**CAS Research Article Award 2015**

Each year CAS awards a prize for the best research article accepted or published in an international, peer-reviewed journal. Two articles are nominated per department. This year the jury consisted of Judith Dubas, Regina van den Eijnden, Jolien van der Graaf and Marjolein Verhoeven.

A number of criteria are used for assessing the articles and each member uses these to determine a rank ordering of the articles. These criteria are: the scientific quality of the research, the innovative character of the research, the scientific importance and/or the societal impact. An average is made of the rankings and the article with the lowest average (rank) is the winner. It should be noted that no committee members rates the articles submitted from his or her home department.

The research focused on a wide range of topics that spanned infancy through adulthood. Topics included intelligence testing among infants and toddlers, problems of self regulation among preschoolers, school age children’s narcissism, risky decision making, social media use and sexual development, political attitudes in adolescence and emerging adulthood and abstention from delinquency and its implications for success at midlife.

The quality of the articles was extremely high but the jury was able to identify two front runners.

**In second place, receiving an honorable mention is the article by Suzan Doornwaard**
(from the department of Youth in Changing Cultural Contexts) entitled Adolescent’s use of sexually explicit internet material and their sexual attitudes and behavior: Parallel development and directional effects which was published in Developmental Psychology in 2015.


**The winner of this year’s CAS research article is awarded to Ivy Defoe**
(From the department of Developmental Psychology – Social and Personality Development) for her meta-analytic review entitled: A meta-analysis on age differences in risky decision making: Adolescents versus children and adults which was published in Psychological Bulletin in 2015.

This article was chosen based on its (a) high scientific quality (it had strong theoretical underpinnings and used state-of-the-art meta-analysis techniques), (b) the timeliness and importance of the topic (adolescent risk taking) and (c) the potential of this review to make a wide scientific and societal impact given (1) its focus on a topic that is relevant for almost all youth and (2) the results challenge widely held assumptions about adolescents as taking more risks than children. Thus, the research makes strong contributions to theory building and prevention design.

Overzicht inzendingen voor CAS-artikelprijs 2015

Adolescent Development


Development and Treatment of Psychosocial Problems


Social and Personality development


Youth in Changing Cultural Contexts
