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WINTERSCHOOL MULTILINGUALISM: 9-10 NOVEMBER 2017

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In November of last year we were able to organize the Winterschool Multilingualism, owing in large part to the generous 2000 euros that we were fortunate enough to receive through the Young Academy Groningen project funds. The Winterschool took place on 9 and 10 November in the Remonstrant Church in Groningen, and directly followed COM2017 (Conference on Multilingualism) which took place from 6-8 November at the same location. The vast majority of Winterschool participants had also participated in COM2017 but there were also people who came especially for the Winterschool. Among this latter group of participants were 9 PhD candidates, 9 MA students and 7 Research Master students from the University of Groningen who - through your funding - were able to take part in the Winterschool workshops and lunches free of charge. They also received a certificate following their participation, like all other participants who attended the Winterschool. Through this report, we would like to detail the Winterschool Multilingualism event to which you so generously contributed.

The main goal of the Winterschool was to provide workshops (each workshop lasting 3 hours) that provided methodological tools for early career researchers in the research field of Multilingualism. This greatly aided their professional development as multilingualism researchers. As part of the 2-day Winterschool, we offered 10 workshops, led by world-class names in the field.

A total of 36 participants took part in the Winterschool, of which 5 were male and 3 were female. The majority of participants was affiliated to the University of Groningen: 23. As a group they consisted of PhD candidates (9), Master students (9) and Research Master *Language & Cognition* students (5). The PhD candidates were mostly affiliated with the Center for Language and Cognition Groningen (CLCG), but also with Campus Fryslân and the

department of Cognitive Neuroscience of the UMCG. The MA students, in turn, were enrolled in either the Master Applied Linguistics or Multilingualism, both MA tracks at the University of Groningen.

Those participants who were not affiliated with the University of Groningen mostly joined us from other European institutions, and many from the U4 universities, as the U4 also contributed financially to the event. But there was even one participant who joined us from Hong Kong:

- Uppsala University (Sweden): 4
- Mid Sweden University (Sweden): 1
- University Ghent (Belgium): 3
- Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium): 2
- Radboud University Nijmegen (the Netherlands): 2
- University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong): 1

The participants from elsewhere than Groningen were exclusively PhD candidates plus one full professor from Ghent who participated in the Winterschool out of her own personal interest. The participants' affiliations in no way defined their nationalities, which were very wide-ranging:

- Dutch
- Belgian
- Chinese
- French
- Swedish
- Turkish
- Moroccan
- Spanish
- Portuguese
- Mexican
- German
- Russian

The Young Academy Groningen was acknowledged in several ways during the event: the logo of the YAG was included as part of the conference booklet and on our website. At the start of the Winterschool (during the opening address), the Young Academy Groningen's contribution was recognized, and again during the Winterschool dinner, which took place on Thursday 9 November. Moreover, those MA and REMA students as well as PhD candidates whose participation was made possible through the YAG funds were explicitly informed of this.

The comments and feedback that we received from the Winterschool participants was exclusively positive to very positive. In large part, this is due to your generous contribution. We are therefore very grateful for your financial assistance. We hope to have been able to provide an accurate picture of the Winterschool Multilingualism. Should you desire this, we naturally are very happy to follow-up on some of the reflections of this report in a conversation with you.

We would finally like to refer you to the Google Photo's album of the Winterschool Groningen, to which we have granted you access through the youngacademygroningen@rug.nl email address. These pictures hopefully underscore – in images – the successful event that was the Winterschool Multilingualism.

KIND REGARDS,
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