Obituary Farshid Mohammadi (04/04/1981 - 24/08/2014)

Farshid Mohammadi, one of the first generation MOVE-AGE PhD students in Leuven passed away during a holiday in his native country of Iran. Farshid worked on the project Contribution of motor switching to freezing of gait in Parkinson’s disease: differential effects of complex gait and postural demands in freezers and non-freezers and was supervised by Professor Alice Nieuwboer at KU Leuven. While in Amsterdam Farshid worked with Professor Gert Kwakkel and Erwin van Wegen PhD. Farshid will be greatly missed within the MOVE-AGE community. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends, may his soul rest in peace.

Grants and Prizes

ACTA and VUmc scientists have together received a grant of €560,000 for research into improved diagnostic methods to determine titanium allergy. Some people who have titanium implants, placed either by a dentist or orthopedic surgeon, may experience problems with the implants due to titanium allergy. This allergy has until now been almost impossible to detect, but the researchers Professor A.J. Feilzer, C. Kleverlaan PhD, Professor T. Rustemeyer and Professor S. Gibbs will in this project look for improved methods on how to detect the allergy.

Kim van Schooten PhD, was on May 22nd awarded the second runner up Codde and van Beresteyn Gerontologie Prize during the Amsterdam Centre of Ageing

September 16, 2014
PhD Defense Ceremony
Manon Kerkhof, VUmc
Pelvic Organ Prolapse. Matrix, cells and genes
Aula, VU University Amsterdam
3.45 pm

September 16, 2014
C-Mill Symposium - User Meeting
the personnel canteen,
Amsteland Hospital, Amstelveen
5.30 pm

September 30, 2014
PhD Defense Ceremony
Vivien Marmelat, HMS
Synchronization with fractal rhythms
Stoa Lecture Room, Main Building, VU University Amsterdam
1.45 pm

October 8, 2014
PhD Defense Ceremony
Darinka Klumpers, VUmc
In vitro studies of the role of mechanical cues in skeletal patterning and differentiation
Auditorium, VU University Amsterdam
3.45 pm

October 21, 2014
PhD Defense Ceremony
Jenny Vermeer, ACTA
Bone-site-specific responses to...
Congres.

**C - Mill Symposium**
On September 16th there is a C-Mill symposium and user meeting at the Amstelland Hospital in Amstelveen. Various MOVE scientists and other invited speakers will give an update on the latest research results, current projects and new trends. Registration is still open! For more information and to register, please visit [C-Mill Symposium](#).

**Neurorehabilitation Symposium**
On November 12th, preceeding Joost van Kordelaar's PhD Defense there is a Dutch language symposium entitled *Neurorevalidatie na een beroerte* in lecture room de Rijn, VU University Medical Center starting at 9 am. Please register in advance by completing [this form](#). The deadline for registration is November 3rd 2014.

**In the Picture**
In the August issue of ZonMw's Mediator Professor Sue Gibbs' work was profiled as an example on how to use audiovisual material to promote research results. Professor Gibbs, in cooperation with Nymus3D, made an animation film for her inauguration speech. Although this was a major investment, it was money well spent. In two minutes the viewer is brought up to date on how the research is applied, and the viewer in this case, can be anyone from medical students, financiers, fellow scientists or the general public. Click [here](#) to watch the animation.

**Outreach Activities for the Elderly**
On September 3rd, [Mirjam Pijnappels](#) organized a symposium at VU University on behalf of the FARAO project team for an elderly public. The aim of the symposium was to share the research results gained from the FARAO project with the target group. In the project, a

**October 22, 2014**
PhD Defense Ceremony
Judith Glim, VUmc
*Dermal and Oral Mucosal Wound Healing: Similarities and Distinctions*
Aula, VU University Amsterdam
11.45 am

**November 12, 2014**
Symposium preceeding Joost van Kordelaar's PhD Defense: *Neurorevalidatie na een beroerte*
De Rijn Lecture Room, VU University Medical Center
Amsterdam
9 am

**November 17, 2014**
PhD Defense Ceremony
Arjan Bakkum, HMS
*Hybrid cycling in spinal cord injury. Effects on fitness, physical activity and health.*
Aula, VU University Amsterdam
1.45 pm

**December 4, 2014**
PhD Defense Ceremony
Jonathan Kadouch, VUmc
*Complications after permanent soft-tissue fillers*
Aula, VU University Amsterdam
1.45 pm
new method was developed and tested in over 400 older adults to predict fall risk based on daily life accelerometry data. Two hundred, mainly elderly, attended the meeting, but representatives from the target group's health care professionals were also present. The presentations were given by Petra Elders PhD., Professor Andrea Maier and Mirjam Pijnappels PhD. The symposium was sponsored by Hofje Codde en van Beresteyn Foundation.

Outreach Activities - Soccer World Cup 2014

In connection with the soccer world cup this summer, sport scientists Professor Geert Savelsbergh and John van der Kamp PhD, travelled to Brazil to take part in the preparations and share some of their knowledge in the field of talent development.

In Brazil they held four 3-day workshops consisting of symposia, training the trainers and monitoring how the trainers practice what they were taught. The line of thought behind the training is based upon the book The Athletic Skills Model by Wormhoudt, Teunissen and Savelsbergh which was published prior to this year's World Cup. Anyone interested in the book or more information on the philosophy behind it can visit the Athletic Skills Model.

Workshops

The courses and workshops organized by the Transfer Technology Office (TTO) are open for registration:

- **Valorisation: an introduction**: October 7th
- **Entrepreneurship and Research**: October 1st and November 19th
- **Opportunity-Recognition**: October 23rd

Register on time if you want to take part - availability is limited!
**New Members**

Daniëlle Bouman has joined the HMS as a PhD student on the project *Taking approach-avoidance research a step further*. Her (Co-)supervisors are Professor Peter Beek and John Stins PhD. The project is funded by a NWO MaGW Research Talent grant.

Mariëlle Jaspers M.D., has joined VUmc/RKZ as a PhD student on the projects *Imaging Vascularisation: a pivotal role in burn and reconstructive surgery* and *Reconstruction of the subcutis by fat transplantation*. Her supervisor is Professor Paul van Zuijlen. The project is financed by a grant from the Dutch Burns Foundation.