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WTMC Annual Meeting

There was a full house at the WTMC Annual Meeting, held on 24 November in Amsterdam. Sally Wyatt (outgoing director) handed over the plaque WTMC received for its contributions to STS infrastructure to Stefan Kuhlmann (incoming director). There were many interesting discussions about careers for WTMC alumni, new books by WTMC members, and the role of science, technology and innovation studies in the current manifestation of a post-truth world.

Sally Wyatt & Stefan Kuhlmann, and Infrastructure Award Plaque, received from 4S; Photo: Govert Valkenburg

WTMC Publications List – Congratulations to the Competition Winners

As part of the self-evaluation, an extensive and fascinating list of the publications of senior WTMC members, 2011-2016, was produced, running to about 40 pages. This list provides a fantastic overview of the kind of work done by members of WTMC. The list is on the WTMC website (<https://www.wtmc.eu>), and was the object of a competition to find more creative representations.

Mignon Wuestman (Utrecht) and Tanja Manders (Eindhoven) have prepared a short video. Anna Harris (Maastricht) created a recipe for 'sublime tomato, red rice and Wadden Sea mussel soup'. These can already be found on the WTMC website. The interactive list created by Mayli Mertens (Twente) and Caspar Roelofs (Groningen) will also be online soon.

Farewell - Sally Wyatt, WTMC Director, 2011-2017

This is the last 'Notes on WTMC' that I will prepare. At the end of December, my term as WTMC Academic Director comes to an end. It has been a great honour to be involved in WTMC for so many years (prior to my term as director, I was one of the PhD training coordinators between 2005-10). And, as I said at the annual meeting, I'm very relieved I didn't break this valuable Dutch institution, a PhD training school that is the envy of so many colleagues around the world. I am confident that our colleagues in Twente will take equally good care of it in the years ahead. As we said when we won the inaugural 4S Infrastructure Prize last year, WTMC is and always has been a collective enterprise. I could not have fulfilled my role as director without the help of very many people, including Hannie Spronck who has provided sterling administrative support, as well as the board, the coordinators, the teaching committee, and all of the members. We all continue to have a collective responsibility to ensure the transition to our colleagues in Twente, especially Stefan Kuhlmann (new director) and Elize Schiweck (administrator) goes smoothly, and that WTMC continues to thrive.

Completed dissertations, and congratulations to the new doctors:

- Hilde Tjeerdema. *The story of the delinquent Asperger. On connecting autistic conditions to delinquency*. Rijksuniversiteit Groningen. 14 September 2017 (supervisors: Douwe Draaisma and Trudy Dehue)
- Anna Wolters. *The vaccination of unhealthy lifestyles? Vaccines to stop smoking: a study into responsible research and innovation*. Maastricht University. 13 October 2017 (supervisors: Klasien Horstman, Guido de Wert and Onno van Schayck)

Congratulations are also due to the following for recent achievements:

On 14 September, **Anna Harris**, Susan Kelly and **Sally Wyatt** (Maastricht) were awarded the 2017 Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness book prize for *CyberGenetics. Health genetics and new media* (Routledge 2016). The award is given each year for the book that makes "the most significant contribution to the sub-discipline of medical sociology/sociology of health and illness". More details about the book here: <https://www.routledge.com/CyberGenetics-Health-genetics-and-new-media/Harris-Kelly-Wyatt/p/book/9781138946514>

Ernesto Andrade Sastoque (Twente) won the Best PhD Student Paper Award at the 15th Globelics (<http://www.globelics.org/>) International Conference, held on 11-13 October in Athens. Globelics is a worldwide community of scholars working on innovation and competence building in the context of economic development.

Sarah de Rijcke and **Inge van der Weijden** (CWTS, Leiden) received Special Recognition Awards from the World Cultural Council on 9 November. These awards are made to talented women researchers who, in the words of the WCC, are particularly skilled at making their research findings accessible to the general public. Details, photos and films available here: <https://www.cwts.nl/news?article=n-r2r2b4&title=two-award-winners>

Jenny Slatman, Professor of Medical Humanities at Tilburg University, gave her inaugural lecture on 24 November, *De geest voorbij: Geesteswetenschappelijke reflecties op gezondheidszorg*. The full text (in Dutch) can be found here: <http://www.jennyslatman.nl/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/De-geest-voorbij-Slatman.pdf>

Niki Vermeulen (Edinburgh/CWTS, Leiden) and her Edinburgh colleague, Bill Jenkins, have created app-based walking tours of Edinburgh that explore the city's heritage in the history of science, technology and medicine. They have been awarded the Tam Dalyell Prize, awarded annually for excellence in engaging the public with science. If you are in Edinburgh on 15 April 2018, you can hear Niki give the Tam Dalyell Prize Lecture on April 15th as part of the Edinburgh International Science Festival 2018. More about the app and the tours can be found here: <http://www.curiousedinburgh.org/>