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Welcome to the 2012 Annual Report of the Amsterdam School of Communication Research ASCoR. This report looks back on an eventful year which included many new hires, and the acquisition of a number of highly prestigious grants and awards.

**Highlights in 2012**

2012 was an exciting year for ASCoR. The NWO Graduate Program took off with the first three of six innovative PhD projects on a wide range of topics. Joost van Spanje received an NWO Veni grant to carry out his project "Killing them softly? Characteristics and consequences of soft repression of political ideas by news media." An NWO Zwaartekracht grant was awarded to a nationwide consortium, including co-PI Patti Valkenburg, focusing on "Individual development: Why some children thrive, and others don’t." As icing on the cake, the Research Priority Area Communication was positively evaluated by the University Research Committee, and recommended for inclusion in the University of Amsterdam core research program for the next four years.

In 2012 our research involved large-scale data collections in several program groups. The year also marked an increase in collaborations – within ASCoR between the program groups, in interdisciplinary teams within the University of Amsterdam, and with colleagues worldwide. We were also delighted to welcome several prominent visitors for research visits and guest lectures.

Other highlights in 2012 included the re-accreditation of national research school NeSCoR by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences. The media visibility of ASCoR researchers was also noticeable, especially during the Fall 2012 Dutch general elections.
What’s next?

In this annual report we summarize and review the achievements in 2012, and we look ahead to 2013 and beyond: We look forward to further extending our internal collaboration between the program groups, and working towards including a program group in Corporate Communication. Our strong performance is matched by a sound financial basis allowing us to invest in additional resources in the coming years.

Claes H. de Vreese
ASCoR Scientific Director
The Amsterdam School of Communication Research (ASCoR) is a research institute in Communication Science, residing in the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences of the University of Amsterdam. It is the largest research institute of its kind in Europe and is among the largest worldwide. More than 55 senior researchers are permanently associated with ASCoR and its English-language PhD program hosts more than 40 candidates.

ASCoR resides at the Department of Communication Science at the University of Amsterdam, and interacts with the bachelor, master, and research master curricula in communication science. These programs attract more than 1,900 graduate and undergraduate candidates.

ASCoR research concentrates on the production, uses, and consequences of information and communication in informing, persuading, and entertaining citizens. The approach is multidisciplinary: Core theories of communication science are combined with theories and methods from other social sciences, political science, sociology, psychology, economics, history, and information sciences. ASCoR is first and foremost knowledge-driven, and its main peer group is the academic community. ASCoR is strongly committed to knowledge dissemination, mainly through international peer-reviewed publications. At the core of the research agenda are fundamental scientific questions, and research is aimed at developing and empirically testing theory. In doing so, the program applies and develops new methodological approaches, both quantitative and qualitative.

ASCoR figures prominently in both national and international academic communities: it directs the national communication science research school NeSCoR which is accredited by the Royal Dutch Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW); it attracts a large share of funding from the Dutch national science foundation (NWO) and the European Research Council; its faculty publish widely

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in leading international journals and present research at prominent international conferences. ASCoR faculty are well represented in international communication organizations, such as the International Communication Association (ICA), the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR), the European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA), the European Advertising Academy (EAA), and the World Association of Public Opinion Research (WAPOR). ASCoR faculty members serve on the editorial boards of nearly all major international communication journals.

The research program 2010-2015

The research program 2010-2015 emphasizes the persuading, entertaining, and informing roles of the media and it highlights the shared focus on uses and consequences of communication across the different ASCoR Program Groups. The ASCoR research program 2010-2015 is guided by a shared empirical focus on the contents, uses and consequences of media and communication. It pioneers in a renewal of media effects theorizing: It sees media use as the outcome of individual dispositions and its context, it focuses on conditional effects (who is affected under which circumstances?) and indirect effects (through which processes?), and it aims to contribute to communication science theories, while also interacting with other disciplines.

Our focus is driven by the conviction that research should provide answers to questions that are both scientifically important and socially relevant. Our research program combines traditional media and communication effects theories, and it also reappraises and renews those theories. It pays more attention to conditional and indirect effects, motivational factors, psychological processes, investigated in larger and more adequately designed studies that include new measurement and modeling techniques.

The ASCoR Research Program 2010-2015 acknowledges that many communication processes both influence ongoing changes and are affected by them, that communication cuts across levels of individuals, groups, institutions and society, and that communication includes (mass) mediated and interpersonal communication. This is why the program uses a tripartite division in research domains. It is organized along three primary functions of communication: To persuade, to inform, and to entertain. All three research areas focus in particular on the contents, uses and consequences of communication.

The 2010-2015 Research Program stresses, on the one hand, continuation of the 2006-2010 program – given the excellent research assessment in 2008 and top scores for vitality and future prospects – and on the other hand, change. It reflects the developments in our field, in research policies, and the composition of our faculty. In the research program 2010-2015 we focus on the overlap and new, shared areas of interest across the program groups. We pay particular attention to the role of entertainment in media and communication. Entertainization is the anchoring and unifying notion that cuts across our three program groups. Entertainization is the widespread inclusion of entertainment elements (e.g., emotions, dramatic conflict, and sensationalism) into information, education and advertising. News has become more sensational, conflict- and human-interest-oriented. Education has embraced edutainment. Traditional advertising has progressively been replaced by product placement, sponsored programs, advergames, and brand entertainment, which all use entertainment as their basis. Some cultural commentators have alluded to the entertainization of society as a whole.

An important assumption of entertainization is that it enhances audience effects: It presumably leads to more attention for news programs and political information, less resistance to commercials and health-education messages, and improves learning from educational curricula. However, even though these intended effects are often taken as granted by journalists, advertisers and (health) educators, they have rarely been investigated. Despite a seemingly irreversible trend to entertainization, we still lack even basic knowledge about whether, and if so, under which circumstances, entertainization is effective in informing, educating, or persuading audiences. These are the questions – of high societal relevance – that cut across and bring together researchers in the different groups. More importantly, we lack a true understanding of potentially unintended effects of entertainization. Entertainized media messages are said to be more powerful than traditional ones because they block critical thoughts and weaken resistance. So far, there have been ample and often contradictory speculations about these unintended effects.

Program groups

The research program is organized according to the three functions of entertaining, persuading, and informing. The three Program Groups are therefore Persuasive Communication (to persuade), Political Communication and Journalism (to inform), and Youth and Media Entertainment (to entertain).

Organizational structure

ASCoR is a research institute within the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences of the University of Amsterdam. It has the legal status of a research institute in terms of the law (WWhW, articles 9.49-9.55). The Scientific Director and the Research Manager are jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of ASCoR.
Research is carried out in three programs groups: *Persuasive Communication, Political Communication & Journalism*, and *Youth & Media Entertainment*. In addition a number of ASCoR members belong to the group of General Communication Science. Each of these groups covers a large number of research projects. The program group directors advise the Scientific Director on research policy in the ASCoR Board.

The Board is supported by the International Advisory Board, which consists of leading experts in our field. Management is assisted in their tasks by a small support staff.

**Management & support**

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Prof. dr. Cristel Russel  University of Auckland (New Zealand)
Faculty changes

In 2012, several new researchers joined us. Marijn de Bruin and Alex Dima joined us from Wageningen University & Research Centre to continue their positions as assistant professor and postdoctoral researcher in Persuasive Communication. Stephanie Welten, Saar Mollen and Annemarie Wennemers started as new assistant professors in Persuasive Communication. Yph Lelkes, Lisa Vandeberg and Susanne Baumgartner were hired as postdoctoral researchers within the Research Priority Area Communication.

Five ASCoR PhD candidates successfully completed their projects at the University of Amsterdam and received their degrees. Yael de Haan graduated in January and took up a position as senior researcher at Hogeschool Utrecht. Linda Bos graduated in May and was hired as an assistant professor in Political Communication & Journalism. Mario Keer graduated in June and after an initial period as assistant professor in Persuasive Communication, moved on to a research position at TNO. Suchi Joshi graduated in June and now works as a research scientist at medical valorization research company United BioSource in Raleigh, North Carolina. Rosa van Santen graduated in June and took up a postdoctoral fellowship at Leiden University in January.

Ten new PhD candidates joined ASCoR in 2012: Edwin Oberjé, Stefan Bemrütter, Corine Meppelink, Simon Zebregs, and Theo Araujo joined the program group Persuasive Communication; Jasper van de Pol, Bjorn Burscher, and Jelle Boumans joined the program group Political Communication & Journalism; and Marleen Klaassen and Peter Lewinski joined the program group Youth & Media Entertainment.
Since introducing the ASCoR Associate Membership in 2010, seven lecturers have joined ASCoR under this scheme. This program allows new lecturers within the Department of Communication Science to join the ASCoR community, and offers incentives to help them build a research CV in spite of the absence of formal research time.

In 2012 we also had to say goodbye to some of our colleagues. Moniek Buijzen, Esther Rozendaal, and Frans Folkvord moved as a team to Radboud University Nijmegen, where Moniek was appointed full professor. Mariëtte Huizinga took up an associate professorship in neuropsychology at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Piet Bakker left ASCoR to concentrate fully on his lectureship at Hogeschool Utrecht. Anke Winneberger left for Austria, where she was hired as a postdoctoral researcher in the team of former colleague Klaus Schönbach at Vienna University. Doeschka Anschütz left the field of scientific research to start up her consultancy company Kip met Kop. We thank our former colleagues for their invaluable contributions to our research community.

International visitors

ASCoR welcomed a substantial number of researchers for short visits including visiting PhD candidates. We enjoyed lectures and seminars from many international guests, including Professor James Webster from Northwestern University (USA) as winner of the McQuail Award 2011, ASCoR Honorary Fellow Professor Mark Franklin from Trinity, Boston, and Dr. Andrew F. Hayes from The Ohio State University. Research Priority Area Distinguished Lectures were given by Professor Robert C. Hornik from the Annenberg School for Communication, Pennsylvania, Professor Ellen Wartella from Northwestern University (USA), and Professor Daniel Nagin from Carnegie Mellon University.

In addition to these short-term guests, ASCoR welcomed a number of long-term guests. In addition to senior researchers Professor Marie-Louise Mares from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Professor Robert C. Hornik, we were visited by PhD candidates from all over Europe: Paul Aparaschivei, Madalina Botan, Aurora Iorgoveanu, and Manuela López Pérez from Rumania, Gozde Yavuz from Turkey, Lukas Otto from Germany, and Manuela López Pérez from Spain.

Special events

Several workshops were organized as part of the Research Priority Area Communication. In March, a workshop was hosted on implicit measures, featuring Professor Jaap Murre (Professor of Theoretical Neuropsychology at the University of Amsterdam) and Professor Jan de Houwer (Professor of Implicit Measures at Gent University). They explained the underlying mechanisms of unconscious processes and implicit attitudes and how they can be used in communication science research, and Professor De Houwer showed how to set up a study using implicit measures and how to analyze and interpret the data.

In June, ASCoR hosted the StoryNet Workshop Narratives and Entertainment: The use of stories to make communication more entertaining and effective, with keynote speakers Dr. Melanie Green (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), and Dr. Rick Busselle (Washington State University).

In November, a workshop was hosted on physiological measures, with Dr. Robert Potter (Indiana University) as keynote lecturer, and lectures and hands-on sessions on ECG (heart rate), GSR (skin conductance), eye-tracking, including theoretical sessions on how to analyze and interpret the data.

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three postdoctoral researchers with excellent track records started in 2012. Their projects are linked directly to the central theme of the RPA Communication, focusing on communication effects in the domains of information, persuasion and entertainment media. ASCoR co-funds several PhD projects linked to the RPA theme. Currently, three projects are in progress, by Sophie Boerman, Mark Boukes and Dian de Vries.

Several prestigious grants were acquired by RPA researchers. Prof. dr. Patti Valkenburg was part of the 26 million euro NWO Zwaartekracht consortium. Prof. dr. Claes de Vreese and Dr. Bas van den Putte were awarded NWO grants for PhD researchers and data collection. Promising junior researchers of the RPA acquired an NWO Veni grant (Dr. Joost van Spanje) and a Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship (Dr. Sophie Lecheler).

In general, the scientific output of RPA researchers increased both in terms of quantity as well as quality (more publications in high impact journals in the field of Communication) in 2012.

Several international experts from well-established research institutes in the field visited the institute last year to share their expertise and collaborate with researchers from the RPA Communication. The RPA Distinguished Lecture Series was further continued and included excellent speakers like Prof. dr. Ellen Wartella (Northwestern University) and Prof. dr. Robert Hornik (Stanford University). A new series of workshops focusing on methodological issues was launched in 2012, starting with the topics of implicit measurement and the use of physiological measures. The annual symposium focused on the role of narratives in persuasive and entertainment media, and was a great success with more than 70 international participants.
as shown by Van Noort et al. Campaigns on social network sites that are forwarded by close friends appear to be important predictors of website satisfaction and information recall. Van Reijsensd et al. showed that identification with game characters explained motivational strength and identification and motivations were intensified with playing time.

Lotte Willemsen et al. studied antecedents of program-induced involvement and recall of commercial broadcast in breaks. A naturalistic field study showed an attention spill-over effect on both embedded and successive advertising. Elsbeth Asbeck Brusse et al. discovered that more explicit disclosure messages negatively affected the mechanisms of transportation and identification, and stimulated the generation of counter-arguments. Studies by Barbara Schouten et al. showed that persuasive messages embedded in the entertainment education intervention for Dance4Life, a global organization aimed at reducing HIV rates among youngsters, were successful in drawing attention to and interest in the program.

In an experimental study, Marieke Fransen found that both implicit and explicit forewarning of a persuasive attempt reduced the effects of heuristic cues in advertising. Lisa Vandeberg et al. wrote a review on implicit measures in communication research and on the operationalization of the Implicit Association Test. Gert-Jan de Bruijn et al. found that people who had more positive implicit attitudes towards behaviors were more likely to develop those behaviors into automatic responses. In addition, implicit attitudes towards prevention behaviors influenced the effectiveness of message-framing interventions, and implicit attitudes towards donor registration influenced donor registration choices, particularly in people who were undecided about registering.

Online communication
Studies on online communication include research on interactivity, online behavioral advertising (OBA), persuasion in a social media environment, electronic word of mouth (eWOM) messages, and message tailoring. Interactivity is an essential element of successful online brand communication. Hilde Voorveld et al. showed that interactivity effects were more pronounced when people had only little experience with a brand. Van Noort et al. discovered that flow mediated affective, cognitive and behavioral responses to interactive websites. They also found that experience with a brand was an important moderator in explaining interactivity effects.

Another element of online persuasion is the social influence of friends. Viral campaigns on social network sites that are forwarded by close friends appear to be more persuasive, as shown by Van Noort et al.

Lotte Willemsen et al. showed that consumers often use two types of frames to articulate their complaints with companies on the Internet: 1) claim frame (claiming collective or individual efficacy), and 2) blame frame (accusing the company for being incompetent or unprofessional). The most effective way are by companies to counter complaints expressed in negative word of mouth (NWOM) were also studied. Negative brand evaluations engendered by NWOM was attenuated by web care interventions.

Daan Muntinga et al. investigated the predictive value of ‘brand’ as extrinsic motivator of consumers’ online brand-related activities (COBRAs), and the characteristics of brands with which consumers engage on social media. Intrinsic motivations mediated the relationship between personality and behavior. This implies that for marketers who wish to stimulate COBRAs, it is more beneficial to investigating and targeting consumers based on motivations than on their personality.

The Internet provides excellent possibilities for message tailoring or customization, but a full understanding of the effect of such customized or tailored communication and the underlying mechanisms is still lacking. Customization strategies have increasingly been applied in marketing communication. Ewa Maslowska et al. investigated the persuasiveness of different customization strategies. Results showed that perceived personalization mediates the effects of personalized communication on attention, cognitive responses and attitude towards the message. The effects were moderated by consumers’ need for uniqueness, trust and privacy concerns.

Traditionally, tailoring research has been more often conducted within the health domain. Annemiek Linn et al. studied the value of tailored communication to promote medication intake behavior. A systematic review was published in which the existing evidence on the effectiveness of (tailored) electronic text messages in improving patients’ medication intake behavior was synthesized and critically appraised.

Multi-media dynamics
People increasingly engage in media multitasking, which may influence their response to messages encountered in these media. Voorveld wrote a bibliography on cross-media and cross-tools effects and developed and tested a new instrument to give insight in the usage of media across the purchase process. She also found that a good fit between campaign ads contributed positively to affective campaign results, yet negatively to cognitive campaign results. Linn et al. developed and tested an evidence-based multi-media intervention to improve medication intake behavior.

Marketing and advertising
Several studies were conducted in the field of marketing and advertising. Edith Smit started new studies on affinity for advertising, one of them in collaboration with the Sweden School of Economics. Eelen et al. investigated how taboo products can be promoted to the public. Results suggested that ads about bodily taboos should highlight the problem-solving character of the product to increase consumers’
attitude. Marijn Meijers et al. conducted two studies on green advertising. The results suggested a licensing effect, i.e., doing something ‘good’ may excuse people to do something ‘bad’ afterwards, moderated by green self-view. Peter Kerkhof compared the effects of placement of an article in a customer vs. a consumer magazine, showing that the source that was used in the article itself directly affected consumer trust.

Peeter Verlegh conducted several studies on word of mouth (WOM). The impact of word of mouth reduced when it was stimulated by incentives, and this effect could be explained by an increase in perceived ulterior motive on behalf of the sender. In studies on biases in language abstraction in the communication about interactions with objects, attribution was identified as a possible mediator.

**Message strategies and health interventions**

Van den Putte et al. showed that the perceived efficacy of fear appeals as a message strategy was larger than that of normative appeals. A theory of planned behavior study showed that affective evaluation of health behaviors did not moderate the effect on intention of attitude, subjective norm, and perceived behavioral control. Stephanie Welten found that guilt appeals were more effective when focusing on social products, whereas shame appeals were more effective when focusing on personal products.

De Bruijn was involved in several studies on message strategies. A meta-analysis revealed that an action control framework approach towards exercise behaviors yields information that is potentially more relevant for public health than more traditional linear approaches. A study on affect and habits revealed that repeated performance combined with stronger affective responses led to positive changes in exercise behavior. The findings imply that affective forewarning may help exercise adherence.

Van den Putte was involved in several studies on the effectiveness of health interventions. Campaign exposure was found to have a positive effect on smoking cessation behavior, smoking cessation intention, and the use of smoking cessation aids. In addition, the effects of interpersonal communication in relation to health campaigns were studied. Hanneke Hendriks et al. found that conversational valence of alcohol (i.e., positive or negative talk) influenced binge drinking intentions. The results of a 3-wave experimental study indicated that emotional messages that increased feelings of fear stimulated a negative conversational valence and subsequently healthy attitudes, intentions, and behaviors.

Interpersonal communication was also studied in patient-provider interaction. Linn et al. developed and tested a communication typology aiming to address practical and perceptual barriers to medication intake behavior during patient-provider consultations.

**Special target groups**

Two target groups received special attention in our research: Older adults and migrants. Julia van Weert is currently developing the Onco-CommunicAging (OCA) research line on communication with older cancer patients. In a study investigating how website information can be effectively tailored on older cancer patients’ mode preferences showed that adding illustration to online textual information enhanced website satisfaction and showing videos enhanced recall of information as compared to text only information.

Several other studies were conducted with older people as a target group. Margot van der Goot et al. showed that the meaning of television viewing changed in response to changes in everyday life. In a diary study, age differences in media multitasking were found that might be life-span related, but there also appeared to be generational differences in media use in general. Older adults appreciated calm commercials more than arousing ones, while younger adults preferred the arousing commercials, and older adults liked emotional television commercials better than rational commercials.

Various studies were conducted in the field of intercultural communication, especially by Barbara Schouten et al. Results revealed that patients with a Turkish background use different media sources and experience more unfulfilled information needs than native Dutch patients. Another study showed that interpreter-mediated communication is both influenced by universal and culture-specific aspects.

**Assessment**

The group showed a strong output in 2012 in terms of both quantity and quality by publishing in top peer reviewed journals. Journals varied from general communication journals, such as *Journal of Communication, Communication Research and Tijdschrift voor Communicatiwetenschap*, to journals in specific subfields, such as *Journal of Health Communication, International Journal of Advertising; and Ageing & Society*.

In addition to academic journal articles, several book chapters and books were published aiming at academic as well as practitioner audiences. Lotte Willemsen, Guda van Noort and Fred Brunner received the academic research award ‘Wetenschapsprijs van het jaar 2012’, awarded by MOA for their publication on the effect of reactive and proactive web care on brand evaluations. Lotte Willemsen received the Baschwitz Young Scholar of the Year Award for her 2011 publication in the *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication* on the content characteristics and perceived usefulness of online consumer reviews. Sophie Boerman et al. received a Top Paper Award of the ICA Division Information Systems, for their paper on the effects of disclosures on persuasion knowledge and brand responses.

Bas van den Putte acquired funding from NWO for a project entitled Health promotion for low-literate adolescents: Increasing comprehensibility and persuasive effects of a school module on alcohol, tobacco, and cannabis. Jiska Eelen received a grant from SWOCC (the foundation for scientific research on commercial communication) aimed at studying the influence of media and advertising on brand loyalty.
Research in 2013

Research within this domain comprises a variety of aspects that shape the effects of persuasive communication: Personality aspects, situational factors, medium-related factors, message content, and the process of persuasion itself. Most research of 2012 will be continued in 2013, and 2013 will also mark the start of several new studies.

Five PhD candidates are expected to defend their dissertations: Daan Muntinga, Lotte Willemsen, Annemiek Linn, Ewa Maslowska and Hanneke Hendriks. Six new PhD candidates have started in 2012 or will start in 2013: Stefan Bernttter, Simon Zebregs, Corine Meppelink, Theo Araujo, Iris van Ooijen and Sifra Bolle.

Lisa Vandeberg will conduct several studies to create/program, apply and validate implicit measures, and to examine under which circumstances persuasive messages leave their traces in implicit memory and how this affects subsequent decision making.

Peter Neijens, Edith Smit and Hilde Voorveld will investigate to what extent quantity and quality of readership of editorial content and advertising in magazines are affected by devices. In addition, the quality of the measurement of media and advertising use which is based on event sampling and the use of smartphones will be studied.

Mariele Fransen will extend her research on resistance with studies on regulatory focus and self-serving attributes. Hilde Voorveld will study media multitasking influences on persuasion in terms of cognition, affect and behavior. Eva van Reijmersdal will conduct an eye tracking study to test the effects of different types of disclosure on persuasion knowledge, attention, memory and attitudes. Guda van Noort will continue her research on the role of new media characteristics in the disclosure on persuasion knowledge, attention, memory and attitudes.

Peeter Verlegh will continue to study the role of language in WOM and advertising, and the role of incentives in (online) WOM. Together with Jiska Eelen, he will examine context effects on information processing.

Bas van den Putte will develop several new projects, such as a review on health warnings on tobacco and alcohol packages, and a project to study which banner content most effectively stimulates the traffic to health websites. Gert-Jan de Bruijn will test message content for web-based banners, integrating message customization and message framing theory.

Julia van Weert will continue the development of the OCA research line, that aims to investigate how information should be presented to older cancer patients, and what the effects are of using innovative e-Health tools. The OCA-2 study will start in 2013.
and the role of information acquisition in making judgments about the EU's performance (Elenbaas et al. in European Journal of Political Research). On the topic of religion, the media and the EU, Hajo Boomgaarden and Claes de Vreese also co-edited a special issue of Comparative European Politics. In 2012/13 Boomgaarden and de Vreese continue working on this topic as part of their stay as Fellows at the Netherlands Institute of Advanced Studies NIAS.

The research on media and national politics also produced new insights: Adriaansen et al. published (in Communications) on the effects of strategic and substantive news on political cynicism and voting. Van Egmond demonstrated the media impact on partisan attitudes (published in the British Journal of Political Science). Van Spanje, with Mark Franklin, wrote on the reaction of voters to new parties. Moorman and colleagues worked on the changes in party images during a campaign. Looking at agenda-setting Vliegenthart and de Vreese published with Danish colleagues on party media agenda setting and, based on Belgian data, Vliegenthart, with Stefaan Walgrave from Antwerp University showed how large and frequent protests on certain issues increase attention for those issues in media coverage and consequently in parliamentary questions. Knut de Swert, with colleagues, published a study in Communication Research on the effects of popular exemplars in television news and Waleed continued her project on political speeches. Finally, a collaborative piece by Boomgaarden et al. was published in the International Journal of Public Opinion Research showing how media coverage can affect public assessments of the US presidential campaign and candidates.

The research on media effects featured several empirical studies of framing effects as well as conceptual pieces on the concept of framing. ASCoR graduate Christian Baden published a piece with Sophie Lecheler in Communication Theory on a knowledge-based model of the persistence of framing effects. They develop a theoretical account of the conditions under which framing effects should vanish quickly, fade slowly, or cause permanent changes. Claes de Vreese wrote on new avenues for framing research and together with Sophie Lecheler they also published an overview of framing research in the SAGE Handbook of Political Communication. Vliegenthart wrote an overview of the concept for a sociology journal and de Vreese, with colleagues, wrote a conceptual overview of the game strategy frame and suggested an instrument for measurement (published in Journalism). Regula Hanggli published two pieces on framing: how strategic political actors help shape media coverage and on the frame construction and promotion of political parties. Lecheler and de Vreese also published an mediated nature framing effects in Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly. Schuck and de Vreese demonstrated, in the Journal of Communication, how positive news framing can be perceived as negative by political opponents and thereby mobilize them, a process coined as 'the reversed mobilization' effect.

In 2012 work on framing was also present in Penny Sheet's work on identity-protective framing of U.S. military actions and policies and Tom Nelson and Lukas Otto, guests at ASCoR, worked with a number of ASCoR faculty on framing experiments. Moreover, framing is a key concept in the PhD project of Marijn van Klingerken, Mark Boukes conducted work on the impact of human interest framing, and Bjorn Burscher completed the first study on computational framing with colleagues from Informatics. Finally, Lecheler, Schuck, and Hanggli carried out a large-scale data collection on the duration of framing effects.

Research also dived more into issues of religion, immigration, and right wing party support. Boomgaarden, Bo, and Sheets examined the impact of media cues on both implicit and explicit support for far-right political parties. Yphtash Lekes' work touched on a reconceptualization of affective polarization, on anonymity in self-reports (published in Public Opinion Quarterly), and with colleagues he also considered the relationship between individual motivational processes and more social processes that may underline religious perceptions. Bos and emeritus professor Kees Brants worked on a content analysis on the extent to which party leaders are portrayed as using a populist style and/or using populist rhetoric in Dutch election campaigns in the past 20 years. Vliegenthart, Boomgaarden, and Van Spanje published in the Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties on the impact of media and anti-immigration party support in a cross temporal cross-nationally comparative perspective.

Several projects continued on topics involving new media and online communication. Damian Trilling and Tom Bakker finished their dissertations. Sanne Kruuksemeier worked on the relation between political Internet use and political involvement was expanded by examining the effect of specific forms of political Internet use on citizens' political involvement (i.e., interest and voter turnout) during election times. She also studied whether more personalized online communication (a focus on individual politicians) and the use of interactive features increased political involvement among citizens. Jasper van der Pol started in the NWO funded project 'Framing effects in Voting Engagement Tools' and developed a typology of VET users. Judith Möller continued work in her project on youth and political socialization and studies showed how new and old media have different effects for example political efficacy.

Political journalism

The second research line in this program group focuses on (changes in) political journalism. It looks at changes in the legal and financial context of journalism, at new forms of interactive and participatory journalism, and at online modes of political communication providing alternatives to institutionalized journalism such as citizen journalism, blogs, and the use of social network media by political actors. Richard van der Wurff wrote on how digital and online technologies offer news providers and journalists unprecedented opportunities to innovate news provision. But they also complicate the search for viable business models that sustain quality journalism as profitable product. His work with former colleague Piet Bakker considers the peculiar economic characteristics of news and presents seven ideal type business models for the future of online news. Lecheler published on the different perspectives of journalists on the EU and Jo Bardole published with ASCoR graduate Yael de Haan on accountability in the newsroom (published in Studies in Communication Sciences). De Vreese finished a book on political journalism in comparative perspective for the Cambridge University Press, focusing on cross-national differences in the news media's coverage of politics and
its impact on public opinion and satisfaction with the media. It shows how different contents create different – both positive and negative – effects and we demonstrate that under the right circumstances citizens learn from political news, do not turn cynical, and are satisfied with political journalism.

Assessment
In 2012 the Political Communication & Journalism group achieved several things. New insights were generated around the core themes of the research group, resulting in publications in high impact journals in both communication science (e.g., Communication Research; Communication Theory) and political science (e.g., British Journal of Political Science; European Journal of Political Research), including also several theoretically, reflective papers. New faculty joined the group and Joost van Spanje received an NWO Veni grant, Claes de Vreese a NWO Comprehensible Language and Effective Communication Grant for a PhD project on voting engagement tools, and Sophie Lecheler a Marie Curie grant.

In terms of visibility and recognition 2012 was also a good year: Matthijs Elenbaas received an ICA award for the best Graduate Student Paper. Rosa van Santen and Linda Bos successfully defended their dissertations. Several members of the research group received considerable media exposure around the national elections in fall 2012 and there was considerable attention to the popular book authored by Rens Vliegenthart on media and politics, which was launched at an event at Nieuwspoort in the Dutch Parliament.

Research in 2013
The spring of 2013 will see the end of several PhD projects: Rachid Azrout, Pieterjan Desmet, and Matthijs Elenbaas are defending their dissertations in the VICI project in the coming year. In addition, Damian Trilling, Moniza Waheed, Judith Moller, Anouk van Drunen, and Tom Bakker are scheduled to defend their dissertations. Research on news, emotions, humor, and politics will develop further, both within Andreas Schuck’s NWO Veni project, in ongoing projects with Sophie Lecheler, Andreas Schuck and Claes de Vreese, and in Alina Feinholdt’s PhD project. Work on election news and campaigns, in the Netherlands, Germany and beyond, is continued by, e.g., Wouter de Nooy, Marcel van Egmond, Linda Bos, Hajo Boomgaarden, Andreas Schuck, and Claes de Vreese.

The NWO Veni project of Joost van Spanje will also take off, Sophie Lecheler will embark on a Marie Curie project at LSE, and a new project on the role of the media in explaining electoral volatility will be launched. Finally, preparations will be made towards a large scale study of the 2014 European Parliamentary elections including post doc projects by Rachid Azrout and Judith Moller.

In terms of research on journalism, a co-authored book (by de Vreese and colleagues from SDU) will be published at Cambridge University Press on political journalism in comparative perspective. Van der Wurff will continue research into the journalistic coverage of climate change and its effects on public deliberation and opinion. Finally a number of new faculty will join the group.

Youth & Media Entertainment
Program group director: Prof. dr. J. Peter

RESEARCH CAPACITY 2012
Faculty: n = 7 (6.25 fte)
PhD candidates: n = 12 (8.80 fte)

Mission
The program group Youth & Media Entertainment (YME) addresses the entertaining role of communication and information. The program’s orientation is interdisciplinary: Researchers in this domain draw on, and contribute to, communication theory as well as psychological and sociological theories. The approach is multi-methodological: Researchers use different research designs, such as experimental, (causal) correlational and inductive designs. In addition, they rely on content analyses, surveys, and laboratory experiments to gather data. The key questions of the group are:

1. Which individual or collective factors explain people’s use, attention, and attraction to entertainment media?
2. What are the patterns of use and the consequences of media entertainment?
3. Which processes can explain the influence of media entertainment on young people?

Review of 2012
Similar to previous years, the research of the program group focused on two clusters of topics: Children, adolescents and the media as well as media entertainment.

Children, adolescents, and the media
In the past decade, children and adolescents have become the defining users of many media and technologies, notably computer games and the Internet. They generally spend more time than adults with these media, and, as a result, have become the primary target group of many media producers as well as the focus of many public debates. Despite a booming media industry specifically aimed at young people and continuously re-occurring heated public controversies on the issue of children, adolescents, and the media, relatively little is known about the cognitive, affective and social implications of young people’s use of media. The main aim of this research group is to develop theory and method on the uses and specific consequences of different types of media for children and adolescents. The research of this group is united in CCAM, the Center of Research on Children, Adolescents, and the Media (see www.ccam-ascor.nl).

Research on children, adolescents, and the media is currently organized in several projects. Like in the previous year, Patti Valkenburg has continued to focus on the entertainization of childhood in her biggest and most encompassing project (funded through an Advanced Investigator Grant from the European Research Council), Valkenburg and her research group (Karim Fikkers, Maria Koutamanis,
Sanne Nikkelen, Jessica Piotrowski, and Helen Vossen) completed a second pilot study. The aim of this pilot was to (a) create the optimum media diary for parents and teenagers, and (b) to arrive at a set of shortened instruments to test the assumptions of the Differential Susceptibility Model of Media effects (DSMM), including, for example, violent media use, media processing, epistemic curiosity, parental mediation, empathy, aggression, and family conflict. The longitudinal character of the two pilot studies allowed the team to optimize scales and calculate their test-retest reliabilities. The first data wave of the planned four-wave panel study was fielded in September 2012.

In addition, Valkenburg spent part of 2012 writing, together with Jochen Peter, a theoretical article based on the media-effects model. In this article, which will appear in *Journal of Communication*, they propose a new individual-level media effects theory, the Differential Susceptibility Model of Media effects (DSMM). The article reviews and integrates earlier well-known individual-level media effects theories, and extends these theories by arguing how media effects occur (i.e., identifying mediators), and which individuals are particularly susceptible to media effects (i.e., identifying moderators).

In another theoretical article, Valkenburg and Peter identified and outlined several challenges for future media effects research. The article will be published in a special issue of the *International Journal of Communication Research* in which leading European scholars were invited to articulate their future vision on a particular field in communication research.

Jochen Peter continued his work on his NWO-funded Vidi project (together with postdoctoral researcher Inge Boot and PhD candidate Annemarie van Oosten). Several parts of the original model developed in the Vidi proposal have been tested, notably the mechanisms underlying the effects of sexual media content. This has led to several papers, two of which have just been accepted for publication. The results of the studies have shown that in particular women’s critical approach to sexual media content is based on nearly automatic cognitive correction processes during the use of such material. Equally important, the studies have shown that a well-known model in research on the effects of sexual media content, the confluence model, which hitherto had been limited to men and violent pornographic content, can be applied to research among women and non-violent, non-pornographic content.

In his research line on the methodological questions of survey-based research, Peter showed together with Valkenburg that asking adolescents about the use of pornography does not elicit or trigger this behavior. This both ethically and methodologically crucial question had never been investigated before, but had been used as an argument against conducting research on pornography among adolescents.

The research line on negative aspects of adolescents’ internet use, such as cyber bullying and online risk taking, has further been expanded. Based on a four wave panel study, Sindy Sumter, Susanne Baumgarter, Patti Valkenburg, Jochen Peter showed that off-line and online victimization trajectories are related and both have negative consequences on life satisfaction. These results confirm that prevention of victimization should take into account online experiences. In another study, the researchers demonstrated that only a minority of adolescents engages in high levels of online sexual risk behavior. This group of adolescents has higher levels of sensation seeking, comes from less cohesive families, and follows lower education. Moreover, the findings show that online and offline sexual risk behaviors are related.

A new member of YME, Jessica Piotrowski, started to implement her research on children and media in the group. In a study on educational television and children she showed that it is important to ensure that educational television interventions (i.e., efforts to extend educational television content through hands-on activities) present the connections between content explicitly for young children. In another study on background television in the home, she found that young American children are exposed to nearly 4 hours of background television per day, with estimates higher for the youngest children (under 2 years old) and African American children. Her findings also highlight family behaviors that are associated with decreased background television exposure, providing clear implications for practitioners on ways to decrease these amounts.

Doeschka Anschütz further developed her research line on the influence of media on body satisfaction. In several published studies, she showed that young girls who internalized the thin-body ideal were inspired by thin ideal cartoon characters. Moreover, she found that young children model food intake of their peers, even when the peers are not present. Finally, she demonstrated that alcohol advertising does not lead to immediate alcohol use in men, but on a micro-level drinking is mimicked.

Suchi Joshi successfully defended her dissertation on *Adolescent sexual socialization and teen magazines: A cross-national study between the United States and the Netherlands*. Joshi’s dissertation has provided unexpected insights in how the representation of sex in Dutch and US teen magazines differs culturally and has generally been well-received, notably in the media.

Media entertainment

The research in this subgroup deals with the cognitive, emotional, and behavioral responses to entertainment media. Researchers study how users experience media entertainment in terms of attention, comprehension, aesthetic pleasure, and perception.

In 2012, Ed Tan continued studying varieties of absorption in narrative and aesthetic experiences, together with his PhD candidate Mituna Doicar. This project has produced important insights into how absorption can be measured and how it is related to the feeling of suspense. Specifically, the experiments done suggest that narrative transportation strongly correlates with the feeling of suspense. Moreover, the experience of suspense, notably when it is delayed, is genre-specific. In a thriller, the delay of suspense can be very much prolonged and still increase suspense, but in a romance suspense will decrease if the outcome is delayed for too long. In
his research on entertainment competence, Tan further focused on how people entertain virtual action tendencies towards film protagonists.

In the context of his PhD project on (pan)Asian identities in the Netherlands, which is funded through NWO Moraal and supervised by Ed Tan, Reza Kartosen found that Asian Dutch producers of Asian parties are driven by economic motives and self-interest, like club owners and producers of mainstream club nights. However, Asian Dutch producers are also driven by moral motives related to their Asian identification.

Assessment

The year 2012 was a successful year for the program group, largely through another outstanding success of Patti Valkenburg. She received, together with five other principal investigators, a 10-year Zwaartekracht consortium grant from NWO, involving 27.5 million Euro. The project is entitled Individual development: Why some children thrive and others not and involves collaboration between four Dutch universities, led by Utrecht University.

In terms of top paper awards, the group again was successful. At the 2012 annual conference of the International Communication Association (ICA), Jessica Piotrowski received two top paper awards from the Children, Adolescents and the Media division: One for her study on background television in the home and one for her study on children’s television comprehension.

Apart from continued success in fund acquisition and research awards, it is important to note that the various new research lines in YME increasingly take shape. Whereas the somewhat ‘more established’ lines on online communication and the effects of sexual media content continue to inspire new research both inside and outside the group, the new research lines on the entertainmentization of childhood and on narration and aesthetic experiences have resulted in some first both innovative and theoretically relevant new insights. Moreover, research by new YME members, such as Jessica Piotrowski, expands the scope of the group’s research activities into new important areas, notably media literacy. Finally, several group members have started to make contributions to methodological issues, which nicely shows that research on practically relevant issues can be combined fruitfully with fundamentally important questions.

Similar to previous years, 2012 was a productive year. Articles of YME researchers again appeared in prestigious communication journals, such as Communication Research, Human Communication Research, and Journal of Health Communication. In addition, YME researchers published in highly respected journals of related disciplines, including Journal of Adolescent Health, Pediatrics, and The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. YME researchers also contributed several chapters to edited books that not only target academic audiences, but also strive to inform the general public.
Miruna Doicaru. Specifically, they will focus on a more cognitive, aesthetic absorption and its narrative determinants. The two will also attempt to verify how the determinant factors of aesthetic absorption affect narrative transportation and how the two experiences relate to each other.

Reza Kartosen will conduct a study on the consumption of Asian films and television shows by young Asian Dutch by conducting interviews and focus groups with young Asian Dutch. The main focus of the study is the relationship between the consumption of Asian films and television and young Asian Dutch’ articulation of Asian identification.
ASCoR offers a three-year international PhD program in Communication Science. Applicants come from many countries around the world. The program builds upon the strengths of the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences from the University of Amsterdam, so that PhD students benefit from working with scholars in Communication Science as well as from other social sciences. Upon completion of the program and defense of the dissertation, students receive a PhD in the Social Sciences from the University of Amsterdam.

Objectives and outcomes of the PhD program

The main aim of the PhD program is to promote the training of young academics in the study of fundamental scientific research issues in the field of communication science. Students are trained to extend, deepen and actively apply their knowledge of theories and methodologies in communication science, so as to become fully qualified, independent researchers in the field of communication. In addition to extensive knowledge of theory and methodology in communication science, the program promotes reflection, not only on one’s own research project, but also on social scientific and communication research in general. Finally, the program promotes skills that can contribute to the advancement of the student’s careers. The PhD program produces highly qualified researchers and prepares them for three types of career trajectories:

– An academic career in the field of communication science.
– A career in the field of applied research, for instance in research departments of communication organizations (e.g., public broadcasters, publishers), in market and opinion research companies, and governmental research institutions.
– A career in managing communication activities of institutions and organizations.
To achieve these goals, students are offered a combination of hands-on research, coursework (see Educational components), and teaching tasks. PhD research, including data collection, is conducted throughout the project. The research project is based on a proposal that is usually written by one or more senior ASCoR faculty, and in all cases fits into the ASCoR research program. Each PhD project usually consists of 3 or more research studies, leading to three or more peer-reviewed academic publications. PhD candidates with an employment contract at UvA are usually required to teach a number of classes in the undergraduate program of communication science within the Bachelor College. The final months of each project are devoted to finishing the PhD thesis, which is based on the articles written throughout the project. After the dissertation has been read and approved by a committee of experts, there is a public defense, held at the University of Amsterdam. Applicants to the international ASCoR PhD program are required to have a Research Master degree in Communication Science or equivalent qualifications.

**Institutional embedding**

The Department of Communication Science at the University of Amsterdam encompasses three institutes: Research Institute, Graduate School and College. Each institute has its own director, who represents the institute during the weekly Departmental Management Team meetings with the Department Chair. The Management Team is jointly responsible for a range of issues overarching the interests of the individual institutes, including assignment of research and teaching responsibilities to the academic staff, amendments of teaching and research programs, and HRM.

This organizational structure ensures a continuous close cooperation between the institutes, and strong alignment and cross-fertilization between research and training. More specifically, there is a one-to-one correspondence between the research programs in ASCoR and the teaching staff in the Master, Research Master and PhD training programs in the Graduate School. As a result, research expertise and ongoing research directly shape graduate training, and graduate training feeds back directly into the research, throughout curriculum composition, class assignments, and Master thesis research.

This management structure also implies that both directors (Graduate School and ASCoR) carry shared responsibility for the selection of PhD students, and both directors are involved in each phase of the selection procedure.

**Supervision**

A Training & Supervision Plan is submitted within 2 months after the PhD project start date. This plan includes the PhD project description, agreements on supervision team meeting frequency, coursework to be completed, the First Year Paper topic and deadline, and a publication plan. The document is signed for approval by the PhD student, the supervisors, the ASCoR Director, and the Graduate School Director.

The supervision team typically consists of 2-3 researchers, including at least one full professor (promoter). The PhD student meets at least once every fortnight with one or more supervisors. The composition of the supervision team is based on the substantive as well as the methodological requirements of the project. All supervisors are ASCoR research staff, holding a PhD degree and a solid publication track record in international academic outlets.

Performance of the supervisors is monitored through the annual review interviews with all staff members. A PhD Mentor is available with whom PhD students can discuss all supervision problems confidentially.

A First Year Paper and a progress report by the supervision team are assessed by the ASCoR Board 8 months into the project. If the paper is assessed as insufficient, the PhD student is offered the opportunity to revise and resubmit within 2 months. If the paper is still assessed as insufficient, the project is terminated at the end of the first year.

Each PhD student participates in annual review assessments (jaargesprekken) with their Program Group Director or the Department Chair. Input on progress is provided by ASCoR, the Graduate School, and the College of Communication (where PhD students have teaching tasks).

About twelve months before the project end date, a Progress Portfolio is submitted, containing a chapter progress overview including deadlines, publication output, a work plan for the remaining time, a list of completed courses, and a statement of feasibility by the supervisors and the PhD student. The ASCoR Board and the Graduate School Director direct the supervisors and PhD student on feasibility, and, if applicable, changes that must be made to the plan to ensure on-time completion.

**Educational components**

PhD training is organized by the Graduate School of Communication. All ASCoR PhD candidates are enrolled in the PhD Training Program of the Graduate School. As a Research Master degree in Communication Science or equivalent qualifications is required for all new PhD candidates, the coursework is generally limited to 9 EC. Prospective PhD candidates who do not have a Research Master in Communication Science will be asked to follow a transfer program in methods and/or Communication Science before starting on the PhD project.

In addition to the Graduate School coursework, all PhD candidates are also members of a PhD Club in which research is discussed every two weeks, and of course each PhD candidate has his/her supervision team.

The PhD training program consists of:

- Introductory course 6 (EC): An extensive review of current topics in communication research; feedback on research proposal; project-, self-, and supervisor management for PhD students.
- A choice of professional development and methodology courses and workshops (total 3 EC).
– Participation in an international summer school (in addition to the mandatory 9 EC).
– Participation in an ASCoR PhD Club: Two-weekly meetings of ca. 10 PhD students under supervision of an ASCoR staff member.

**Success rates**

The tables shown are in accordance with Table 5.5 and Table 5.6 of the Standard Evaluation Protocol 2009-2015 for research assessment in the Netherlands.

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## Research staff developments

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Research staff in 2012: FTE by funding source

In fte by academic position and funding source:
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Research staff profiles

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Faculty

**prof. dr. Noelle (M.N.C.) Aarts**
Adjunct professor of Strategic Communication (bijzonder hoogleraar)
- Adjunct professor of Strategic Communication (Logeion chair)
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- Member of Comité Begeleiding en Advies voor Overheidscommunicatie
- Editorial Board member Journal of Conflict & Negotiation Research
- Member of the Supervisory Board of Wetlands International
- Member of the Advisory Board of Bex* Communicatie, Eindhoven

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- Chair of the Working Group on European Public Broadcasting Policies, International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR)
- Member of the Advisory Group for the RIPE Conference on Public Service Broadcasting
- Board of Netherlands Press Museum

**prof. dr. Hans (J.W.J.) Beentjes**
Professor of General Communication Science

**dr. Hajo G. Boomgaard**
Associate professor (UHD)
- NWO Veni grant holder
- Editorial board member International Journal of Public Opinion Research
- Board member of the Center for Politics and Communication

**dr. Inge Boot**
Postdoctoral research fellow

**dr. Linda Bos**
Assistant professor (UD)

**dr. Gert-Jan de Bruin**
Assistant professor (UD)
- Editorial board Health Psychology
- Trustee and scientific board of Esacomp
- Scientific board and co-chair of Behavior change interventions track, EHPs conference
- Member of research groups RESHAPE & SHARP
- Steering group member and work package leader in EU FP7 project ‘Assessment of the safety of LABA’s in asthma in routine care by combining health-care databases and direct patient follow-up’
- Primary investigator on ZonMw funded project ‘Determining the cost-effectiveness of an effective, nurse-based intervention to improve adherence among treatment-experienced HIV-infected patients in the Netherlands’
- Member of the ZonMw committee ‘National lifestyle campaigns’ (closed this year)
dr. Anneke M. de Graaf
Postdoctoral research fellow

Dr. Wouter de Nooy
Associate professor (UHD)

- Advisory board member for Poetics: Journal of Empirical Research on Culture, the Media and the Arts

Prof. Claes H. de Vreese
Professor of Political Communication
- Director of the Center for Politics and Communication
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- Co-investigator NWO project Political Conflict in 5 European systems
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- Editorial advisory board International Journal of Advertising
- Editorial board Journal of Current Issues and Research in Advertising
- Associate editor for Journal of Marketing Communications, responsibility for the European Community
- Member of the UCO, University of Amsterdam
- Jury chair SWOCC Thesis Award
- Jury member Young Researcher of the Year Award ESOMAR
- Member International Committee of Experts Teaching Evaluation Communication Science Lithuania, 2012-2013
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- Chair of the Technical Commission Decision Makers Research
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- Area editor for Blackwell's International Encyclopedia of Communication. Editorial area: Developmental Communication (i.e., editor of all entries on life-span developmental communication and youth and the media)
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- Member of the Steering Committee of NWO's program Comprehensive and effective communication
- Member of the Advisory Committee of an NWO-initiated study Publication Cultures
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<td>L. M. Willemsen, G. van Noort, &amp; F. Bronner</td>
<td>Wetenschapsprijs van het jaar 2012, Academic research award, MOA Center for Information Based Decision Making &amp; Marketing Research, June 2012</td>
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Job promotions

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Conference organization

N.M.C. Aarts
Co-organizer of the conference on Multi-Organizational Partnerships, Alliances and Networks (MOPAN), Wageningen University, Wageningen, July 3-5
Organizer of panel at the International Conference in Interpretive Policy Analysis, Tilburg, The Netherlands, July 5-7

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W.J.L. Elving
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L. Leydesdorff
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E.G. Smit & H.A.M. Voorveld
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G. van Noort
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S.C.M. Welten
Organizer of the ASPO symposium Emotions and the self, Tilburg, January 19

PhD dissertation committee memberships

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<td>8 February</td>
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<td>22 February</td>
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<td>M. Keer</td>
<td>Effectiveness of match and mismatch communication strategies</td>
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The representation of research output in this Appendix is based on the Standard Evaluation Protocol 2009-2015 (SEP). The aim of the SEP is to provide common guidelines for the evaluation and improvement of research and research policy, based on expert assessments. Specifically, the SEP recognises the following categories of research output:

- Refereed articles
- Non-refereed articles
- Books
- Book chapters
- PhD theses
- Conference papers
- Professional publications
- Publications aimed at the general public
- Other research output

The following output was classified as 'Professional publications':
- (Chapters in) books aimed primarily at a professional audience.
- Articles in journals aimed primarily at a professional audience
- (Chapters in) textbooks, aimed primarily at students.
- Research reports written for non-academic clients.
- Presentations at conferences aimed primarily at a professional audience.

The following output was classified as 'Other research output':
- Keynotes lectures at conferences
- Inaugural lectures
- Other invited lectures

The full text of the SEP can be downloaded from www.knaw.nl > Publications.
Development of research output

Due to changes in the Standard Evaluation Protocol, the figures for the previous reporting period (2002-2007) are not fully comparable to the figures reported for the current reporting period (2008-2013).

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Appendix E – Research output


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- SSCI IMPACT FACTOR: 1.966

Leydesdorff, L., & Rafols, I. (2012). Overlay maps of research fields as new visualizations for the impact and ranking of scientific knowledge contributions. Scientometrics, 92, 43-49.

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