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## WTMC Annual Meeting, 2015 & 2016

About 60 people attended the WTMC annual meeting in Amsterdam on 11 December. We had a full day of lively discussion on a range of topics, including responsible innovation, the National Research Agenda, and two new books by WTMC members, one by Raf Bont, *Stations in the Field*, and another edited by Stephen Hilgartner, Clark Miller and Rob Hagendijk, *Science and Democracy*.

Planning for the 2016 annual meeting will start in the new year. If you have ideas for sessions or books to be discussed, please contact Sally Wyatt ([sally.wyatt@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:sally.wyatt@maastrichtuniversity.nl)).

During the meeting, plans for the next accreditation of WTMC were briefly discussed, and this will get more fully underway later in 2016.

**Completed dissertations.** Congratulations to the 'new doctors' who successfully defended their dissertations in recent months:

- Esther van Loon. *Reflexive Standardization and Standardized Reflexivity. Development and Use of Innovation in Healthcare*. 20 May 2015. Erasmus University Rotterdam. (Supervisors: Roland Bal & Teun Zuiderent-Jerak)
- Wolfgang Kaltenbrunner. *Reflexive Inertia. Reinventing Scholarship through Digital Practices*. 27 May 2015. Leiden University (Supervisors: Paul Wouters & Franciska de Jong) *Cum Laude*.
- Inge Lecluijze. *The Wrong Tool for the Job. The Introduction of the Child Index in Dutch Child Welfare*. 4 November 2015. Maastricht University (Supervisors: Klasien Horstman, Frans Feron & Bart Penders).
- Boukje Huijben. *Mainstreaming Solar: PV Business Model Design under Shifting Regulation Regimes*. 1 December 2015. Eindhoven University of Technology (Supervisor: Geert Verbong).

- Bethany Hipple Walters. *Managing the Chronic. Investigating chronic disease management in the Netherlands*. 4 December 2015. Erasmus University Rotterdam (Supervisors: Roland Bal & Samantha Adams)

In addition, Rob Timans was awarded a PhD at Erasmus University Rotterdam on 30 October for his PhD, *Studying the Dutch Business Elite: Relational Concepts and Methods*, supervised by Paul Wouters & Johan Heilbron). <http://www.eur.nl/fsw/sociologie/nieuwsdetail/article/77502-3010-promotie-rob-timans-structuur-nederlandse-bedrijfselite-in-30-jaar-weinig-veranderd/>

**Congratulations are also due to various (past & present) WTMC members who have recently received prizes and grants, acknowledging their work and contributions.**

**Inge Lecluijze** (see above), **Bart Penders**, Frans Feron & **Klasien Horstman** have been awarded the *Diana Forsythe Award 2015* from the *American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)* for their article called, 'Infrastructural Work in Child Welfare: incommensurable politics in the Dutch Child Index.' *Scandinavian Journal of Information Systems* 26(2): 31–52, 2014.

**Anna Harris** has been awarded a European Research Council Starting Grant for her project 'The birth of the digital doctor? A comparative anthropology of medical techno-perception'. This grant will enable Dr Harris, two PhD students, and a post-doctoral researcher to study how doctors are trained in different parts of the world, and how emerging technologies interact with traditional methods.

**Andrea Scharnhorst (DANS & eHg, KNAW) and Sally Wyatt (eHg, KNAW)** have been awarded an NWO grant called **Re-SEARCH: Contextual Search for Scientific Research Data**. The main applicant is Professor dr *Maarten de Rijke, Universiteit van Amsterdam, and other colleagues from the VU University (Frank van Harmelen) and Elsevier (Paul Groth) will also be involved. The project is funded by the Creative Industries programme of NWO. In early 2016, an ad for PhDs to work on the project will be circulated.*

**Ruth Benschop** gave her inaugural lecture for the Lectoraat, Autonomie en Openbaarheid in de Kunsten, Hogeschool Zuyd on 6 November. It has been published under the title 'De eland is een eigenwijs dier, Een gedachtenexperiment over praktijk en relevantie van artistiek onderzoek'.

#### **Forthcoming events:**

##### **International Architecture Biennale (IABR), Rotterdam, April-June 2016**

The upcoming IABR will open on 22 April, and will last 10 weeks. The Biennale is not about architecture per se but about cities, "the new economy", new forms of urbanism in both imaginary and concrete terms, and it has an interesting focus on experiments and learning.

It promises to be incredibly lively and interesting. It will include a bicycle summit, a market place thematizing regional food strategies, exhibitions and workshops about urban fringes, urbanism as

globally networked rather than only locally specific, and smart cities. There will be substantial involvement of the 'Global South'.

Maarten Hajer, who curates the IABR, is eager to work with WTMC people because he recognizes our potential to contribute in relevant ways to reflections about making future (cities), smart technologies, and urban imaginaries.

There are three ways for WTMC members (including senior members and PhD students) to become involved:

1. the exhibition hall will have an auditorium where seminars and other events can be organized. It costs 2850 euros for a day to do that - but remember WTMC does sponsor interesting member-activities upto 2500 euros (see WTMC website for details of how to apply).
2. PhD students (but staff as well) could set up an 'atelier-for-a-day': an open working space to discuss/reflect upon issues related to their thesis, blog about them, and eventually also become part of the catalogue (interestingly part of the catalogue will be written during and on the basis of the biennale itself so as to incorporate learning). This costs 75 euro per day.
3. Maarten himself will curate Sunday 'salons' (something between *DWDD* and *Buitenhof*), for which we could propose guests (including ourselves).

If you are interested in participating, send an email to Bernike Pasveer ([b.pasveer@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:b.pasveer@maastrichtuniversity.nl)) no later than 15 January. Describe your work and how you might contribute in a few lines. She will then forward your messages to IABR.

**Important note:** People who registered for IABR at the WTCM Annual Meeting, are kindly requested to re-register with Bernike too - including the same few lines about your work and your potential contribution.

### **Barcelona, late summer 2016**

Judging by our inboxes, the EASST/4S conference in Barcelona promises to be an exciting one. Track descriptions keep appearing, and the full list can be found at: <http://easst.net/current-conference/> The deadline for abstracts is 21 February 2016, and the conference itself will be held from 31 August-3 September.