Grants and Prizes

Dionne Noordhof PhD (HMS) won EUR 2.750,- as the winner of the TulipMed Prize for Sports Medicine 2014 in the category best thesis, for her PhD thesis entitled *Gross efficiency in cyclic sports; the underlying assumptions investigated*.

Eli Brenner PhD and Professor Jeroen Smeeets (both HMS) take part in the ITN grant (Innovative Training Network within Horizon 2020, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions) entitled PACE - Perception and Action in Complex Environments. The project aims to look into how people control their movements in complex, natural environments. There are 10 participants in the project, with a combination of scientific, technical, applied and clinical expertise. The part of the project to be carried out at the HMS covers the role of different kinds of feedback with cue integrated timing tasks and caters for one PhD student.

Reminder: Annual MOVE Research Meeting 2015
The Annual MOVE meeting will be held on February 4th 2015 in the Amstelzaal at the VUmc. Please register in advance via the [MOVE site](#). Should you want to present a poster, the deadline for your abstract is **December 14th**. Send your abstract to moveoffice.fbw@vu.nl.

MOVE Award 2015

The closing deadline for the Annual MOVE Award is **January 4th 2015**. The award of EUR 1.000 will be given to the PhD student with the best
publication in a high impact journal during the period January 12st - December 31st 2014. To see the exact rules governing the award, visit MOVE Award 2015.

**VUmc Science Exchange Day**
The 9th edition of the VUmc Science Exchange Day will next year be held on March 6th. If you should want to submit an abstract, please use the distributed formats. If you have any queries, do not hesitate to get in touch, and when your abstract is ready, send it to moveoffice.fbw@vu.nl before January 4th 2015.

**Scientific Integrity at the VU and VUmc**
In November Professor Lex Bouter (VUmc) presented his thoughts on Scientific Integrity in Academia. It was an interesting presentation, the sheets from his presentation (including relevant tips for Christmas presents) have been distributed per mail - if you didn't receive it, get in touch and we will resend the sheets.

**Innovation Exchange Amsterdam**
Technology Transfer Office VU & VUmc (TTO) has merged with TTO UvA-HvA and AMC to form a new Amsterdam based valorisation center: Innovation Exchange Amsterdam. The contact address has changed - please use info@ixa.nl to get in touch with them. More information can be found on their website: www.ixa.nl

**Registration of Research Projects Containing Personal Data**
It is compulsory for all research projects containing personal data to be registered with the VUmc protection officer (DPO). To comply with this, a new web based application known as 'Centraal Meldpunt Gegevensverwerking' has been developed in cooperation with the AMC to replace the previous paper based registration. As from November 15th VUmc scientists need a proof of registration when submitting a protocol to the METc for non-WMO and WMO studies. For more information VUmc scientists can visit this VUmc intranet page. If you have queries on this matter, your VUmc contact is Michel Paardekooper on privacy@vumc.nl. The web based registration is only applicable to new projects.

**New Members**
Sabrina Chettouf has joined the HMS as a PhD student on the project Effect of aging on interhemispheric cross-talk during motor learning – an fMRI/EEG study. Her supervisors are Professor Andreas Daffertshofer and Petra Ritter PD DR (Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin). Funding: Max Planck Society.
Roderick Holewijn has joined the VUmc department of Orthopedics as a PhD student on the project *Biomechanical studies on the surgical treatment of adolescent idiopathic scoliosis*. Roderick's supervisors are Prof. Barend van Royen, Prof. Marinus de Kleuver and Idsart Kingma PhD. The project is financed by the Stichting Anna Fonds/NOREF.

Nick Kluft has joined the HMS as a PhD student on the NWO funded project *Experimental approach on the effects of over- and underestimation of abilities on gait performance and fall risk*. Nick's supervisors are Prof. Jaap van Dieën and Mirjam Pijnappels PhD.

Cristina de la Malla PhD has joined the HMS as a postdoc on the project *Moving to See: the Benefits of Self-motion for Visual Perception*. Cristina's supervisor is Eli Brenner PhD and her project is financed by an ORA plus grant.

Fereshteh Mirahmadi has joined ACTA as a PhD student on the MOVE-AGE project *Biomechanical changes in articulation of the jaw joint due to aging*. The project is one of the MOVE-AGE projects and is financed by the European Commission as part of the Erasmus Mundus program. Fereshteh's supervisors are Prof. Vincent Everts and Professor H. van Lenthe (KU Leuven).

Mojtaba Mirakhorlo has joined the HMS as a PhD student on the project *Biomechanical hand model for the study of hand motor control in aging*. Mojtaba is supervised by Prof. DirkJan Veeger (HMS), Ilse Jonkers (KU Leuven), Prof. Dick Stegeman and Huub Maas PhD (both HMS). The project is one of the MOVE-AGE projects and is financed by the European Commission as part of the Erasmus Mundus program.
Rachida Rafiq has joined the VUmc, department of Endocrinology, as a PhD student on the project *Immunomodulatory effects of vitamin D in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease*. Rachida's supervisors are Professor Martin den Heijer and Renate de Jongh PhD. The project is contract funded.

Mariska Vlot MD, has joined the VUmc at the department of Endocrinology on the project *Investigation of markers derived from bone: Clinical assessment for optimal bone marker utilization*. Mariska's supervisors are Prof. Rien Blankenstein, Prof. Martin den Heijer and Annemieke Heijboer PhD. The project is contract financed.

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