

ONWAR Newsletter



Dear ONWAR members,

We have already rushed deep into 2026! ONWAR hopes all your mice, neurons and pipettes are doing well. Here is a brief overview of what we have been up to recently, along with a few updates and opportunities for the months ahead.

Let's keep the momentum going and make 2026 another great year together.

— The ONWAR team

New Training and Supervision Plan

Does this sound familiar — creating your TSP at the start of your PhD and then never really looking at it again?

At ONWAR, we believe the Training and Supervision Plan can be a much more valuable tool. The updated version is designed to be revisited each year together with your supervisor, helping you reflect on progress, discuss achievements, plan your next steps, and align [expectations](#) — including timelines.

Even if you have already submitted your TSP, the new version can still be useful as a guide during your PhD and for your annual meetings.

Are you currently working on your TSP? We encourage you to download and use the [new version](#) via the ONWAR website.

Any comments or things that don't work? Let us know. Your feedback helps us keep improving.



ONWAR Career Event 2026: A huge success!

Thank you to everyone who joined us! It was great to see so many of you there. We hope the day offered you useful insights, new perspectives, and perhaps a few ideas for your next step beyond academia.

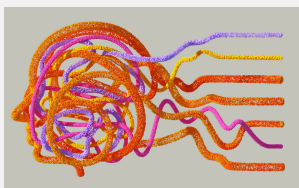


If there was a speaker or conversation that stayed with you, consider this a small nudge to follow up, for example by connecting on [LinkedIn](#) with someone you found inspiring.

We are very grateful to all speakers and participants for their openness and contributions.

Couldn't attend, or not there yet? The speaker [booklet](#) (including all bios) will remain available on the ONWAR website in the coming months for inspiration.

If you attended, we'd really appreciate your feedback via this [short survey](#).



Upcoming Courses

Below a list of all the upcoming courses.
Please register through [THE NEW PORTAL](#) *
Are you not an ONWAR-member (yet)?
Just drop us an email, we'll see if we can get you a spot in the course.

**Summer School (NIN)
Insight into the Human Brain**
June 17-19 > sign up [here](#)

**Summer School (CEN): Advanced Human Brain
Models in the Single-Cell Era**
July 13 - 17

**Summer School (CEN): Neural Circuit Development
and Plasticity**
July 20 - 24

Statistics in Neurosciences

September - October

Cellular and Systems Neurophysiology: Experimental Approaches

October 12 - 16

ONWAR Introductory Course 2026

November 16 - 18

Cognitive Neuroscience 2027

Januari 29 - February 5

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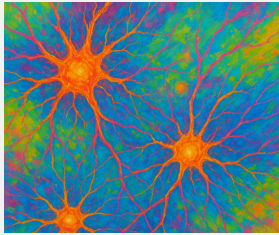
IXA Learning Path Valorisation and Impact

Mar-June, 2026 (several starting dates)

Have you ever thought about the impact your research or idea could have outside academia? IXA offers a new learning track on valorisation and impact. The goal? To inspire you and make you aware of the power of creating value and impact through your research, and how to actually achieve that impact.

[More information](#)

Best ONWAR Image Contest



The ONWAR website is getting a make-over and we need your help.

With the idea to update the cover image of the website, we are organizing a **Best ONWAR Image Contest !**

Multiple images will be selected to make a patchwork and represent all the work that is done within ONWAR. So, for all macro- and microscopy enthusiasts, please share your best/prettiest image with us using this [link](#).

One request (if possible, of course), is that the colors in your image are colorblind friendly (for 2-color images, please avoid green and red)!

You can check your color palette through the following [website](#).



Swammerdam Lectures

April 22nd:

John Cryan (NIN)

Exploring the Gut Microbiome in Brain Health and Disease

+ masterclass (e.aronica@amsterdamumc.nl)

May 22nd:

Yvonne Weber (VU)

Genetic Mechanisms in the Epilepsies

+ masterclass (n.goriounova@vu.nl)

October 2nd:

Zach Mainen (UvA)

Serotonin, surprise, and cognitive flexibility



Request Your ONWAR Certificate

You can now easily request your ONWAR certificate via our new webpage.

If you've completed the required number of credits, don't forget to claim your certificate – it's a great addition to your CV and LinkedIn!

[More Information](#)



ONWAR Annual Meeting 2026 – Committee members Needed

We are looking for enthusiastic PhD candidates to join the organising committee for the ONWAR Annual Meeting 2026. In particular, we warmly encourage members from NIN and CEN to get involved.

Joining the committee is a great opportunity to help shape the program, gain organisational experience, and connect with peers across ONWAR.

Interested?

Please reach out to k.hubregtse@vu.nl



Missing something at ONWAR?

Is there a company you'd love to visit for a tour? Are you missing certain courses or topics? Interested in an event we don't offer yet, or looking for more contact with alumni?

We're always open to new ideas and suggestions. Feel free to send us a short message: think of it as our ONWAR ideas box and help shape the program together.

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