Recruitment of PhD students for the ERASMUS MUNDUS MOVE-AGE projects has started

The application process for the Erasmus Mundus-funded 3 year PhD fellowships has started. In the first year 9 PhD fellowships are vacant. The selected candidates will be supervised by members of staff from the partner institutions (MOVE, the Institute for Biomedical Research into Human Movement and Health at the Manchester Metropolitan University or the Doctoral School of Exercise and Physical Activity in Health and Disease of the K.U. Leuven).

Of the 9 vacant fellowships three projects are based in Amsterdam:
- The etiology of generalized osteoporosis in rheumatoid arthritis.
P: prof.dr. J. Klein-Nulend, MOVE, Netherlands; co-P: prof.dr. F. Luyten, KU Leuven, Belgium,
- Future Functional Status in Osteoarthritis of the Knee: Impact of Neuromuscular, Psychological and Clinical Factors (NPC-study).
P: prof.dr. W. Lems, MOVE, Netherlands; co-P: prof.dr. S. Verschueren, KU Leuven, Belgium,
- Dynamic balance assessment and training in older adults based on centre of mass tracking performance.
P: prof.dr. J van Dieën, MOVE, Netherlands; co-P: prof.dr. S. Verschueren, KU Leuven, Belgium

All projects focus on maintaining mobility throughout the ageing process. For a complete list of the 9 available projects and how to apply, please visit http://www.move-age.eu . Please note the deadline: January 31st, 2011.

Candidates for the remainder of the in total 50 PhD vacancies will be recruited during the coming years of the Erasmus Mundus MOVE AGE program (2012-15).

PhD Presentations

As from January 2011, all MOVE PhD students who have submitted their thesis to the reading committee will have the opportunity of presenting their research for a MOVE wide audience. After the date of the PhD defence has been decided, the PhD student and/or the (co)promoter will be approached by MOVE to make an appointment for the presentation. Ideally the presentation will take place 6-8 weeks ahead of the PhD defence; it will be planned during the lunch hour and should last maximum 45 minutes. It will provide the PhD student with an excellent opportunity of presenting his/her research to an interested and critical audience.

March 11, 2011
VUmc Wetenschapsdag
All day event at the Amstelzaal (Hospital Building VUmc)

March 17, 2011
Symposium preceding the inaugural lecture of Jelte Bos
Gaan, staan, kijken en kokken met het evenwichtsorgaan
12.30 p.m., G613 (Medical Faculty, VU University Amsterdam)

March 17, 2011
Inaugural Lecture
Jelte Bos
Gaan, staan, kijken en kokken met het evenwichtsorgaan
3.45 p.m., Aula (Main Building, VU University Amsterdam)

April 1, 2011
MOVE Symposium on Regenerative Medicine.
Complete program yet to be announced
All day event at the new ACTA premises

April 19, 2011
Seminar
Jan Theeuwes
Top-down and bottom-up control of visual selection
1.30 p.m., A301 (Medical Faculty VU University Amsterdam).
Annual Progress Interviews
Starting mid March, all PhD students and program leaders will receive an invitation to register for the annual interviews with the MOVE directorate. The PhD students will have 20 minutes each to discuss their progress, with the possibility of signing up for 30 minutes, if desired. The program PIs will be invited for an hour long discussion. A letter detailing the available dates and times and how to sign up for the interviews will follow shortly.

VUmc Wetenschapsdag
The deadline for submitting posters for the VUmc Wetenschapsdag has passed. Before the deadline closed we received a grand total of 47 posters from all three themes within MOVE.

MOVE Text on the Back Cover of Thesis
The text which, in addition to the MOVE logo, is printed on the back cover of the thesis has been slightly amended in order to cover all fields of research within MOVE. The complete revised text can be found here.

New members in January 2011
New PhD students:

September 28, 2011
3rd Annual MOVE Research Meeting
Complete program and venue yet to be announced