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New research

Ethicists will now have a lab as well

Debates about innovations such as wind parks, care robots or genetically modified food are often coloured by emotions. For a long time these gut feelings have been dismissed as irrational and irrelevant. A team of four female researchers in the NWO Responsible Innovation programme wants to change that. They want to take emotions as the starting point in the design of responsible innovations. New is the integration of empirical data and ethical analysis.



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News

Fourth International MVI Conference now open for registration!

On Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 August 2015, NWO is organising the fourth International Congress about

responsible innovation in The Hague. At the congress researchers from different disciplines, policy makers and representatives from industry will exchange best practices with each other.

For early registration, please register before 30 July 2015

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Interview

Trade in last chances

Patients who can no longer be treated do not have 15 years to wait for a new medication. The young Dutch company myTomorrows is offering them – as the first in the world – access to unregistered drugs. A good idea? And if so, under which conditions? Researchers in the NWO Responsible Innovation programme will investigate this. Medical ethicist Eline Bunnik tells about the plans.



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Research results

Night-time surveillance should match clubbers' fun time mood

Modern surveillance in urban club areas should not be dominated by fear of incidents or undesirable behaviour, but rather focus on the positive power and merriment in the city at night. This is one of the conclusions social geographer Dr Irina van Aalst draws from her Responsible Innovation research project *Surveillance in urban nightscapes*. A video was made about the project.



Designing for a better life

Products that are designed for developing countries sometimes miss their mark. Researchers in the NWO Responsible Innovation programme have come up with an opportunity detection kit and a success model. These make it easier for designers to put themselves in the shoes of future users. They can then come up with products that really do make a difference.



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Meeting tool for innovation processes

Meetings of chain partners who want to innovate are different from ordinary meetings. They are less predictable and have a changing composition. Under the leadership of Barbara van Mierlo, a group of researchers from Wageningen University has developed a methodology for this type of dialogue. A new meeting tool – the 'learning mirror' – structures, monitors and encourages.



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Responsible innovation research presented at ministries

Dutch policy makers are receptive to the analyses academics have to offer, is the conclusion following two well-attended lunch meetings organised at the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport. Both ministries have been partners in the Responsible Innovation programme from the very start.



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Calls and grants

Responsible Innovation call re-opens

In the Summer of 2015 NWO will re-open the call for Responsible Innovation research proposals in the following fields:

- High tech systems and materials
- MVI-Cross-Top Sector: MVI entrepreneurship

The deadline for submission will be during Fall 2015. The MVI Steering Group will make a final decision by the end of this year. More information will be announced on the [Responsible Innovation website](#) in July 2015.

Events

Jeroen van den Hoven speaks at UN expert meeting

'The moral qualities of the world in the second part of this century depend on efforts in careful and meticulous design for values today.' This was the conclusion of a speech held by Jeroen van den Hoven, professor of ethics and technology and chair of the Responsible Innovation programme committee, at a UN expert meeting on autonomous weapon systems in Geneva last April.



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Responsible Innovation

Technological developments may fail if their ethical and social consequences are not considered in time. NWO's Responsible Innovation programme funds and encourages research that considers the ethical and social aspects of new technology from the design phase onwards. Researchers from different scientific disciplines collaborate in this programme, such as ethicists, behavioural scientists, economists, psychologists and engineers.

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