Grants and Prizes

Earlier this fall some of you voted for PhD student Ernst Jan Bos, who took part in a 3M sponsored fundraising project to buy a new 3D printer to enable him and his colleagues to print new ears by combining synthetic material and live cells as a scaffold for facial cartilage reconstruction. We congratulate Ernst Jan; his project won the first prize and they got €27,000 in the pocket for their 3D printer; they are however still on the lookout for the remaining finances to purchase the 3D printer. Thanks to all of you who took the time to vote! For more information about the project, have a look at this link: Print-New-Ears.

Michiel Punt has received a NWO PhD grant aimed at teachers for the project Falling after stroke determinants and intervention. Supervisors: Prof.dr. J. van Dieën, Dr. S. Bruijn, Dr. Harriet Wittink (University of Applied Sciences Utrecht).

Prof.dr. Sue Gibbs and her colleagues Prof.dr. D. Iannuzzi, (project leader), Prof.dr. J. F. de Boer, Dr. M.N. Helder and Prof.dr. P. van Zuijlen have received a STW grant for €571,953 for the project Optomechanical Nanoelastography (OMNE): Looking at Biological Tissues with a Gentle Touch. The project caters for a Postdoc or a PhD student as well as a technician for a period of 4 years.

Prof.dr. Jaap Harlaar and his colleagues have received a STW grant for the innovative research project Symbionics: Co-adaptive Assistive Devices. The Symbionics programme is a cooperation between the University of Twente, Delft University of Technology, VU University Medical Centre Amsterdam, Radboud University Nijmegen, University Medical Center Groningen, Maastricht University Medical Center, three knowledge institutes, twelve companies and six organisations, and is headed by U. Twente’s professor Bart Koopman. The project is aimed at people with disabilities who rely on support from assistive devices in their everyday life. These tools improve the ability to keep moving, even if the patients suffer from decreased muscle strength. The project will aim to develop devices that automatically adjust to the changing characteristics and user needs and will benefit the functioning
of the individual's independence.

**New Members**

Dr. Khiet Truong has joined the HMS on the project COMMIT-P3 SENSEI: Sensor-based Engagement for Improved Health financed by the Ministry of Economic Affairs in the Economic Structure Enhancing Fund. Her supervisors are Prof.dr. P.J. Beek and Prof.dr. V. Evers (U. Twente). For more information please visit [COMMIT-NL](#).

Lotte Lintmeijer has joined the HMS on the project *Optimizing propulsion through and over water*, funded by STW. Her (Co-)supervisors are Prof.dr. P.J. Beek, Dr. K. van Soest and Dr. M. Hofmijster.

**Holiday Wishes**

We wish you all happy holidays and a prosperous new year!

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**February 19, 2014**

*PhD Defense Ceremony*

Leontien van Wely, VUmc

*Physical Activity in Children with Spastic Cerebral Palsy*

Aula, VU University Amsterdam, 3.45 pm

**March 7, 2014**

*8th Annual VUmc Science Exchange Day*

VUmc, Amstelzaal and Foyer

11 am - 5.30 pm

**April 22 - 26, 2014**

*2014 Neural Control of Movement Satellite and Annual Meeting*

NH Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky, Amsterdam

**April 23-25, 2014**

*5th International State-of-the-art Congress: Rehabilitation: Mobility, Exercise & Sports*

UMC Groningen

**July 2 - 5, 2014**

*19th Annual Congress of the European College of Sport Science (ECSS)*

RAI Exhibition and Convention Centre, Amsterdam

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