Dear Yield members,

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

**News**

**Yield Graduate Programme: PhD applications**

On 15 April 2016, a total of 13 internal and external candidates submitted their PhD-proposals for the Yield Graduate Programme (YGP). Of all submissions, four proposals can be honoured. The applications are being reviewed by external reviewers and internal reviewers within Yield. The candidates will be informed about a possible selection for an interview between the 6th – 10th of June 2016.

**NWO Gravity Programme**

Various Yield PI’s are involved in two NWO Gravity Programme (Zwaartekracht) proposals, that were submitted 10 May 2016. Hilde Huizinga, Geertjan Overbeek and Frans Oort are engaged in a work package in ‘Urban Health Dynamics’, through Sarphati Amsterdam with RPA Global Health. Main applicant is Karien Stronks, one of the AMC Principal Investigators. Reinout Wiers and Denny Borsboom are involved in work packages through the research school EPP (Experimental Psychopathology) with Anita Jansen, Maastricht University, as main applicant. Hopefully one of the two proposals will be successful.

**Lectures**

You are cordially invited to a lecture on “Confident Parents for Easier Children: Strengthening Parental Self-Efficacy to Reduce Preschoolers’ Externalizing Behavior”

**When:** Thursday 9th June, 15:30-17:00

**Location:** REC-B.3.06

**Speaker:** Bénédicte Mouton

Université Catholique de Louvain (visiting scholar at Utrecht University)

**Abstract:** By looking at their child’s development and by interacting with their child, most parents build their own sense of competence as a parent. But what if the way a child develops is different from what parents expected, and if there is a discrepancy between the energy and time invested by the parent and how the child develops? What if parents experience their child to be difficult and if comments from others about their child are negative? This presentation will discuss the innovative Confident Parents parenting program, designed for parents of young children with externalizing behavior difficulties. The innovation of this program is twofold: the program is brief and focused, rather than long-term and comprehensive, and it uses a cognitive approach to enhance parental feelings of componence, rather than a behavioral approach to improve parents’ parenting practices. Program effects on parent and child behavior will be discussed, based on a multi-informant and multi-method approach, and including the influence of individual differences in child initial behavior severity, temperament, and socioeconomic disadvantage on programs effects.
Lectures about sex in AIR

Yield postdoc Daphne van de Bongardt will, in collaboration with four other researchers from the AMC Amsterdam, VU Amsterdam, UMC Utrecht and Leiden University, give a theme lecture about sex for the ‘Universiteit van Nederland’. The lectures will be recorded on June 1st 2016 in Club Air in Amsterdam, will then be available online and will be on TV this fall. For more information and tickets see: http://www.universiteitvannederland.nl/bijwonen/seks/

Kind regards, on behalf of the Yield team
Frans Oort, Mariëlle 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: Marie Deserno (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 (marijke.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: Nienieke 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)