



As we continue to refine our communication channels, we're excited to bring you this month's newsletter packed with engaging content and valuable updates from our vibrant research community. Here's what you can look forward to in this issue:

- Your research in the spotlight during CAPHRI Research Day poster session 2025
- PhD Spring Meeting 2025 in retrospect
- Sjim Romme wins CaRe award
- Make your Pure researcher profile rank first on Google
- Brightlands Funding Academy - Faculty of Impact
- Inspiring online workshops on 'navigating the journal jungle' and 'navigating research ethics'
- Upcoming courses and events
- A look at the PhD defences for April and May

We hope you find this edition both informative and inspiring. Happy reading!



## Reminder: CAPHRI PhD Poster Session – Spotlight your research!

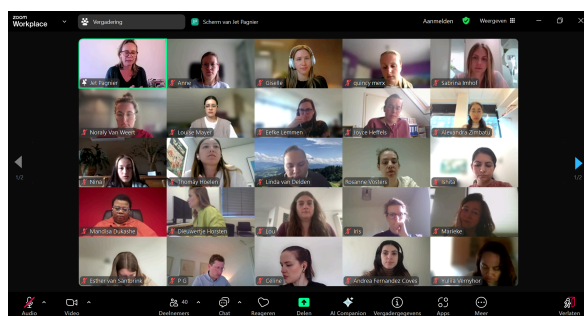
### [Call for Abstracts](#)

Are you ready to showcase your work at the CAPHRI Research Day 2025? The PhD Poster Session on June 18 is your opportunity to put your research in the spotlight and connect with the CAPHRI community. The main aim of this session is to highlight the diverse and impactful research of our PhD candidates. All selected posters will be displayed, inviting colleagues to view your work, engage in discussions, ask questions, and provide valuable feedback.

This session offers a supportive and small-scale environment to gain experience with poster presentations, refine your communication skills, and receive recognition for your efforts. It's an ideal platform to share your progress—whether your research is ongoing or completed—and to learn from peers across CAPHRI's research lines.

Don't forget: the abstract submission deadline is May 6, 2025. Selected candidates will be notified by May 23, with digital posters due June 10. We look forward to seeing your contributions and celebrating your achievements at this inspiring day of knowledge exchange and collaboration!

**Download the abstract  
submission guidelines and form  
here**



## Retrospect: PhD Spring Meeting 2025

### CAPHRI news

On April 9th, more than 40 CAPHRI PhD candidates participated in an engaging online workshop led by Jet from ElroyCOM. The session focused on how to increase the impact of your research by communicating effectively with non-expert audiences. Participants worked on clarifying their core message, learned why explaining why their research matters is more important than just how it is done, and practiced refining their pitch using the principles of the 6 C's. Through peer interviews, attendees helped each other identify the most compelling elements of their stories, enhancing them with metaphors and memorable one-liners.

The workshop was both informative and interactive, and we look forward to welcoming you to the next event—the Academic Kick-off meeting—which will also have an informal component. We hope to see you there!



## Sjim Romme wins CaRe Award 2025

CAPHRI news

Sjim Romme, PhD alumnus of SHE and CAPHRI, has been awarded the prestigious CaRe Award 2025 for best thesis. Selected from a competitive pool of over 250 candidates and eight nominated PhD theses, the award recognises Romme's innovative research on patient involvement in healthcare education and quality improvement.

His dissertation, "Patient Involvement as a Two-Way Street," explores how patients can actively contribute to the education of healthcare professionals and the enhancement of care quality. Romme's work focuses on the Mens Achter de Patiënt module and the Patient As a Person Academy (PAP-Academy), both pivotal in advancing person-centered care. His research demonstrates how meaningful patient involvement enriches healthcare education and improves care outcomes, highlighting the collaborative efforts of scholars, students, and experts by experience.

Reflecting on the award, Sjim Romme stated: "It is an honour to receive this award and present our work to a group of like-minded scholars. The award results from a group effort of scholars, students and experts by experience. Our work is far from done, and we continue our effort to realize more meaningful patient involvement in education and healthcare."

Congratulations are also extended to Veja Widdershoven for her well-deserved nomination, recognizing her important research on addressing vaccine hesitancy through effective, person-centered communication strategies.



## Make your Pure researcher profile rank first on Google

### UM news

As a Maastricht University researcher, your research outputs are showcased on the [Maastricht University | MUMC+ Research Information portal](#). This portal presents all public research information that is entered in UM's research information system Pure.

In Pure, new UM publications are automatically imported from various online sources. To complete your research overview, you can also add other output types, for example activities, datasets, non-UM publications, press/media contributions and prizes.

### Share your output

By actively sharing your research output on social media platforms, you can create backlinks and engagement metrics that enhance search engine optimization (SEO). This signals relevance and authority to search engines like Google, driving traffic to your Pure researcher profile and boosting its visibility. You can easily share your output by using the social media bar on the right side in the portal page of the individual output.

### Improve visibility and impact using Pure

Find out how to further improve the visibility and impact with your Pure data on the [support webpage](#)!

### Brightlands Funding Academy

Faculty of Impact

**Wanted:**  
Researchers with entrepreneurial ambitions!

Transform your scientific breakthroughs into real-world impact with NWO Faculty of Impact.

This two-year fellowship of €200,000 covers salary and basic project costs.

register via the QR code

## Faculty of Impact

### Brightlands Funding Academy

Are you a PhD with entrepreneurial ambitions? Do you believe your research could make a real impact on society? Then the NWO Faculty of Impact is your next step!

### What can you expect during the workshop?

Are you ready to explore how your research can create real-world impact?

During this Brightlands Funding Academy session, we'll guide you through all the ins and outs of the NWO Faculty of Impact fellowship — a unique

two-year program that supports academics in turning research into entrepreneurship.

Through a hands-on workshop led by our experienced grant writer, Wino Wijnen, you'll gain a clear understanding of what the Faculty of Impact offers, what the application process looks like, and how to make your proposal stand out. We'll walk you through each part of the application, share practical writing tips, and provide expert fundraising advice — all aimed at helping you take the next step toward making your innovation a reality.

**Fellowship:** €200,000 (incl. salary + €15,000 project costs)

**Topics:** Safety & energy transition, but open to all (including health)

**Submission deadline:** June 3, 2025 at 14:00

**Sign up now and turn your  
research into impact**

Interactive lecture by Dr. Marlot Kruisbink

## Navigating the Journal Jungle

Are you navigating the complexities of academic publishing? Don't miss the interactive lecture, "Navigating the Journal Jungle: choosing the right publication in the age of open access & predatory journals," led by Dr. Marlot Kruisbink.

We'll cover essential topics for early-career researchers:

- Open access publishing explained
- Selecting the right journal for your work
- Avoiding predatory publishers
- Understanding embargoes

This lecture offers valuable insights to help you make informed decisions about publishing your research. Whether you're preparing your first manuscript or refining your strategy, this event is for you. Enhance your knowledge, boost your confidence, and set yourself up for publishing success! Register now to secure your spot and equip yourself with the tools to make your research shine.



24-04-2025

🕒 15:00 - 16:30 (CET)

📍 Online

[Register now!](#)

Webinar by Dr. David Shaw

## Navigating Research Ethics

Enhance your understanding of research ethics with our upcoming webinar, "Navigating Research Ethics," led by Dr. David Shaw, Chair of FHML-REC. This interactive session will cover essential principles, vital information for ethics committees, and real-world ethical challenges. Open to all CAPHRI PhD candidates and junior researchers, it's a must for those committed to ethical research practices. Don't miss the opportunity to discuss practical examples and bring your questions!

Elevate your research ethics knowledge and ensure your work aligns with the highest standards.

📅 22-05-2025

🕒 14:00 - 15:30 (CET)

📍 Online

[Register now!](#)



Save the Date and Register

## Events and Courses

**Navigating the journal jungle: choosing the right publication in the age of open access & predatory journals - Online**  
April 24, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)

**Brightlands Funding Academy: Faculty of Impact - Maastricht**  
May 6, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)



OpenUp Workshop: License, Share, and Boost Your Educational Resources - Maastricht

May 7, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)

**International (Bio)Medical Student Conference - Leiden**

May 14-18, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)

**Brightlands Impact Festival**

May 15, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)

**VR-test sessions: Discover the power of digital technology for well-being - Maastricht**

May 15, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)

**Participatory Research - CCC Workshop Day - Düsseldorf**

May 15, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)
- [Register and enhance your skills](#) (deadline April 11)

**Secondary data and linkage with primary data - CCC Workshop Day - Düsseldorf**

May 16, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)
- [Register and enhance your skills](#) (deadline April 11)

**Navigating Research Ethics by David Shaw - Online**

May 22, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)

**FHML Spring Session - Maastricht**

May 22, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)

**EHMA 2025 Conference - Rennes**

June 4-6, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)

**Health Innovation Euregion event - Maastricht**

June 12, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)

**CAPHRI Research Day - Maastricht**

June 18, 2025



- [Click to explore the details](#)

### **AWO-L Symposium - Maastricht**

June 19, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)

### **Pélerin symposium - Maastricht**

October 22, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)

### **Public Health Strategy Seminar October 2025 - Salzburg**

October 26 - November 1, 2025

Application Deadline: May 31, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)
- [Register and enhance your skills](#)

### **Economic Evaluation in Healthcare Seminar April 2026 - Salzburg**

April 26 - May 2, 2026

Application Deadline: October 31, 2025

- [Click to explore the details](#)
- [Register and enhance your skills](#)

### **Public Health Strategy Seminar October June 2026 - Salzburg**

June 28 - July 4, 2026

Application Deadline: January 31, 2026

- [Click to explore the details](#)
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## **PhD Ceremonies**

### **April and May 2025**

**Anouk Baghus** | PHPC

01-04-2025 | 13:00 (CET)

"Learning shared decision making in postgraduate medical education"

**Ibrahim Elsiddig Elsheikh Ahmed Badr** | PHPC

01-04-2025 | 16:00 (CET)

"Improving uptake of Prevention of Mother to-Child Transmission services in Sudan"

**Linda Klaassen** | PHPC/VHC

16-04-2025 | 13:00 (CET)

"Which route to take? Supporting the decision-making process of curatively treated breast cancer patients concerning their aftercare trajectory"



*Good luck and congratulations  
to the CAPHRI PhD's*



**Lucie Bastiaens** | HISP

17-04-2025 | 13:00 (CET)

'Local context as compass: public health care in Maastricht 1900-1940'

**Olga Gershuni** | VHC

22-04-2025 | 10:00 (CET)

"Public Health Workforce Development and Professionalization The Implications for Ukraine"

**Maarten Voorhaar** | OPC

24-04-2025 | 10:00 (CET)

"Tailored self-management support for people living with COPD"

**Demi Pagen** | HISP

24-04-2025 | 13:00 (CET)

"The spectrum of COVID-19 epidemiology: from public health alarm state to long-term struggle"

**Filippo Zimbile** | PHPC

24-04-2025 | 16:00 (CET)

"Using Stepped Care to Strategically Organize Ehealth and Promote Self-care: Experiences From Public Sexual Health Care in the Netherlands"

**Marlena van Munster** | VHC

28-04-2025 | 10:00 (CET)

"Defining and Professionalising the Role of Parkinson Nurses: Competency Development for Personalised Parkinson's Care"

**David Hageman** | OPC

29-04-2025 | 16:00 (CET)

"Optimization of Diagnosis and Conservative Treatment of Intermittent Claudication in the Netherlands"

**Pablo Andres Rodriguez Feria** | VHC

06-05-2025 | 16:00 (CET)

"Leadership in Colombian Undergraduate Medical Education"

**Diogo Luis Lopes Leao** | VHC

14-05-2025 | 16:00 (CET)

"Unlocking Value in Healthcare Barriers and Success Factors in the Introduction of Value-based Payment Models in the Dutch Healthcare System"

**Caroline Daccache** | VHC

19-05-2025 | 15:45 (CET)

"A Health Economic Evaluation Guideline in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A Case Study From Lebanon"

**Wouter Vints** | FPR

22-05-2025 | 16:00 (CET)

"Resistance Training and Muscle-brain Crosstalk: Implications for Cognitive Decline in Aging and Spinal Cord Injury"

**Lise Buma** | ALTC

27-05-2025 | 16:00 (CET)

"Reablement and the philosophy's goal Paving the way for reablement in the Netherlands using global insights"

[Watch the PhD Defences Live](#)



## Share your research story

Have you recently contributed to a podcast, given an interview, or presented at a conference?

Reached a significant milestone in your research?

Perhaps you're organizing an event or have an exciting project in the pipeline?

We want to hear from you! Your innovative work and achievements deserve recognition. [Contact our Communications Officer Charlotte Pabst](#) to explore opportunities for featuring your work on our social media channels, website and in our newsletter.

[Share your story!](#)

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## CAPHRI PhD Community

Have you already discovered our CAPHRI PhD community group on UMployee? In this group you will find the latest news, events and other relevant internal information.

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Navigating through the PhD Journey

## CAPHRI PhD Guide

In the CAPHRI PhD Guide you will find information on all aspects of doing a PhD at CAPHRI, ranging from the training programme, guidelines for supervision, and the PhD defense. It contains valuable information for current and prospective PhD students as well as for supervisors.

[Check out the CAPHRI PhD Guide](#)

## Support

### Contact persons for PhD candidates

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## Communication

### Your project, publication or event in this newsletter?

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