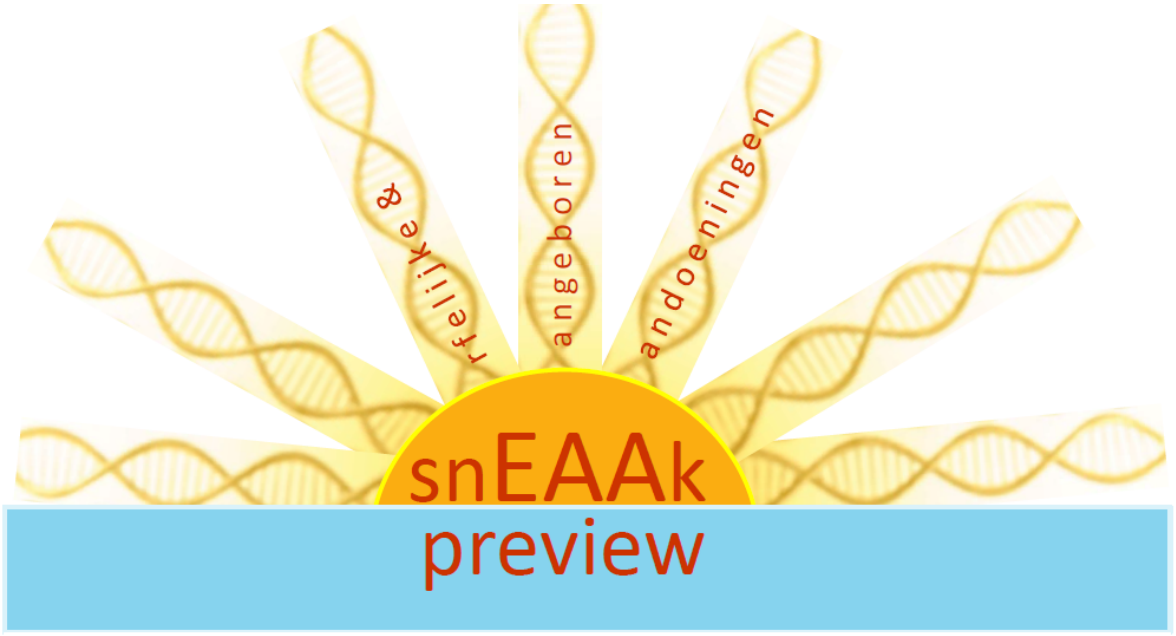

In November 2018, a research symposium was held at the Amsterdam UMC. It was organised by the Dutch Paediatric subspecialty 'Hereditary and Congenital disorders', abbreviated as EAA in Dutch, hence the title of the day.

The day was dedicated to highlighting the rapid developments within the field, and our idea was to give a 'sneak preview' into the future of this paediatric subspecialty. Keynote speakers took us through the promises of genetic modification by CRISPR-cas (Raoul Hennekam, Amsterdam UMC), genetic aspects of obesity (Lotte Kleinendorst, Amsterdam UMC), translational research; the example of Angelman syndrome (Ype Elgersma, Erasmus MC), and the medical ethical aspects of future interventions (a discussion led by Raoul Hennekam).

Several talks were presented by promising young scientists working in the field of Paediatrics, Clinical Genetics, Behavioural sciences and the Dutch specialty 'Intellectual Disability Medicine' (which takes care of the follow up of adults with ID in the Netherlands).
Two prizes were awarded to these speakers, one for a basic science presentation, and one for a more clinically oriented presentation. The first was won by Najim Lahrouchi (Amsterdam UMC) for his presentation '*Truncating mutations in the atypical protocadherin FAT1 cause a recessive clinical syndrome characterized by colobomatous microphthalmia, blepharoptosis, nephropathy and syndactyly'*. The clinical prize was won by Sylvia Huisman for her presentation '*A genetic perspective on self-injurious behaviour: CdLS as a model for inter- and intra-genetic syndromic comparison*'.

At this event, clinicians form several disciplines shared experiences and ideas with great passion. We are happy that this symposium is an annual event, as it give us the opportunity to enlighten each other on the research we all undertake with one joint goal in mind: to further improve the clinical care for children and adults with hereditary and congenital disorders.

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