MOVE meeting on Quality Care and Scientific Integrity

To get the discussion going around MOVE's new Policy Note on Quality Care, you are warmly invited to a lecture by Professor Lex Bouter entitled Quality Care and Scientific Integrity on November 6th at 4.30 pm in lecture room A301 in the MF Bulding.

The lecture is followed by a discussion and reception. In connection with the catering, please register in advance via moveoffice.fbw@vu.nl before November 3rd at the latest.

Save the Date: 6th Annual MOVE Research Meeting 2015

The MOVE annual meeting 2015 is scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday February 4, 2015 in the Amstelzaal. Save the date!

We have an excellent key note speaker from within our own ranks and as usual we have invited PhD student speakers to present their research results. In addition there will be poster presentations and ample time for networking during and after the symposium.

The registration for the meeting will open mid November.

MOVE Award 2015 (closing deadline January 4th)

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 2014.

For the exact rules governing the award, please visit the MOVE site.

This year's award was won by Michael Koutris PhD, who with the award was able to visit Buenos Aires to attend the congress of the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP).

Important information for all who plan to get their PhD Defense Ceremony

Joost van Kordelaar, VUmc

Recovery of the paretic upper limb early after stroke: restitution
PhD at VU University!

VU University Amsterdam will as per 1st January 2015 introduce a new set of Doctorate Regulations. The new rules will be available shortly on the VU site, and will apply for all PhD students, Physician-researchers and external PhD candidates who start their research after January 1st 2015, or those who have not submitted the 'PhD Form 1' by the same date.

The most important changes to the regulations relate to the training requirements; all PhD students

- have to complete an OBP/BOP (Training and Guidance Plan) (VUmc/MOVE/ACTA versions are all accepted)
- have to take 30 ECTS credits worth of training before they can be admitted to the PhD defense

The three faculties within MOVE have different requirements as to what is mandatory. The different requirements will be online shortly.

Please note that the new rules also apply to Physician-researchers and PhD students not employed by the VU(mc / ACTA), i.e. the rules apply to everyone who wants to defend their PhD at VU University, no matter where s/he is employed or who commissions the research project.

Grants and Prizes

Willem Hoogaars PhD, Richard Jaspers PhD and Prof. Arnold de Haan (all HMS), have been awarded a €249.600 grant by the Prinses Beatrix Spierfonds for their proposal Improving function of dystrophic muscle by muscle specific inhibition of TGF-β/Myostatin receptors. The project will look into the functioning of specific TGF-β/myostatin signal protein and their receptors in the progressive pathology of the muscle disease Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. The research will be carried out in the Laboratory for Myology at the HMS and takes place in cooperation with Annemieke Aartsma-Rus PhD, LUMC.

or substitution of motor control?
Aula, VU University Amsterdam
1.45 pm

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

December 5, 2014
PhD Defense Ceremony
Maria Matziridi, HMS
WHERE?
Aula, VU University Amsterdam
11.45 am

December 10, 2014
PhD Defense Ceremony
Kees Hoogewerf, VUmc
On facial burns. Epidemiology, treatment and psychosocial impact
Aula, VU University Amsterdam 1.45 pm

December 19, 2014
PhD Defense Ceremony
Robert Jan Kroeze, VUmc
Adipose stem cells on a biodegradable polymer for spinal fusion. Preclinical studies.
Aula, VU University Amsterdam
11.45 am

January 13, 2015
PhD Defense Ceremony
Carel Meskers PhD, Erwin van Wegen PhD and Professor Gert Kwakkel (all VUmc) have been given an IMDI 2014 grant (Innovative Medical Devices Initiative) for the project PROFITS (Precision profiling to improve long-term outcome after stroke). PROFITS is aimed to develop an ICT-based infrastructure and collaborative clinical network to optimize prognosis and uniform assessment of outcome after stroke. The grant is a collaboration between TU-Delft, Erasmus MC, LUMC and is lead by the VUmc. The PROFITS grant is financed by the industry (600 Keuro) and ZonMw (500 Keuro) and will run for the next 4 years from March 2015 onwards. The grant caters for 1 PhD student at the VUmc department of rehabilitation medicine.

**Talent Scheme Information Meeting**

On Thursday 6 November NWO will organize an information meeting at NWO in the Hague for researchers who want to apply for a Veni, Vidi or Vici grant. Practical information will be given and laureates, selection committee members and NWO coordinators will share their experiences. The morning programme is for the Natural Sciences, Engineering and Life Sciences and the afternoon programme is for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

The meeting is free of charge, but registration in advance is compulsory. You can register on the website where you will also find information about the sessions and the complete programme.

**A question of statistics**

All MOVE researchers have until now been able to approach a VUmc statistician for advice. As of now this service will be delivered at a cost price for scientists outside the VUmc. The cost price to MOVE members (except VUmc members) is €85 per hour and will be charged to the department or research project. Most, but not all, queries take less than two hours, but needless to say, this depends on the question posed.