7th March 2014: VUmc Science Exchange Day

The 8th edition of the VUmc Science Exchange Day is planned for 7th March 2014. The keynote speaker is Prof. Hans Klevers PhD from KNAW and Joost Kordelaar (VUmc) will give a short presentation on his research on behalf of MOVE.

The workshops start at 9 am - there are still some available places - please register by mail before February 28 to e.dijkstra@vumc.nl

Two-day workshop on Entrepreneurship and Research

The TTO organizes a two-day workshop for budding entrepreneurs on April 10 and 22. The workshop is aimed at researchers with a concrete idea but who don't as yet have a tool for how to go about it. The workshop is free of charge for all VU/VUmc scientists, for more information please visit the TTO site. The deadline for registration is March 27, 2014.

Grants and Prizes

Towards the end of 2013 Jaap van Dieën and his research colleagues Micha Paalman (VUmc, FMT), Imelda de Groot (RU, Rehabilitation), Bart Verkerke (UT, Biomechanical Engineering) got the excellent news that they had been awarded an STW grant for a project in the Symbionics program entitled Co-adaptive support of trunk and head in relation to arm movements. The aim of the project is to design co-adaptive trunk and head support, to stabilize trunk and head postures in patients with hypotonic paresis, while allowing the user to choose postures that support optimal performance of hand/arm activities.

Toolkit for HORIZON 2020

The VU/VUmc grants desk have developed a toolbox which can be used when writing applications for HORIZON 2020. In the toolbox you can find manuals, templates and documents to guide you through the process. Some tools are aimed directly at
specific calls and all have a few extras such as work flows, graphics, charts etc. The grants desk ask you to please keep the information within the VU-family, get in touch with them if you want for specific information: subsidiedesk@vu.nl

5th successful annual MOVE research meeting
The annual MOVE research meeting went ahead as planned on January 30th and was well received. Professor Andrea Maier’s key note speech Miss Marple and the hidden secrets of aging gave room for thought on how to view ageing now and in the years to come.

Michael Koutris PhD, was given the MOVE award for his paper Comorbidity negatively influences the outcomes of diagnostic tests for musculoskeletal pain in the orofacial region published in PAIN in 2013.

PhD student?
All MOVE PhD students are invited to make use of the excellent courses offered by the Research Master programme in the Human Movement Sciences: Sport, Exercise and Health. As MOVE PhD students you can follow the courses free of charge and can pick and choose from the courses that suit your own background and research project.

If you want to take a BROK course, which is mandatory for all scientists working with patients, you can find more information about the dates and availability here. Please remember to discuss your courses with your supervisors prior to registration.

Planning to write an ERC grant?
Those of you who plan to write an ERC Consolidator or Starting grant in 2014, please keep in mind that the VU advisory sessions for the starting grants this year will be held on March 10 and 11 for alfa en gamma, and March 11 for the bèta session. The internal deadline for the starting grant is March 1st 2014.

The advisory sessions for the ERC Consolidator grants are May 8 and 12 for alfa en gamma and for bèta it has yet to be decided. The VU deadline for this grant is April 23rd 2014.

If you have any questions in this matter, please contact subsidiedesk@vu.nl
Don't forget to inform us as well if you are planning to write a grant:
moveoffice.fbw@vu.nl

**Student Grants**

The VU University Research Preparation Programme (VU IRPP) is aimed to support talented students who have obtained a PhD position in the nearby future to get research experience abroad even before the start of their PhD programme. The scholarship can cover up to 80% of the costs of living, accommodation, travel etc. with a maximum of €5,000. Recently graduated students or students in the final phase of their studies (both national and international) can apply for the VU IRPP, as long as they can prove that their PhD position at VU University is guaranteed. For more information on the VU IRPP click [HERE](#).

**New Members**

**Rianne Ravensbergen** PhD, has joined the HMS as a postdoc on the project *International Paralympic Committee Vision Classification Research* on a grant sponsored by International Paralympic Committe (IPC). Rianne is part of the HMS perceptual-motor control research group, and will, together with her supervisor **David Mann** PhD, set up the new Research and Development Centre (R&D) for the classification of athletes with visual impairment. The R&D centre is one of three worldwide R&D centres established by the IPC to develop evidence-based classification systems for athletes seeking to take part in Paralympic competition.

**Angela Bastidas Coral** MSc, has joined ACTA on the project *Differentiation of Mesenchymal Stem Cells by Bioactive molecules and Mechanical Loading in a 3D Environment: Implications for Craniofacial Bone Defects*, a directly funded project. Angela's supervisors are Prof. Jenneke Klein Nulend PhD, Tim Forouzanfar PhD, Astrid Bakker PhD, and Cees Kleverlaan PhD.