



INVITATION AND CALL FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS FOR AWARDS

Bi-Annual Symposium

Gertrudiskapel (near Utrecht Central Station),
Willemsplantsoen 1c, 3511 LA Utrecht, the Netherlands

Friday, April 5, 2019

8.30- 18.00

‘Towards a genetically perfect society?’

The aim of the symposium is to bring together both clinicians and researchers in the fields of obstetrics and gynaecology, embryology, genetics, developmental biology and reproduction to present the latest findings in this area and discuss the controversies.

Confirmed speakers:

- Screening the entire population preconceptionally
Prof.dr. Han Brunner, Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
- Screening the entire genome of human embryos
Prof.dr. Joris Vermeesch, KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium
- Generating and modifying functional sperm and eggs from stem cells
Prof.dr. Katsuhiko Hayashi, Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan
- Pronuclear transfer to prevent mitochondrial disease
Prof.dr. Louise Hyslop, Wellcome Trust Center for Mitochondrial Research, Newcastle, UK
- Germline genome editing? Of course!
Dr. Marcel Zuijderland, Free University, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

The symposium is free of charge. Registration is required before March 15th, 2019 for catering purposes. For registration please go to: <http://symposiumdesnoo.fikket.com>. If you wish to register someone else please click “add another ticket”. If not, please click “continue booking”. After registration you will receive an email with one or more tickets. You do not have to bring these tickets to the symposium. Language at the symposium: English

ROUTE TO GEERTRUDISKAPEL

From Utrecht Central Station to Geertrudiskapel: Leave the station following “Centrum” and keep right. Take the first right (by Blokker) then straight on past the Albert Heijn supermarket. Take the escalator at the Moreelspark exit. Turn left and cross over the road. On the other side, turn right (the Catherijnesingel) and follow the road for 300m. On the right, you will see a church with two identical towers. Just before the church, is the entrance to the Driehoek congress and meeting centre. Walking time 7minutes.



The de Snoo - van 't Hoogerhuijs Stichting Awards

The de Snoo - van 't Hoogerhuijs Stichting traditionally awards prizes at its symposium to recognize individual efforts in obstetrics and gynaecology, embryology, genetics, developmental biology and reproduction. Since it is particularly difficult to fund innovative science in this area, the three prizes in 2019 will create opportunities for the winners to support their best and most original idea in clinical or basic research.

The board of the de Snoo - van 't Hoogerhuijs Stichting invites nominees to describe an important question in one of the subjects mentioned above and submit a plan of how it could be feasibly addressed within one year. This could involve a visit to another lab or clinic. The prizes create a golden opportunity to carry out vital pilot experiments to lead to the next career step as a scientist whilst answering burning clinical or basic research questions. The winners will present their plan in a 10 minute "pitch" at the symposium after receiving the award.

Two senior prizes (VIDI/VICI level). Both winners will receive **€ 40.000** for their plan plus € 1.000 for personal use.

The junior prize (PhD student/junior postdoc, VENI level) will receive **€ 15.000** plus an extra € 1.000 for personal use.

Please submit your plan to b.e.vanhattum@amc.uva.nl by February 15, 2019. Please use the attached form and follow the word-limit instructions. Winners will be notified before March 15, 2019 and should be available to receive the award and speak at the symposium.