Grants and Prizes

Prof. dr. Gert Kwakkel and his team of researchers have received a ZonMW grant for the project Care 4 Stroke for the value of €101.000. We congratulate!

Suzanne Detiger (VUmc) has been awarded the DSS (Dutch Spine Society) Award 2013 for her paper *Biomechanical and Rheological Characterization of Mild Intervertebral Disc Degeneration in a Large Animal Model* which she published in Journal of Orthopaedic Research, volume 31, issue 5. We congratulate Suzanne and her co-authors!

Laura Hak (HMS) won the best presentation award at the VRA (Vereniging voor Revalidatieartsen) annual meeting for her presentation *Stepping strategies used by stroke patients to maintain margins of stability during walking* held the last week in October 2013. Congratulations Laura!

Han Houdijk PhD, was given the best poster award for his poster entitled *Step Length Asymmetry in Trans-Tibial Amputees: A Strategy to Regulate Gait Stability?*

And of course, our congratulations go to Han too!

5th Annual MOVE Meeting - SAVE THE DATE!

The 5th Annual MOVE Research meeting is scheduled for January 30th 2014.
The **deadline** for submitting abstracts is **December 8th 2013**. Submit your abstracts before the deadline to **MOVEoffice.fbw@vu.nl**

**MOVE Award (closing deadline December 8th)**
The annual MOVE award of €1.000 will be given to a MOVE PhD student with the best publication in a high impact journal during the period January 1st - December 31st 2013. For the exact rules governing the award, please visit the **MOVE site**.

**VUmc Science Exchange Day 2014 - SAVE THE DATE!**
The 8th edition of the VUmc Science Exchange Day has been set for 7th March 2014. Submit your abstracts to **moveoffice.fbw@vu.nl** before the **deadline of December 18th**! Please see the rules governing the abstracts sent per e-mail on November 12th and visit **www.ncsu.edu/project/posters/** to get tips and tricks on how to prepare effective poster presentations!

**The Erasmus Mundus MOVE-AGE 2013 projects**
The MOV-AGE projects to start in 2014 have been announced.

**Aging associated impairment of muscle mechano-sensitivity causing reduced muscle protein synthesis and regeneration**
PI: prof. dr A. de Haan, MOVE, Netherlands; co-PI: prof. dr P. Hespel, K.U. Leuven, Belgium

**Optimisation of training programs with respect to muscle adaptations in elderly subjects**
PI: prof. dr C. Delecluse, K.U. Leuven, Belgium; co-PI: prof. dr J. van Dieën, MOVE, Netherlands

**Mechanics and energetics of walking in old and young adults**
PI: dr M. Bobbert, MOVE, Netherlands; co-PI: dr I. Jonker, KU Leuven, Belgium

**Biomechanical changes in articulation of the jaw joint due to aging**
PI: prof. dr V. Everts, MOVE (ACTA), Netherlands; co-PI: prof. dr ir. H. van Lenthe, KU Leuven, Belgium

**The genetics of sarcopenia**
PI: dr C. Morse, MMU, UK; co-PI: prof. dr M. Thomis, KU Leuven, Belgium

**Is sedentarism, independent of physical activity and hormonal status, a modulator of healthy ageing?**
PI: dr Gladys Onambélé-Pearson, MMU, UK; co-PI: prof. dr S. Verschuere, KU Leuven, Belgium

**Understanding hand motor control in healthy aging**
PI: prof. dr D. Veeger, MOVE, Netherlands; co-PI: dr I. Jonkers, KU

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### December 2, 2013
**7th Annual BrainModes meeting**
Lloyd Hotel Amsterdam

### December 3, 2013
the 2nd meeting in the second series of Osteo-Arthritis meetings
VUmc Hospital Building, exact venue t.b.a.
6 pm

### December 13, 2013
**PhD Defense Ceremony**
Regular Furrer, HMS
Adaptive responses of muscle and bone tissue to different types of training
Aula, VU University Amsterdam, 11.45 am

### January 10, 2014
**PhD Defense Ceremony**
Rebekka Verheij, HMS
A contribution to the grasping puzzle
Aula, VU University Amsterdam, 11.45 am

### January 14, 2014
the 3rd and final meeting in the second series of Osteo-Arthritis meetings
VUmc Hospital Building, exact venue t.b.a.
6 pm

### January 24, 2014
**PhD Defense Ceremony**
Devika Narain, HMS
Human Models of the World
Aula, VU University Amsterdam, 1.45 pm

### January 30, 2014
Leuven, Belgium

**Interactions between androgen receptor signalling, calcium homeostasis and bone turnover in male mice**  
PI: prof. dr Dirk Vanderschueren, KU Leuven, Belgium; co-PI: prof. dr N. Bravenboer, MOVE (ACTA), Netherlands

**Ageing of the on-line control of posture and movement**  
PI: prof.dr Jeroen B.J. Smeets, MOVE, Netherlands; co-PI: prof. dr Jaak Duysens, KU Leuven, Belgium

For more information about the MOVE-AGE projects, please visit the [MOVE-AGE site](#)

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**New Members**

*Parinaz Babaeeghazvini* has joined the HMS on the MOVE-AGE project *Impacts of cortical (a)symmetry on age-related changes in movement coordination*. Her (co-)promoters are prof. dr. A. Daffertshofer and prof.dr. S. Swinnen, (K.U. Leuven).

*Nathalie van Beek* has joined the HMS as a PhD student on the MOVE-AGE project *Understanding hand motor control in healthy aging*. Her (co-)promoters are prof.dr.ir. D.F. Stegeman, prof. I. Jonkers (K.U. Leuven), prof.dr. H.E.J. Veeger and Dr. H. Maas. Natalie's project is financed by the Erasmus Mundus Research Grant.

*Erik van der Graaff* has joined the HMS on the project *Learning to pitch fast and injury free in baseball*. The appointment is financed by STW/NWO. Erik's (Co-)promoters are Prof.dr. H.E.J. Veeger and Dr. M. Hoozemans.

*Ir. Winfred Mugge* PhD, has joined the HMS as a postdoc on the STW financed project *Haptic Fidelity in a visual world*, supervised by Prof.dr. J. Smeets.
Roy Mulder has joined the HMS on the project *Real-time feedback for improved ice skating performance*. His (Co-)promoters are Prof.dr. H.E.J. Veeger and Dr. J. de Koning. The appointment is financed by a research grant from STW/NWO.

Ashwini Nepal has joined the VUmc on the MOVE-AGE project entitled *The interaction between mechanical loading and vitamin D with respect to bone and phosphate metabolism*. (Co-)supervisors: Prof.dr. P. Lips, Prof.dr. D. Vanderschueren (KU Leuven), Dr. N. Bravenboer and Dr. A. Bakker.

Ben van Oeveren has joined the HMS on the contract research project *Sensor driven coaching*. His (Co-)promoters are Prof.dr. J. van Dieën and Dr. J. de Ruiter.

Celine Timmermans has joined the HMS on the project *C-mill gait adaptability training: evaluating on various time scales*, financed by Focelink. Celine’s (Co-)promoters are Prof.dr. P.J. Beek, Prof.dr. T.W.J. Janssen and Dr. M. Roerdink.

Stefan van der Zwaard has joined the HMS as a PhD student on the project *Training strategies for optimal peak power and endurance*. Stefan's (Co-)promoters are Prof.dr. A. de Haan, Dr. J. de Ruiter and Dr. R. Jaspers. The appointment is financed by a research grant from STW/NWO.
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