

Notes General Assembly VNOP

19-05-2021

VNOP conference

Present: because of privacy reasons, we do not present a list with the attendees of the General Assembly. For internal records only, VNOP keeps this information to see who has agreed on the points below. If you object to this, please mail info@vnop.nl.

1. **Introduction of the new board members:** Roseriet Beijers, Anne Reitz, Sheida Novin, Ralf Cox (all since 2020), and Pauline Jansen, Matteo Giletta, Geertjan Overbeek (all since 2021). Nathalie Hoekstra also joins the board as PhD representative.

We would like to warmly thank Carolina de Weerth, Saskia Kunnen, Eeske van Roekel, and Susan Branje for their previous participation and work for the VNOP board. We would also like Sjoerd van Halem for his efforts as PhD board member.

2. **Introduction of the chair elect:** Helle Larsen. Helle will be the VNOP chair from 2022 onwards.
3. **By-laws:** with the recent addition of board members, we have to change the maximum number of board members from 10 (now) to 15 (approximately 1 member from each university, a PhD-representative, a member representing 'Jeugd en Ontwikkeling', and for certain amounts of time to have two members to allow a transition period).
4. **Finances:** Our biggest cost in 2020 was our new website (almost 6000 euro). In total, we had 7212.19 euro costs. The total income was 5287,93 (research days and memberships). So we had a loss in 2020, but our current total is 20215.18. So we still have a healthy budget.

Please note that there is room for small grants and, depending on the standing of our budget, we are happy to support, particularly junior researchers, in their academic work. There is a form to fill out; please visit <https://vnop.nl/about/grants-and-awards/> and/or mail info@vnop.nl to obtain more information.

5. **Membership VNOP:** We changed the membership from 2-year membership to a 1-year membership. You have to be a member to attend VNOP events (e.g. conference, lab visits, research days). The annual membership is 25 euro. These changes had to be made because we realized that a 2-year period can be long (in which much can change) and can cause confusion, we decided the membership to a yearly fee. At the website, you can see your current status and renew membership every year.

6. Next meetings:

- **October 13 2021:** VNOP Lab visit Groningen (hopefully in person, otherwise hybrid or online). Because we had to cancel a previous lab visit to Groningen because of too little number of participants, we hope many will join this time!
- **May 2022:** VNOP conference organized by Utrecht University.

7. Plans:

- On the website, we will provide
 - o a list of previous board members,
 - o the minutes of this general assembly, and also the previous ones,
 - o the historical overview of VNOP (written by Maurits van der Molen).
- Please don't forget to spread your news via the website!

8. Questions:

- About **Jeugd in Ontwikkeling (JiO)**. VNOP will take over the ownership over JiO. Amsterdam received a grant to cover parts of the costs; the remaining costs will be covered by VNOP. The editorial staff of JiO functions largely on his own. VNOP has two board representatives, including Geertjan Overbeek, who will join the JiO editorial staff. VNOP has made this commitment to JiO for the coming 3 years, which we hope to continue thereafter, but this gives time to evaluate after 3 years.

Papers in JiO will be published in a paper-by-paper fashion (so no issues, only special issues). JiO is an open-access journal; you can publish without any costs. News on published papers in JiO and JiO special issues will be spread through the VNOP website and VNOP newsletters.