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Congratulations to the UGent awards laureates 2011



(2011-12-20) The three laureates of the Ghent University awards 2011 are known: Ann Cools, Wim Van Paepegem and Carl Devos have been recognised for their excellent contribution to the university and its threefold mission.

This Spring, the university community was called upon to nominate staff members for the unique Ghent University awards for education (Minerva), research (Prometheus) and public and scientific engagement (Hermes).

With these annual awards, the university aims to reward and stimulate not just their drive for quality but also the continuous dedication of its employees.

For each of the three categories, every Ghent University student or employee could nominate one staff member from any of the 11 faculties.

The laureates

Minerva Award for Education

- **ANN COOLS** (Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Department of Physical therapy and motor rehabilitation) was awarded the Minerva Award 2011 because of her inspirational teaching and her involvement as chairwoman of the Study programme commission Rehabilitation sciences



Other shortlisted nominees:

- **MAGDA VINCX** (Faculty of Sciences, Department of Biology)
- **FREDDY HEYLEN** (Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Department of Social economics)
- **ANDREAS NIEHAUS** (Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, Department of Languages and cultures of South and East Asia)

Prometheus Award for Research

- **WIM VAN PAEPEGEM** (Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, Department of Materials Science and Engineering) was awarded the Prometheus Award 2011 because of his excellent academic and social guidance of the doctoral students within his research group



Other shortlisted nominees:

- **MIEKE VAN HOUTTE** (Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, Department of Sociology)
- **FILIP LIEVENS** (Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, Department of Personnel management, work and organizational psychology)
- **KAROLIEN DE BOSSCHER** (Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Department of Biochemistry)

Hermes Award for Public and Scientific Engagement

- **CARL DEVOS** (Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, Department of Political Sciences) was awarded the Hermes Award 2011 because of his participation in the public debate and perspicuous argument on political issues



Other shortlisted nominees:

- **JEROEN CRAPPÉ** (Faculty of Bioscience Engineering, Department of Mathematical Modelling, Statistics and Bio-informatics)
- **JAN DE MAESENEER** (Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Department of General practice and primary health care)
- **KOEN DE BOSSCHERE** (Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, Department of Electronics and information systems)

In true Oscar style, they were handed their awards – a design by young Ghent artist Manor Grunewald – during a dedicated award ceremony in the Aula on Tuesday 20 December 2011.



Verdienstelijke personeelsleden feestelijk onderscheiden

Op 20 december 2011 reikte de UGent in de Aula voor het eerst **onderscheidingen** uit aan haar personeelsleden, door collega's en studenten genomineerd omwille van hun bijzondere verdiensten op het vlak van onderwijs, onderzoek of maatschappelijke en wetenschappelijke dienstverlening. Met die *awards* wil de UGent het kwaliteitsstreven en de blijvende inzet van al haar medewerkers belonen en stimuleren. In het voorjaar van 2011 kon elke UGent-student en -medewerker voor elke categorie een favoriet nomineren. Uit alle genomineerden stelde de rector samen met een adviescommissie een *shortlist* van 12 genomineerden op, waaruit drie laureaten werden gekozen.

Ann Cools - faculteit Geneeskunde en Gezondheidswetenschappen, vakgroep Revalidatiewetenschappen en Kinesitherapie, kreeg de *Minervaonderscheiding voor onderwijs* omwille van haar enthousiaste manier van doceren en haar engagement als voorzitter van de opleidingscommissie Revaki.

Wim Van Paepegem - faculteit Ingenieurswetenschappen en Architectuur, vakgroep Toegepaste Materiaalwetenschappen, ontving de *Prometheusonderscheiding voor onderzoek*, omwille van zijn academische en sociale begeleiding van doctorandi binnen zijn onderzoeksgroep.

Carl Devos - faculteit Politieke en Sociale Wetenschappen, vakgroep Politieke Wetenschappen, won de *Hermesonderscheiding voor maatschappelijke en wetenschappelijke dienstverlening* omwille van zijn deelname aan het politiek debat en heldere betoog.

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Vlnr.: Ann Cools,
Wim Van Paepegem,
Carl Devos
De laureaten
ontvingen een
collage gemaakt
door de jonge
Gentse kunstenaar
Manor Grunewald.