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MSc-program Genetic Epidemiology, NIHES:		
Principles of Research in Medicine	2014	0.7
Principles of Genetic Epidemiology	2014	0.7
Genomics in Molecular Medicine	2014	1.4
Advances in Genomics Research	2014	0.4
Genome-Wide Association Analysis	2014	1.4
Study Design	2014	4.3
Genetic-Epidemiologic Research Methods	2014	5.1
Linux for Scientists	2014	0.6
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Biostatistical Methods I: Basic Principles	2015	5.7
Biostatistical Methods II: Classical Regression Models	2015	4.3
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Advances in GWAS	2015	1.4
Family-based Genetic Analysis	2015	1.4
An Introduction to the Analysis of Next-Generation Sequencing Data	2015	1.4
Topics in Meta-analysis	2015	0.7
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Introduction to Bayesian Methods in Clinical Research	2015	1.4
Causal Mediation Analysis	2015	0.7
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Symposia, Conferences & Workshops:		
5 CID Meetings/Symposia , <i>Universiteit Utrecht</i>	2014-2018	1
EAGLE meeting, <i>Vrije Universiteit</i>	2015	0.2
Quantitative Genomics, <i>Wellcome Trust, London</i>	2015	0.2

World Congress of Psychiatric Genetics, Toronto	2015	1.4
Sophia Research Day (Oral Presentation)	2016	0.2
CID Lab Tour, <i>Universiteit Utrecht</i>	2016	0.2
CID Symposium, <i>Universiteit Utrecht</i> (Poster Presentation)	2016	0.2
KNICR Symposium, <i>Erasmus MC</i> (Oral Presentation)	2016	0.2
SRCD, Austin (Oral presentation)	2017	1.4
ISRCAP, <i>Universiteit van Amsterdam</i> (Oral presentation)	2017	1.4
Stress-NL, Amsterdam	2017	0.2
CID Meeting, <i>Universiteit Utrecht</i> (Oral presentation)	2018	0.2
Adult and Pediatric Life Support	2018	0.4
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Supervising systematic review article writing for course: "Ontwikkeling van psychiatrische ziektebeelden"	2014-2015	0.5
Master Thesis Supervision: 2 students	2014-2015	6
Minor Thesis Supervision: 2 students	2015	0.5
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