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Dear fellow PhD candidates,

2017 is slowly coming to an end. We look back on a good year: our new workshop format 'Discussion and Drinks' was very well received, and the PhD retreat in November was the best visited ever! Now, it is time for a well-deserved Christmas break. We hope you can all relax, and we wish you happy holidays. When you come back to work in 2018, keep an eye out for the invitation to our annual New Year's Lunch! If you have questions, or would like to join the PhD council, don't hesitate to contact us.

Regards,
The RIHS PhD council

Past events: PhD retreat

On 23 and 24 November, PhD candidates from the RIHS gathered in Den Bosch for the annual PhD retreat. This year, we welcomed a record number of participants: over 100 PhD candidates attended the retreat!

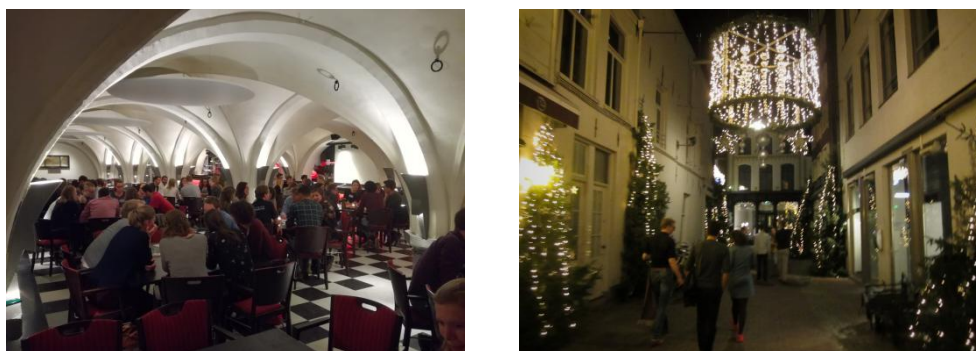
The programme's highlights were undoubtedly the college tour with Ronald Plasterk and the masterclass by Fiona Godlee. Ronald Plasterk started off with some career advice for PhD candidates, which was very valuable coming from a former scientist who went on to be a minister in two governments. Afterwards, we got to ask him everything about his career choices, and views on various topics. Fiona Godlee explained us how to deal with possible struggles when we publish papers.



There was also the opportunity for the participants to share their research in an oral presentation or 4-slide short talk, the best of which were presented with an award. **Thomas van den Heuvel** (photo) won the award for best oral presentation with his presentation on 'automated detection of maternal risk factors in developing countries', while **Anne-Floor Pouwer** and **Wouter Bulten** won the awards for the best 4-slide short talks.



Finally, we took the time to relax and got to know each other during the pubquiz and subsequent night out in Den Bosch. All in all, the retreat was a big success, rated 8 out of 10 by the participants. We hope to welcome even more people next year!



P.s. If you attended the retreat, and haven't filled out the evaluation form yet, you can find it [here](#).

Upcoming events

New Year's Lunch

To start off 2018, we will organize our annual New Year's Lunch. After an inspiring seminar, you can meet your fellow PhD candidates over lunch. Keep an eye out for the invitations at the start of January!



CaRe days 2018 's-Hertogenbosch

On 16 and 17 May 2017 the Netherlands School of Primary Care Research organizes their annual CaRe meeting. On 16 May, the programme is for PhD candidates only and covers scientific integrity from a researcher's (prof. Lex Bouter) and editor's (Fiona Godlee) perspective. The next day, the theme is 'how to create a successful research programme', but will also cover the important balance between academic success and a normal life. Participation is free, as are the stay and dinner at the Golden Tulip Hotel in 's-Hertogenbosch. More information can be found on the [RIHS website](#).

Notifications

Authorship

During the PhD retreat, part of the masterclass by Fiona Godlee focused on the topic of authorship. When should someone be an author and when should you mention someone in the acknowledgements? Fiona introduced the ICMJE recommendations to us, which means that all authors should meet four criteria:

- 1) be involved in conception or execution of the work;
- 2) write or revise the article;
- 3) approve the final version;
- 4) agree to be accountable for all parts of the work.

We discussed that it is sometimes very difficult for us, as PhD candidates, to take part in a discussion on who should be an author on our papers. The Radboud University acknowledges that there are difficult situations regarding authorship and organized a meeting on academic integrity and authorship. Researchers from all faculties came together to have a discussion on the 'rules' of authorship, and how this works in practice.

For more information on the ICMJE recommendations, follow [this link](#).

Call for members

The RIHS PhD council is looking for new members! Membership of the PhD council gives you the opportunity to look beyond your own research. Together with enthusiastic colleagues from different departments you represent all PhD candidates affiliated with the RIHS. You get the opportunity to organize several events, including the annual PhD retreat and gain insight in the organization of the research institute RIHS. If you are interested in joining, please email us at PhDcouncilRIHS@radboudumc.nl.



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