



Welcome to the last CAPHRI newsletter of this year. Here's what you can look forward to in this issue:

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- Important announcement regarding CaRe
- Call for Nominations: The Klokhuis Science Award 2026
- Upcoming Funding Opportunities, Courses, Events, Inaugural and Farewell Lectures, and PhD defences

Join us as we celebrate these accomplishments and explore the cutting-edge research shaping the future of care and public health. Happy reading!



Dear CAPHRI Community,

As 2025 draws to a close, we would like to pause and reflect on a year that once again asked much of our academic community. Universities across the Netherlands have faced a changing and at times uncertain landscape, with national debates on higher education, research funding, and the role of academia in society leaving a clear mark on our daily work.

Within this broader context, CAPHRI has continued to demonstrate its strength. Your commitment to high-quality research and societal impact has remained unwavering. We have seen how collaboration, mutual support, and academic integrity continue to guide our community, even when external circumstances are challenging.

What stands out most is the way our community stays connected—by engaging in open dialogue, supporting one another, and keeping our shared mission at the center of everything we do: contributing to a healthy society for everyone. As we look ahead to 2026, we remain confident in the resilience and creativity of CAPHRI.

We wish you and your loved ones a peaceful and joyful holiday season, and a new year filled with health, inspiration, and renewed energy.

Warm regards,
Silvia Evers & Sabina Bulic



A return to roots: Jeroen Hendriks on the future of Nursing Sciences

CAPHRI news

On 4 December 2025, Jeroen Hendriks delivered his inaugural lecture as the first Professor of Nursing Sciences at Maastricht UMC+ in many years. Specialising in Integrated Care, Professor Hendriks' journey has come full circle; after a successful decade-long tenure in Australia, he returned to his Limburg roots to lead a vital mission of healthcare transformation.

Based within CAPHRI's Health Services Research (HSR) department, Hendriks focuses on the 'academisation' of nursing. By fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, a model he famously pioneered in Atrial Fibrillation clinics, he aims to improve patient outcomes while making the profession more versatile. "We must harness the full potential of nurses in leadership, policy, and research," he explains.

His work addresses the essential shift from hospital-based treatment to integrated home care, utilising digital innovation to support complex patient needs. For Hendriks, this chair represents an opportunity to redesign care through the power of 'together'.

[Read the full interview with Professor Jeroen Hendriks here](#)



Netherlands School of Public
Health and Care Research

Important announcement regarding CaRe

CAPHRI news

Following the message about the CaRe research school from June 2025, we would like to inform you that the directors of the research institutes affiliated with CaRe have jointly decided not to continue CaRe in its previous form.

This means that the CaRe board will be dissolved, the website has been taken offline, and no further CaRe days will be organized.

The good news is that the Public Health and Care Research Leadership Programme will continue to exist, with content tailored to the specific fields of public health and care. UMIO will continue to organize the programme, with content-related involvement of the directors of the research institutes formerly affiliated with CaRe as advisors. Further information will follow.

We consider it important to continue strengthening collaboration within the Netherlands in the field of public health and care. Therefore, we as directors will continue to work together. In 2026, we will also reach out to the leadership of other research institutes in this domain to explore opportunities to further broaden our collaboration.

On behalf of the directors of CAPHRI, Nivel, Radboud UMC and APH



The Klokhuis Science Award 2026!

[Call for Nominations](#)

It is time to nominate your innovative projects for one of the most exciting science prizes in the Netherlands: the Klokhuis Science Award.

The renowned children's TV show, Klokhuis (airing weekdays around 18:45 on NPO 3), excels at sparking children's interest in science through playful and engaging content. The winning research will be celebrated with its own dedicated Klokhuis episode, presented during the International Science Film Festival in Nijmegen on Sunday, 8 March 2026.

Why Nominate?

This year, alongside the main awards ceremony, a special Meet the Researcher session will be held. This provides a fantastic opportunity for children and young people to meet the finalists in person!

We are looking for research—either ongoing or recently concluded—that:

- Connects with the world and experience of children (aged 9-12).
- Can be clearly and engagingly explained to a young audience.

Crucially, the research does not necessarily have to be about children.

Submission deadline: 9th of January 2026

Give your research the stage it deserves. Nominate now and inspire the next generation of scientists!

[More information \(in Dutch\) and the submission form](#)



CAPHRI Funding

Streamlined Access to Research Funding Opportunities

Researchers can access an extensive overview of national and European fellowships, health funds, and mobility grants on UMPLOYEE. For tailored searches, Research Connect is available through individual UM/MUMC+ accounts. To stay up to date with calls, deadlines, and training opportunities, join the [FHML/MUMC+ Research Funding Support group](#) on UMPLOYEE. This group provides weekly updates, ensuring you never miss relevant funding news.

[Visit the UMPLOYEE Funding Page](#)

This is your Call

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

BE READY: Transnational Pandemic Preparedness Partnership Coordinated by ANRS MIE to Commence and the launch of the first Joint Transnational Call (JTC)

The BE READY partnership, an EU funded project designed to combat future infectious disease threats, is scheduled to officially commence from January 2026. In January 2026, the programme will launch its first Joint Transnational Call (JTC) for the scientific community. The call represents the first step in the implementation of the partnership's Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA). The call will support innovative, multinational research projects with a collaborative and interdisciplinary ethos. Projects will be based on the following themes:

- Understanding the pandemic potential of emerging pathogenic agents.
- Studying host-pathogen interactions and pathological mechanisms.
- Developing or disseminating new medical counter measures adapted to pandemic preparation needs.

[More information on BE READY](#)

Hestia - Impulse for Refugees in Science

NWO supports researchers from around the world who have found refuge in the Kingdom of the Netherlands due to conflict, war or



persecution. These researchers bring valuable knowledge and expertise across all academic disciplines. However, establishing a research career in a new academic system presents structural challenges that can impede career continuity, regardless of individual talent and qualifications. NWO is committed to a strong, diverse, and inclusive academic system in the Kingdom of the Netherlands. In consultation with KNAW, the Young Academy and the Foundation for Refugee Students (UAF), NWO has developed the programme Hestia – Impulse for Refugees in Science, to support researchers with refugee status in establishing or continuing their academic careers in the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Max. funding: €200,000 can be applied for.

The **minimum duration** of the proposed project is 12 months and the maximum duration is 18 months. In the case of a part-time appointment of the candidate, the duration can be spread over a maximum of 24 months, and the appointment must be at least 0.6 fte, and can be maximum 0.8 fte.

Deadline: March 3, 2026

[More information on Hestia - Impulse for Refugees in Science](#)

[Save the Date and Register](#)

Events and Courses

Conferentie 10 Jaar Gezonde Basisschool van de Toekomst
March 12, 2026

Advanced European Bioethics Course - Nijmegen
March 24-27, 2026

- [Click to explore the details](#)

Public Health Strategy Seminar October June 2026 - Salzburg
June 28 - July 4, 2026
Application Deadline: January 31, 2026

- [Click to explore the details](#)

CAPHRI Research Day 2026 - Maastricht
June 10, 2026

[Save the Date and Register](#)

Inaugural Lectures and Farewells

Farewell symposium Prof. dr. Klasien Horstman - Maastricht
27 February 2026

Farewell symposium Prof. dr. Stefan Wilm - Düsseldorf
6 March 2026



Farewell symposium Prof. dr. IJmert Kant

13 March 2026

Farewell symposium Prof. dr. Paul Savelkoul - Maastricht

5 June 2026

Farewell symposium Prof. dr. Onno van Schayck - Maastricht

11 June 2026

Inaugural Lecture Prof. dr. Mickael Hiligsmann - Maastricht

2 October 2026

PhD Ceremonies

December 2025 and January 2026

Laura Arnold | VHC

02-12-2025

"Capacity-building for evidence-informed practice: Advancing local evidence ecosystems in Germany's public health service"

Marc van Hoof | VHC

02-12-2025

"Skin integration for better acceptance of hearing implants"

Eunice Lobo | OPC

03-12-2025

"Early years matter: Contextual factors shaping caregiving and child development in urban poor neighbourhoods of Bangalore, India"

José van Dorst | ALTC

11-12-2025

"Same client, different care? Investigating practice variation in home care needs assessment"

Marleen van der Velde | ALTC

12-12-2025

"Acute care demands in older adults: predicting outcomes, evaluating quality and optimising care"

Roos van der Ven | VHC

16-12-2025

"The complexity of multi-hospital oncology networks: a widely used and promising structure without a blueprint"

Nadine Blankvoort | HISP

17-12-2025

"Modern citizens, unmodern others: Epistemic and everyday"



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

governance of difference in dutch migrant integration practices"

Ralph Jeuken | FPR

19-12-2025

"Knee joint preservation throughout life"

Ken Peeters | OPC

19-12-2025

"Electronic consultations between general practitioners and hospital specialists: shifting expertise, not patients"

Nana Chea Hankalo | OPC

12-01-2026

"Undernutrition among pregnant women in rural Ethiopia: prevalence, determinants, challenges and utility of couples' forum to tackle maternal undernutrition"

Tegene Legese Dadi | OPC

12-01-2026

"Enhancing Self-management of HIV Patients in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Development and Validation of a Comprehensive Self-management Questionnaire"

Robin de Bot | FPR

14-01-2026

"The clinical and biomechanical implications of hallux rigidus and related surgical interventions on gait"

Olga Temina | HISP

27-01-2026

"Invisible and indispensable: Patients' practices of co-constructing care for oncological and rare diseases in Russia"

Javier Castaneda Rojas | OPC

27-01-2026

"Assessment of Automated Insulin Delivery and Continuous Glucose Monitoring Targets in Type 1 Diabetes Care"

[Communication](#)

Your project, publication or event in this newsletter?

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?

Contact us to explore opportunities for featuring your work on our social media channels and in our newsletter. Let's collaborate to amplify your voice and celebrate your successes within our international academic community

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