Dear upcoming psychology student,

In September you will start your first year of studying Psychology at the University of Groningen, exciting! And what’s better than having the opportunity to meet other psychology students before you kick off your first year? We got you! Right before the start of the academic year in September, there will be an **introduction period** for all upcoming psychology students during the last week of the summer holiday called the **Diesweek**! The Diesweek will take place from **Monday 23 August till Wednesday 25 August 2021**. This week is organised by VIP, the Study Association for psychology students in Groningen. The Diesweek will be followed by an **introduction camp**, which will take place from **3 September till 5 September**!

**Introduction period**

During the **Diesweek** we will celebrate the birthday of VIP, which will turn 40 years this year! When you participate, you will be placed in a small group with other first year psychology students. Your group will be guided by a pair of older VIP members, and together with your group you will go to different activities. The introduction camp will serve as another opportunity to meet other psychology students and participate in more fun activities. You will meet lots of psychology students, get to know the study association and make friends for the rest of your studies!

The costs for the Diesweek will be **25 euros maximum**, and the introduction camp will be **50 euros maximum**. Luckily the current circumstances regarding the coronavirus will probably allow us to organise the Diesweek and the introduction camp filled with fun and physical activities! Taking the Dutch guidelines regarding the coronavirus into account, we are confident these events will be worth participating in!

To participate in the Diesweek and introduction camp, you must first be a **VIP member**. VIP will be organising multiple fun activities throughout the year. Your membership gives you a lot of discount on all these activities and it gives you a discount on your study books. Besides the discount on study books, VIP also organizes **VIP-activities** throughout the whole academic year, where members get at least a 30% discount. The study related activities will complement your studies and will help you to prepare for your career as a psychologist. For example, we organize lectures, career nights and in-house days. These are good opportunities to gain more knowledge in the field of psychology in addition to the lectures. Besides that, there are a lot of social activities, like the monthly VIP-drinks, a hitchhiking contest, a student exchange with a foreign University, themed-parties and many more activities! All those activities are the ideal way to meet new people and make friends!

Good enough reasons to become a VIP member, right? To become a VIP member you will pay **15 euro contribution for one year**. You can sign up for VIP here:

https://www.vipsite.nl/my-vip/sign-up/personalia

The sign-up for the diesweek and introduction camp will open in the beginning of July! So keep an eye on our social media and website to stay up to date.

**Social Media**

Instagram: @vipdiesweek en @vip_groningen
Facebook: @vipdiesweek en @VIP , Study Association Groningen
Also there is a groupchat with fellow first year students! Click on the link to participate in the groupchat.

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https://chat.whatsapp.com/Jm7PNBL1Q9DIHGYAs0xqf4

We hope to meet you during the Diesweek, to welcome you in Groningen and to introduce you to VIP!

Kind regards,

The VIP-Board 2020-2021
The Dies/Introduction Committee 2020-2021