

Dear reader of our Maastricht Student Journal of Psychology and Neuroscience,

We present to you: volume 8 of our Maastricht Student Journal of Psychology and Neuroscience.

The journal's main aim is to provide students with the valuable experience of both publishing and reviewing scientific articles. Therefore, the current objective is to increase the number of students that obtain these experiences and, consequently, increase the number of papers that we publish in our beloved journal.

With the previous volume, we started putting our journal on the FPN-map by raising awareness among students and staff. Since then, many changes have occurred. We have been able to attract new section editors that handle the papers that are submitted and guide authors through the entire process. Xanthate Duggirala, Alexandra Emmendorfer, Lilian Kloft, Noralie Krepel, Natasha Mason, Vaishnavi Narayanan, and Boukje Nass are all PhD students that enthusiastically joined our team with the aim to be able to handle larger amount of input in the future. Moreover, we strengthened bonds with both the 'research Practical' and the 'MaRBLLe' programme. By connecting this journal to these programmes in the FPN curriculum we envision special research Practical' and 'MaRBLLe' editions to be published in the future.

Finally, the FPN board has granted us teaching hours that are dedicated to doing this work. We highly appreciate this gesture. Not just for the time we put into making this possible, but more so for the acknowledgement and appreciation we hereby receive. We all strongly feel that our journal has something to offer to the students and receiving the time to dedicate to this journal makes us feel supported in our quest.

With the described changes, we set the path for expanding our journal and make it flourish. However, there is one thing that seems to lack behind: the input from the authors. I realise that this needs time; the word needs to be spread, examples of published work need to be provided to make students enthusiastic about publishing their work. Hence, this edition is distributed at the final symposium of the research practical with the aim to inspire students to submit their papers. Additionally, I would like to call for reviewers who are willing to add being a reviewer to their curriculum vitae. In the meantime, we eagerly work on our growth and welcome your contributions.

The current edition holds four papers. Lukas Leube has given his critical and prospective view on the role of the medial temporal lobe in memory and spatial processing. Monika Toth has reviewed various sources of evidence for the role of amphetamine in memory consolidation processes. Maja Völker evaluated the potential for manipulating memory processes to be used in treating addiction. Finally, Ioana Staicu carefully considered if oxytocin administration may play a role in the

treatment of symptoms in autism spectrum disorder. On behalf of the editorial board: thank you for your work.

As the papers in the present edition all explore new avenues and exploring novel hypotheses I wish for you, the reader of our journal, to feel inspired by the papers to think outside the box. Moreover, I hope the inspiration to explore extends to concrete aims and objectives to also submit your work to our journal.

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