Radboud Expert Centre Psychology & Medicine

We are pleased to present the Summer newsletter of the Radboud Expert Centre for Psychology & Medicine, aimed to develop and attract interest in the translational behavioral research at the Radboud University Medical Center (RUMC). In this newsletter, you will find recent news and activities.

News

Essay Prize European Association for Dermatology and Psychiatry (ESDaP) for Sylvia van Beugen | June 6, 2013

Drs. Sylvia van Beugen has been awarded the Essay Prize at the 15th Congress of the European Society for Dermatology and Psychiatry (ESDaP) at Roskilde, Denmark, for her study entitled “Implicit tendencies regarding stigmatization in psoriasis patients”.

Sandra van Dulmen board director of the International College of Person Centered Medicine | May 2013

In May 2013, prof.dr. Sandra van Dulmen was appointed as board director of the International College of Person Centered Medicine.

Anne Speckens chair of Committee Clinical Scientific Research ZonMW | January 2013

Starting from 2013, prof.dr. Anne Speckens has been appointed chair of the Committee Clinical Scientific Research of ZonMW (The Netherlands Organization for Health Research and Development).

Mid-Year meeting with chair Roy Kessels | July 10-13, 2013

Prof.dr. Roy Kessels was chair of the International Neuropsychology Society meeting on Evidence-Based Neuropsychology: Fundamentals, Assessment and Treatment. The meeting offered interesting keynote lectures, invited symposia, paper sessions, poster presentations and a education program.

Recent Publications


At the conference of the ARPH (Association for Researchers in Psychology & Health) in Enschede, dr. Antoinette van Laarhoven has received the award for the best PhD thesis of 2012, for her thesis entitled “Itch and pain: common and distinct psychophysiological factors”, which was supervised by prof.dr. A.W.M. Evers, prof.dr. F.W. Kraaimaat, prof.dr. P.C.M. van de Kerkhof, and dr. O.H. Wilder-Smith.

In addition drs. Danielle Bartels has received the ‘best poster award’ at the conference of the ARPH for her poster entitled “The role of conditioning and verbal suggestion in placebo and nocebo effects on itch”.


Prof.dr. Roy Kessels and dr. Daniëlle Boelen were keynote speakers at the national symposium ‘Errorless learning in dementia: An evidence-based intervention?’ that took place in ‘t Spant in Bussum on June 10th, where they launched the recently published book ‘Foutloos leren bij dementie: een praktische handleiding’ (Errorless learning in dementia: A practical manual), also co-authored by Maartje de Werd, MSc.

This book takes a neuropsychological perspective on the learning capacity of cognitively impaired individuals. It was developed with funding by the Devon Foundation in collaboration with the Radboud Alzheimer Centre and is aimed at professionals working with dementia patients (Boom-Lemma, the Hague, ISBN 978-90-5931-939-4). For more information, see here.

Radboud Personalized Healthcare | June 2013

Prof.dr. Andrea Evers and prof.dr. Alain van Gool chaired a steering group on ‘Personalized Healthcare’ as an overarching theme of the scientific research of the RUMC.

The main conclusion of the steering group was that the RUMC can have a distinct focus on Personalized Healthcare with its translational and interdisciplinary research and link to themes such as Participatory Healthcare and Patient as Partner.

On June 26th, 2013, the annual NCEBP symposium was organized around this theme, entitled “Working together on Personalized Healthcare: Let’s optimize Science, Care and Education”.


PhD Defenses

Erik Bischoff | January 9, 2013


Ellen Wingbermühle | February 14, 2013


Jacqueline de Leeuw | March 13, 2013


Marijke Tibosch | March 26, 2013


Franca Warmenhoven | May 27, 2013


Janneke Noordman | May 31, 2013


Tewe Laurens Verhage | July 2, 2013


Upcoming Events

15th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology and Psychosocial Academy (IPOS) Rotterdam | November 4-8, 2013

For the theme ‘Innovation in Psycho-Oncology: Clinical Care, Research and Advocacy’, professionals will be brought together about improving cancer care on an international level. Prof.dr. Judith Prins and dr. Mariëtte Gielissen are members of the Local Organizing Committee.

New research projects

Errorless learning (NutsOhra)
A non-pharmacological intervention to teach early dementia patients new every-day skills. Project leader: Prof.dr. R. Kessels.

Fatigue in immunoglobulin-suppletion therapy (CSL Behring)
Project leaders: Dr. A. Simon, dr. H. Knoop, dr. M. van Deursen.

Innovative treatments for inflammation, stress and immunity: personalized expectancy training of immune responses (Junior researcher round NCEBP)
Unravel the central mechanisms of how peoples’ expectations affect immune responses and related health outcomes. Project leader: Prof.dr. A. Evers in collaboration with prof.dr. M. Schedlowski (University of Essen, Germany).

Somatically insufficiently explained Somatic Complaints (SOLK)
Innovatiefonds Zorgverzekeraars
The University Medical Centre Groningen has been awarded a grant, together with researchers of the RUMC, aimed at the development of an online personalized patient system for diagnostics, referral, and treatment of somatically insufficiently explained physical complaints. Project leaders: Prof.dr. R.A. Schoevers & Prof.dr. J. Rosmalen, cooperating partners: Prof.dr. A. Evers & dr. H. Knoop.

Contact

Researchers, clinicians, and health professionals can contact the Radboud Expert Centre Psychology & Medicine with a variety of research questions, for example about the use of (digital) questionnaires on screening instruments, health interventions, or psychophysiological assessment methods, please send an e-mail to Psychology&Medicine@mps.umcn.nl.

We wish you all an inspiring and relaxing Summer research period!

With kind regards,
on behalf of all researchers,

Andrea W.M. Evers, coordinator Radboud Expert Centre Psychology & Medicine

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