



HEAR-ECO E-newsletter: October-December 2018

Introduction

Welcome to the third HEAR-ECO E-newsletter!

In October, November and December all the early stage researchers (ESRs) focused on designing and preparing their first studies. We also had a chance to strengthen the bond of friendship within the group. Here you can read what happened in the past 3 months.

HEAR-ECO ESR Meeting

Date: 26-30.11.18

Place: Eriksholm Research Centre, Denmark

Participants: Fellows: Bethany Plain, Defne Alfandari, Hidde Pielage, Patrycja Książek, Sergio Aguirre, Tirdad Seifi Ala, Seniors: Carina Gravensen, Dorothea Wendt, Gabrielle Helena Saunders, Tanveer Bhuiyan, Thomas Lunner.

At the end of November 2018 the ESRs gathered for a week in Denmark. The purpose of our time together was to discuss our projects, learn from one another, meet our supervisors and co-workers in Denmark, and deepen our friendships within the group. More precisely, we were able to promote HEAR-ECO to our colleagues in Denmark both in research (Eriksholm Research Centre) and in industry (Oticon A/S HQ), which was an excellent opportunity to improve our presentation skills. In exchange, we learned about the fascinating world of industry. Additionally, we visited Technical University of Denmark, where we met interesting



ESRs tour at Oticon A/S HQ

researchers eager to follow HEAR-ECO and we learned about their fascinating projects. Furthermore, we were able to better understand the expectations from the EU regarding the Horizon 2020 programme, which we believe will improve the quality of HEAR-ECO as Innovative Training Network (ITN) project. Last but not least, all the ESRs had chance to spend time together, having fun and also supporting each other. We have built a strong team, ready to overcome any challenges ahead!

Visit to Effort Lab at Liverpool John Moores University – Training in Theories of Motivation

Date: 5-10.11.18

Place: Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom

Participants: Defne Alfandari (author of the summary), Michael Richter

I spent the first week of November at the Liverpool John Moores University, School of Natural Sciences and Psychology. Here I was welcomed by my secondment supervisor Michael Richter, who introduced me to his colleagues. I got to learn about the lines of research in the faculty from first hand. In addition to the one-to-one conversations with the members of the faculty, I had the opportunity to give a presentation on hearing related fatigue and the design of my first experiment. Their feedback helped me to refine my design and argumentation. Lastly, the face-to-face discussions I had with my secondment supervisor have been invaluable for me. I've returned to Glasgow with new ideas and perspectives.

Introducing Hidde



Hidde Pielage
 RESEARCH FELLOW (ESR)

“In the past months I have been working on building a theoretical framework and setting up my first experiment regarding social influences on listening. An exciting part of this is that I am developing a new point of view that intersects hearing, cognitive and social sciences. The further I go, the more papers and knowledge I find in a large variety of adjoining subjects. This also made me realize I am contributing to something larger than myself, and it is my hope that my effort will spark other’s interest to do further research in this area. Meanwhile I love that I’ve had the chance to meet my new colleagues and am having a lot of fun with them. I think that we are becoming a close interdisciplinary group and our work will add a lot to the field of hearing science.”

Upcoming in the HEAR-ECO calendar:

HEAR-ECO Progress Check

Dates: 1.03.19

Location: VU University medical center, Amsterdam

Information: European Commission will be updated about the project status by fellows and seniors.

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