Grant for the development of a spasticity measuring instrument

Prof.dr.ir. Jaap Harlaar, Prof.dr. Jules Becher and Dr.ir. Josien van den Noort (all VUmc) have together been awarded a grant of €143.885 from the Phelps Stichting voor spastici and the Fonds Nuts Ohra.

The grant will be used for the development of a user-friendly and reliable measuring instrument for the quantification of spasticity in daily clinical practice. In this research the VUmc researchers will work closely together with international partners for the acceptance of clinical protocols to be used when measuring spasticity.

With an instrumented spasticity test, clinicians will receive feedback on the test performance which will lead to improved standardization and performance which again will result in improved treatment of spasticity in e.g. children with cerebral palsy.

Save the Date!!
Thursday January 30, 2014 has been reserved for the 4th Annual MOVE Research Meeting, please reserve the afternoon in your diaries!

HORIZON 2020 Information Meeting

Following the Grants Desk's initial lecture on the outlines of HORIZON 2020, MOVE will arrange a 2nd information meeting with detailed information on how to prepare for the upcoming calls. We
will concentrate the meeting on the institutional cooperation grants and the Marie Curie training programs. The meeting is aimed at group leaders and senior researchers and is planned on June 18th from 12 noon - 1 pm, please register in advance by mailing moveoffice.fbw@vu.nl

VENI, VIDI en VICI Information Meeting

On June 21st there will be an information meeting on the VENI, VIDI and VICI grants at the NWO-Building in the Hague. Former succesful applicants and coordinators will be there to inform you first hand about the DO's and DON'Ts when writing your application. The afternoon has been reserved for the Bèta and Life Sciences. For more information about the programme and to register on line visit the NWO website.

Visit by Professor Sarianna Sipilä

Professor Sipilä, who is on a short visit to Amsterdam, will on June 19th give a talk entitled Safe walking among older people. Professor Sipilä is a distinguished academic in Finland with an impressive academic track record. In her major research activities Professor Sipilä aims to understand the importance of physical activity and exercise on musculoskeletal system, mobility and functional capacity among healthy and frail older people. Professor Sipilä is Professor in Exercise Gerontology at the Gerontology Research Center, Department of Health Sciences, University of Jyväskylä, and the Research Council for Health at the Academy of Finland. For the exact details of her talk, please consult the list of upcoming events in the right column.

New Members

**Martin Truijens** PhD, also known as the succesful swimming coach of several Dutch olympic medal winners and the head coach of Nationaal Zweminstiut Amsterdam, has joined the HMS. Martin will in addition to his swimming activites supervise the project he was recently granted in the NWO/STW/ZonMW call entitled Status monitoring in elite athletes.

**Sander Ganzevles** has joined the HMS as a PhD student on the project Status monitoring in elite athletes. Supervisors: Prof.dr. P.J. Beek, Prof.dr. A. de Haan and Dr. M. Truijens. (Funding: NWO/STW/ZonMW and additional partners).
Dongyun Wang has joined ACTA as a PhD student on the project Antimicrobial Bone Substitute - Incorporation of antibiotics into BioCP for treatment of bone loss caused by peri-implantitis. Supervisors: Prof. D. Wismeijer and Dr. Y. Liu. (Funding: China scholarship council).

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July 5-9, 2014
19th Annual Congress of the European College of Sport Science (ECSS)
Campus, VU University
Amsterdam