

## Past, present, and future of the Research School of Behavioural and Cognitive Neurosciences (BCN)

*A goodbye to Robert Schoevers and a welcome to Marie-José van Tol*



Since 37 years, BCN has served as a successful interdisciplinary neuroscientific research school bringing together scholars, researchers, and students from the faculties of Medical Science, Science and Engineering, Arts, Behavioural and Social Sciences, and Philosophy.

At the recent, highly positive scientific evaluation by an external international Peer Review Committee BCN was lauded as a 'hidden gem' and "flagship" of the University of Groningen. BCN embraced interdisciplinarity long before it became a topic on the international research agenda and a university-wide theme. The committee encouraged BCN to actively showcase its excellence to broader audiences, suggesting a departure from its traditionally Groninger 'modest' demeanor.

This longstanding tradition of interdisciplinary success and the recent top evaluation asks for a celebration. An excellent opportunity for this is provided by the following: after serving as an enthusiastic BCN director for 9 years, Robert Schoevers is passing the baton to Marie-José van Tol, who will assume the directorship from May 1<sup>st</sup>. Both will share their insights and visions, along with Ton Groothuis, chair of the BCN board, and the BCN PhD council.

We cordially invite you to join us for this event on **June 11** at 16.00 hrs for short presentations followed by drinks.

Programme:

**16:00 hrs** walk in  
**16:15 hrs** introduction – Ton Groothuis  
**16:20 hrs** Robert Schoevers – *past and present of BCN*  
**16:45 hrs** Marie-José van Tol – *future of BCN*  
**17:00 hrs** BCN PhD Council  
**17.10 hrs** goodbye to Robert Schoevers – Ton Groothuis  
**17.20 hrs** walk to location drinks/reception

**17:30 hrs - 18:30 hrs** drinks/reception

*Location:* room 16 (UMCG, Onderwijscentrum)

*Drinks/reception:* Spijs, Oostersingel 152

We would love to have you join us, and would like to ask you to inform us your presence by sending an e-mail to Evelyn: [e.t.kuiper-drenth@umcg.nl](mailto:e.t.kuiper-drenth@umcg.nl) by **June 3**.