**NWO grants for MOVE researchers**

In the last few months of 2009, several MOVE researchers were awarded with a NWO-grant.

Melvyn Roerdink received a Veni-grant for his proposal ‘Anchoring as a window into auditory-motor synchronization: further insight to improve therapy’.

Mirjam Pijnappels, Jaap van Dieën, Paul Lips and Peter Beek (and Petra Elders from EMGO+) received a ‘NWO Top subsidie’ for the project FARAO: A novel instrument to support fall prevention in extramural care’.

Jaap van Dieën (together with researchers from TU Delft and VUmc) is awarded with a STW grant for a project, called ‘Identification of neuromuscular control of trunk musculature in low-back pain’.

Jenneke Klein-Nulend received a 3-year NWO postdoc grant for a project called ‘Microgravity and osteocyte mechanosensitivity – relation to osteoclastic bone resorption and osteoblastic bone formation’.

**Farewell symposium Guus Lankhorst**

On January 14, VUmc organizes a farewell symposium, after which Guus Lankhorst will hold his valedictory address. From 1991, Guus was head of the Department Rehabilitation Medicine of the VUmc. Guus is also one of the founders of MOVE. Since MOVE became a VU institute, Guus was member of the directory board of MOVE.

If you want to attend the symposium, you have to register on [http://www.vumc.nl/afdelingen/PAOG/agenda/10afscheidlankhorst/](http://www.vumc.nl/afdelingen/PAOG/agenda/10afscheidlankhorst/).
Argospine Thesis Award for Roel Hoogendoorn

Roel Hoogendoorn, who obtained his doctorate in October 2009, received the prestigious Argospine Thesis Award for his thesis ‘Studies on the degeneration and regeneration of the intervertebral disc’.

VUmc PhD-call 2009

The Research Committee of MOVE received 7 proposals. The following two proposals will be granted:

1) Quantification of leg muscle co-contraction in pathological gait. Validation of a clinical applicable EMG-to-force model (Project leaders: Jaap Harlaar & Caroline Doorenbosch)

2) The role of chemokines, macrophages and fibroblasts in skin and mucosal scar formation (Project leaders: Frank Niessen & Vincent Everts)

5 veni proposals submitted

In January 2010, 5 researchers submitted their veni proposal to NWO. If granted, the projects will be conducted within MOVE.

- Astrid Horstman (FBW)
- Marjolein van der Krogt (previously VUmc, now Stanford University, USA)
- Tjeerd Boonstra (previously FBW, now University of South Wales, Australia)
- Rouwen Cañal-Bruland (FBW)
- Peter Reeves (Michigan State University, USA)