Dear Yield members,

In this Newsletter, we would like to update you on Yield news and activities.

**News**

**Sarphati Amsterdam**

The research institute Sarphati Amsterdam (a collaboration between UvA, GGD, AMC, VUmc, HVA; see Yield Newsletter of February) is looking for a Research coordinator (0.6 fte). Candidates for this position should have a background in health or life science (PhD), experience with research on healthy development of children and very good communication and coordination skills. The research coordinator will be based at the VU. Please share this vacancy with potential candidates. They have to apply before 10 May.

For more information and how to apply: [http://jeugdengezondheid.org/nl/Vacatures/-stages.html](http://jeugdengezondheid.org/nl/Vacatures/-stages.html) (please scroll down). The deadline for applications is 10-5-2016 (in contrast to the information on the webpage).

**Yield Graduate Programme: PhD applications**

On 15 April 2016, a total of 12 internal and external candidates have submitted their PhD-proposals for the Yield Graduate Programme (YGP). Of all submissions, four proposals can be honoured. The applications will be reviewed by six referees and a nine-member selection committee. The review committee will decide by the end of June and selected candidates will be invited for an interview in early July.

The review process consists of six consecutive steps. In short, each proposal will be assessed by two referees by means of an assessment form. All proposals and referee reports will be discussed in a meeting of the selection committee. The members present in this meeting will rank the proposals and select four candidates who will be invited for an interview. See the appendix below for the full review protocol.

Kind regards, on behalf of the Yield team

Frans Oort, Mariëlle de Reuver and Helle Larsen

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**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](mailto:A.L.vandenAkker@uva.nl))

**Brain & Cognition**

Biweekly colloquia are held (see [http://www.dutcharc.nl/links/labmeetings/](http://www.dutcharc.nl/links/labmeetings/)). Contact: Marie Deserno ([m.k.deserno@uva.nl](mailto:m.k.deserno@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: Remmert Daas (R.J.M.Daas@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 (marieke.devries@amc.uva.nl)

Tinbergen Institute
The Tinbergen Institute is the research institute and graduate school of the economist from the UvA, VU and EUR. These are open seminars where Yield researchers are welcome. The topics are rather broad. Contact: Nienke Ruis (N.M.Ruijs@uva.nl)

Psychometrics: Methods &Statistics (POWL) and Psychological Methods (Psychology)
Combined M&S (POWL) and PM (Psychology) biweekly meetings on Psychometrics. Wednesdays 12:00-13:00. Contact: Andries van der Ark (L.A.vanderArk@uva.nl)

Appendix
Review protocol PhD-proposals Yield Graduate Programme

On 15 April 2016, both internal and external candidates have submitted their PhD-proposals for the Yield Graduate Programme (YGP). Of all submissions, four proposals can be honoured. The reviewing process is outlined below.

Selection committee
The proposal will be reviewed by six referees and a nine-member selection committee, including:
- Yield director (and chair of the review committee);
- Four Yield board members;
- All other Yield principal investigators who have submitted a proposal (four in total).

Three researchers outside Yield and three postdoctoral fellows will act as referees.

Review process
Step 1: All proposals will be checked on basic requirements, such as completeness and the cooperation of a Yield-affiliated principal investigator.
Step 2: Each proposal will be assessed by two referees, who will score the proposals by means of an assessment form.
Step 3: All proposals and referee reports will be discussed in a meeting of the selection committee. Prior to this meeting, all members of the selection committee will receive and read all proposals and referee reports.

Step 4: At the end of this meeting, all proposals are ranked. All members who are present in this meeting will award scores 6 through 1 to the six proposals that they prefer. Members cannot vote for proposals in which they themselves are involved. Sum scores are divided by the number of eligible voters. In case of ex aequos, the number of top scores will be decisive, i.e., the number of #1-rankings. If this is equal too, #2-rankings, etc.

Step 5: By the end of the meeting, based on the overall ranking of proposals, the selection committee will decide which four candidates will be invited for an interview, and which questions will be asked.

Step 6: The selected candidates are invited for an interview. On condition that candidates are able to give satisfactory answers to the predetermined questions, the interview will not affect the outcome.

**Final decision**

Our goal is to make final decisions in the first week of July. If Yield GP candidates also participate in the NWO Talent programme, and are awarded the NWO grant, then their proposal will not further compete for the Yield grant.

Please note that the quality of the proposal and the candidate is decisive, hence, Yield principal investigators can be awarded with multiple grants.