to participate.

Yield activities (see also below for an updated list of Yield meetings)

Rita Vuyk lecture (note! Changed time and location)

Prof. Susan Tapert (University of California San Diego, Department of Psychiatry)

Time: December 5th, 11:00-12:00

Location: REC M102

Neuroimaging Findings in Young Drinkers: Does Teenage Drinking Harm the Brain?

Alcohol use is common in adolescence and young adulthood, and rates of binge drinking are particularly high. Recent neuropsychological and brain imaging research have shown that the brain is continuing to develop throughout adolescence and into young adulthood (i.e., through the 20s), and that the brain may be more vulnerable to the effects of heavy doses of alcohol at this developmental phase. This lecture will discuss how a healthy brain progresses through adolescence and young adulthood. We will explore data from three projects in my lab showing that binge drinking appears to affect the brain, and is linked to changes in thinking abilities over time. Finally, we will examine the role of the media in alcohol use decisions of young people. Implications for prevention will be reviewed.

Kind regards, on behalf of the Yield team

Frans Oort, Marielle de Reuver and Helle Larsen

Overview of Yield meetings

Childhood education and family support

Biweekly colloquia are held. Ongoing research is presented and discussed. Contact: Alithe van den Akker (A.L.vandenAkker@uva.nl)

Brain & Cognition

Biweekly colloquia are held (see <http://www.dutcharc.nl/links/labmeetings/>). Contact: Cédric Koolschijn (P.C.M.P.Koolschijn@uva.nl)

Education and Instruction, learning processes and child development

Education organises 'Educational Science Colloquia' approximately bimonthly. These meetings consist of presentations of research and occasionally external speakers are invited. Contact: Madelon van den Boer (M.vandenBoer@uva.nl) and Marloes Muijselaar (M.M.L.Muijselaar@uva.nl)

Education and Instruction, learning processes and child development also have combined colloquia which are held monthly. In these meetings, ongoing research is presented and research proposals are discussed. Contact: Madelon van den Boer (M.vandenBoer@uva.nl)

Developmental psychology and Developmental and parenting problems

Combined OOP (Susan Bögels' lab)/ADAPT (Reinout Wiers' lab) colloquia are held once a month. Here ongoing research is presented and discussed. Contact: Bram van Bockstaele (B.D.vanBockstaele@uva.nl)

Code – P colloquia are held biweekly (Hilde Huizenga's lab and Maartje Raijmakers' lab). In these meetings, research is presented and discussed. Contact: Laura Dekkers (L.M.S.Dekkers@uva.nl)

AMC Pediatrische Psychologie Kennisoverdracht Bijeenkomst

These are monthly research meetings, often with (external) presentations. The meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month from 12:00-13:00. Contact: Marieke de Vries (M.deVries@uva.nl)

Tinbergen Institute

The Tinbergen Institute is the graduate school and research institute of the economist from the UvA, VU and EUR. Their Labour, Health, Education and Development group organizes weekly seminars in Amsterdam on Tuesday from 16.00-17.30. These are open seminars where Yield researchers are welcome. Topics are announced at www.tinbergen.nl. Contact: Nienke Ruijs (n.m.ruijs@uva.nl).