Grants and Prizes

In December 2014 professor Sue Gibbs (VUmc/ACTA), in collaboration with the Dermatology lab / A-Skin / Berlin TU and the spinoff company TissUse were given a grant of €1000,000 for their project Tissue Engineered Skin with human Hair follicles for human transplantation and In vitro skin testing.

The total project costs are €1000.000 of which €500.000 are financed by the grant for Dermatology and ASkin and covers a postdoc, technician and benchfee.

Dr. Mathijs Hofmijster and Dr. Jos de Koning (both HMS) were in the latter days of 2014 awarded a €77.000 STW demonstrator grant for the research proposal Smartview Through Glass.

Dr. Dinant Kistemaker (HMS) has been awarded a €178.000 Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individal Fellowship, one of the grants available in the Horizon 2020 programme for his research proposal Stepping forward in understanding the Metabolic Cost of Human Walking.

Dr. Devika Narain, who in 2014 got her PhD under the supervision of Professor Jeroen Smeets (HMS), has been awarded a Rubicon grant for her research proposal The origins of Bayesian Behavior in the brain. Devika will

March 6, 2015
Vumc Symposium
Scientific Integrity / Gewetenschap
ACTA Building
2 pm

March 9, 2015
PhD Defense Ceremony
Ineke Jansen,ACTA
Functional differences between site-specific osteoclasts
Auditorium, VU University Amsterdam
1.45 pm

March 12, 2015
PhD Defense Ceremony
Lenie van den Broek, VUmc
Development of a human tissue engineered hypertrophic scar model
Aula, VU University Amsterdam, 1.45 pm

March 19, 2015
Inaugural Lecture
Vincent de Groot, VUmc
Gericht aan de slag
Aula, VU University Amsterdam
3.45 pm

March 25, 2015
PhD Defense Ceremony
Janne Veerbeek, VUmc
Evidence for physical therapy after stroke: prognosis and intervention
Dr. Mirjam Pijnappels (HMS) has been awarded an Aspasia grant of €100,000 from the NWO. This grant is linked to her VIDI grant and is an NWO policy tool to encourage the advancement of female candidates to higher positions within academia.

Dr. Pijnappels will use part of the grant to appoint a post-doc, the remainder will be used by the faculty for diversity policy.

Dr. Melvyn Roerdink (HMS) (photo), Bert Coolen (HMS) and Joost Rosier (Technology for Science, VU T4S) have been awarded a Take off grant of €40,000 from STW for the invention the Interactive Walkway (photo), a Kinect-based augmented-reality setup for an assessment of gait-related fall risk. Take off is a new grant tool aimed at examining the technical and commercial feasibility of research spin offs.

Pieter-Paul Vergroesen from the department of Orthopaedics at the VUmc, was at the annual meeting of the Nederlandse Orthopaedische Vereniging (NOV) recently awarded the Prof.dr.ir. Rik Huiskes Prize of €1,000 for the best presentation on fundamental scientific research. Puck's presentation entitled A biodegradable glue for annulus repair: evaluation of strength and endurance, is also the title of a paper published in SPINE.

Aula, VU University Amsterdam
1.45 pm

May 27, 2015
PhD Defense Ceremony
Sietse Rispens, HMS
A walk on the wild side - Fall-risk assessment from daily-life gait
Aula, VU University Amsterdam
1.45 pm

June 19, 2015
Symposium preceeding Janak Pathak's PhD defense: Bone Cell Communication and Bone Loss in Rheumatoid Arthritis
Room # OZ-02, ACTA Building
9.30 am

June 19, 2015
PhD Defense Ceremony
Janak Lal Pathak, ACTA
The etiology of generalized osteoporosis in rheumatoid arthritis
Aula, VU University Amsterdam
1.45 pm

July 6-8, 2015
Exact program t.b.a.
KIT (Royal Tropical Institute)

VUmc Science Exchange Day 2015
The VUmc Science Exchange Day takes place later this month on September 26th. You can still register through: xxxx

November 5-7, 2015
The Dutch Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (DCRM)
professor Yuelian Liu and Dr. Gang Wu, have been awarded a ZonMW grant of €1,1 million for their research proposal BIOBONE Biomimetic bone substitute as regenerative treatment for bone tissue repair.

6th Annual MOVE Research Meeting

During the 6th Annual MOVE meeting, the MOVE award was for the first time in its history awarded to two contestants. Janak Pathak (ACTA) was given the prize for his paper published in Osteoporosis Int., and Maarten van den Heuvel (HMS) for his paper published in Parkinsonism and Related Disorders. In their decision, the chairman of the jury professor Jeroen Smeets, praised the high quality of the submitted papers, it was a difficult decision, but the two winners crowned the submissions with their publications.

Tim Forouzanfar Appointed Professor

Professor Tim Forouzanfar (VUmc) held his inaugural speech entitled Oral Surgery Towards a New Dimension on February 5th 2015. Ever since the nomination of Prof. Forouzanfar as the head of the department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in 2011 there has been more focus on reconstructive and oncological head and neck surgery. This development fits perfectly with the department’s international reputation concerning oral medicine and research in pre-malignant and malignant diseases. This has resulted in a constant increase in patient care and staff members involved in the treatment of such patients. Further growth is expected in the next few years. The department has invested in imaging and 3D printing equipment in addition to a wide array of medical virtual planning software solutions. In 2013 the 3D innovation Lab was founded, in close cooperation with prof. Verdaasdonk and professor Smit, both of the VUmc, and this has resulted in a wide variety of research projects focussing on the application of 3- and 4D printing in which the print changes in shape and colour in time. These projects have already led to new treatment strategies and one patent. Furthermore the Innovation Lab has attracted large industrial partners who strive to develop a consortium that will offer possibilities for new large scale R&D projects.

Introducing: Frans Nollet, the New MOVE Director

During the 6th annual MOVE meeting the new
MOVE director presented himself to the audience. Professor Frans Nollet starts per March 1st, and will during his first year visit several departments in order to get closer acquainted with the MOVE members and their research. Professor Nollet has been appointed for an initial period of five years and takes over from Professor Arnold de Haan who led MOVE for 8 successful years. Professor Nollet is professor of rehabilitation medicine at the AMC (Academic Medical Centre).

Amsterdam Science & Innovation Award 2015

The competition is open for innovative research based ideas with a social and/or commercial impact and is open to all researchers, staff and students from all Amsterdam universities, university hospitals or universities of applied sciences.

The deadline is April 7th. For more information visit the [IXA website](http://IXAwebsite).

Upcoming Grants Application Deadlines

- 12/03/15: [ERC Consolidator](http://ERCConsolidator)
- 26/03/15: [PRE-Proposals VICI](http://PREProposalsVICI)
- 31/03/15: [NWO TOP/ZonMw](http://NWO TOP/ZonMw)
- 09/04/15: [NWO TOP/ECHO](http://NWO TOP/ECHO)
- 19/05/15: [NWO Groot](http://NWO Groot)
- 02/06/15: [ERC Advanced](http://ERC Advanced)

New Members

Rosie Richards has joined the department of rehabilitation medicine at the VUmc as a PhD student on the project *Gait modification by real-time visual feedback in patients with knee osteoarthritis*. Her supervisors are Professor J. Harlaar, Professor Joost Dekker and Dr.ir. Josien van den Noort. Rosie's project is financed by a Marie Curie ITN grant.