Yield Newsletter – January / February 2018

Dear Yield members,

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

News

Dutch National Research Agenda: ‘Child and adolescent development, upbringing and education’

January 1st 2018 the research programme ‘Equal opportunities for a diverse youth’ started. This programme is part of the ‘Startimpuls’ of the Dutch National Research Agenda (NWA). The programme is led by Yield professor Monique Volman, who also acts as one of the ‘figureheads’ of the NWA-route ‘Child and adolescent development, upbringing and education’.

Together with co-figurehead professor Judi Mesman (Leiden University) and a consortium of 35 research and practice partners, she will investigate how the position of children and adolescents in a resilient society can be improved. The programme focusses on processes and mechanisms in the changing environments in which young people grow up and that may reinforce and/or break through inequalities. The programme aims to yield knowledge that can easily be translated into interventions that contribute to chances for an optimal development for children and adolescents.

The grant equals to €2,5 million, to be spent within a period of three years. The five projects within the programme focus on the following questions:

1. How can teachers enhance positive intergroup attitudes and a positive development of students’ ethnic/cultural and other social identities?
2. To which extent, and how, do different forms of out-of-school learning have an impact on the educational opportunities of children and adolescents?
3. How can the accessibility of psychosocial help be improved making use of a response-to-intervention approach?
4. How can professionals be enabled to bring about reciprocal contact with migrant youth and their parents?
5. How can the accumulation of (psychosocial) health problems among young people be stopped or reduced?

Yield-day 2018

At the Yield-day on January 25th 2018, the subprojects of the Yield Signature Project (YSP) were presented and discussed. Within the signature project, we aim to create multi-disciplinary projects by having staff across different research groups participate, and to collaborate with Sarphati Amsterdam by using their infrastructure and cohort data as much as possible. The YSP is based on the theme of self-regulation, and more specific research ideas relating to this theme that were put forward in the previous Yield-day (2017) and further input of ideas from research groups participating in Yield. Pre-selected subgroups of researchers have been asked to develop a truly interdisciplinary subproject and submit the proposal in a prespecified, concise format within the topic of self-regulation.

The discussions during Yield-day 2018 were very helpful to improve the subprojects. We appreciate the participation and constructive feedback of all present Yield members. Currently, the subprojects are being reviewed by the Yield Signature steering committee and the Yield board. The goal of these reviews is to optimize the quality of the subprojects and their integration under the overarching Yield Signature theme of self-regulation.
Yield Graduate Programme

This spring three Yield PhD students will spend time in labs abroad:

- Daan van Renswoude received the Van der Gaag beurs (KNAW) and from March-June 2018 he will visit the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) to work in the babylab of Professor Scott Johnson. During this visit they will lay the foundation for the development of a computational model that is able to explain eye movement characteristics typically observed in infants.
- Mae Nuijs received the Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds grant and the UvA385 grant to go to the University of Western Australia in Perth from March-May 2018 in the lab of Prof. Colin MacLeod. During this visit they will collaborate on a study investigating the role of state anxiety related to attentional bias modification training to decrease social anxiety outcomes.
- Çisem Gürel received the UvA385 grant to visit the lab of Prof. Carol Dweck at Stanford University from April-May 2018. During this visit they will work on how narcissistic children’s mindsets can be changed through interventions in order to foster well-being and motivation.

Prizes and grants

- Geertjan Overbeek is awarded with a VICI grant for his research proposal ‘When Mommy and Daddy Get Under Your Skin’. This research examines whether parents can actually get under their children’s skin. Using effective parenting interventions for at-risk families, the researchers aim to enrich parenting to such an extent that it leads to altered gene expression. This potentially helps to improve stress reactivity and decrease disruptive behavior in children.
- Eddie Brummelman received the 2017 APS Rising Star award.

Congratulations to both!

Kind regards, on behalf of the Yield team
Frans Oort, Mariëlle de Reuver and Helle Larsen

Yield activities

Rita Vuyk lecture

The Future of Aging
On 2\textsuperscript{nd} March, 13:00-17:00 in REC-C 0.02.
For information and registration, see https://www.futureofaging.nl/symposium-the-future-of-aging/

Programme:

- 13u00 Welkom en Introductie — Richard Ridderinkhof, UvA-hoogleraar Neurocognitieve Veroudering
- 13u30 Een positieve kijk op veroudering — Erik Scherder, VU-hoogleraar Klinische Neuropsychologie
- 14u15 Verantwoord gebruik van psychofarmaca, John Mens, medisch eindverantwoordelijk arts
- 15u00 Koffiepauze
- 15u30 Het effect van Muziek & Beweging
- 15u40 Master the Future of Science: lancering nieuwe UvA-master
- 16u10 Aandacht voor Ouderen(zorg) — Hugo Borst, publicist en mantelzorger
- 16u55 Lust for Life, Bijzondere Afsluiting
- 17u00 Sluiting en borrel
**Overview of Yield meetings**

**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: Jan Pieter Marchal (j.p.marchal@amc.uva.nl)

**Brain & Cognition**
Biweekly colloquia are held (see http://www.dutcharc.nl/links/labmeetings/).
Contact: Marie Deserno (m.k.deserno@uva.nl)

**Developmental Psychology**
ADAPT-Lab (Addiction Development and Psychopathology Lab). Weekly meetings are held where topics and ongoing research related to addiction and psychopathology are discussed, often with (external) presentations.
Contact: Eva Schmitz (E.A.Schmitz@uva.nl)
Code–P lab meetings are held biweekly. In these meetings, research on cognitive development is presented and discussed.
Contact: Daan van Renswoude (D.R.vanRenswoude@uva.nl)

**Developmental psychopathology 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)

**Educational Sciences**
Educational Sciences organises ‘Educational Sciences 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)
The research group ‘Developmental disorders and Special education’also has colloquia that are held monthly. In these meetings, ongoing research is presented and research proposals are discussed.
Contact: Madelon van den Boer (M.vandenBoer@uva.nl)

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

**Psychometrics: Methods &Statistics (POWL) and Psychological Methods (Psychology)**
Combined M&S (POWL) and PM (Psychology) monthly meetings on Psychometrics. Fridays 16:00-17:00.
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