Grants and Prizes

In April of this year Anouk de Brouwer (FGB) was given a Neural Control of Movement Scholarship of USD 1,000 to visit and present at the 2015 edition of the Neural Control of Movement meeting held in Charleston, South Carolina, USA.

Myriam Sillevis-Smitt, research master student of the program Fundamental and Clinical Human Movement Sciences was on September 4th awarded VU University's Studentalentprijs for the most talented student of the year. We are proud to have Myriam as one of our students and congratulate!

Professor Dr. Herta Flor Awarded Honorary Doctorate

Professor dr. Herta Flor will be awarded an honorary doctorate during the Dies Celebrations at VU University Amsterdam on Tuesday October 20th. She is the scientific director of the Department of Neuropsychology at the University of Heidelberg in Germany. Professor Flor will be awarded the honorary doctorate for her extensive contributions to the field of neuropsychology.

In connection with the honorary doctorate, Professor Flor will present a keynote lecture entitled: Learning, brain plasticity and pain on Monday October 19th. Details on how to register for the symposium will follow.

Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (HvA) Appoints 3 Principal Lecturers

September 17, 2015
PhD Defense Ceremony
Lia van der Maas, FGB
Psychomotor Therapy in Chronic Pain Rehabilitation. Enhancing body awareness in multidisciplinary treatment
Aula, VU University Amsterdam
11.45 am

September 17, 2015
VI- Information meeting
NWO Java Building
The Hague
12 noon

September 22, 2015
IXA Course: How to valorise successfully
Campus, VU University
Amsterdam
8.30 am

September 22, 2015
PhD Defense Ceremony
Trienke IJmker, FGB
Balance control in human walking: an energetic perspective
Aula, VU University Amsterdam
1.45 pm

September 25, 2015
9th VUmc Science Exchange Day
Amstelzaal and Foyer, VUmc
9.30 am - 4 pm

October 8, 2015
The HvA has in cooperation with VU University Amsterdam appointed 3 Principal Lecturers in the Sport and Movement realm. The principal lecturers will carry out their research in the sport field labs of the Amsterdam Institute of Sport Science (AISS), i.e. the large sport complexes in Sporthallen Zuid, Sportpark Ookmeer and the Sloterpark swimming pool. For more information (in Dutch) klick here.

Professor dr. Geert Savelsbergh (FGB) has been appointed Principal Lecturer Perceptual-Motor Talent Development. Professor Savelsbergh will at the HvA set forth his research into Talent Development and Perceptual-Motor Development and Learning.

As Principal Lecturer at the HvA Dr. Mathijs Hofmijster (FGB) will continue his research into how training and performance in sports can be optimized through innovative technologies and feedback.

Dr. Raúl Oudejans (FGB) will as Principal Lecturer continue his sport related research around the themes of training under stress, visual feedback in basketball and will aim to find synergies with the HvA based research.

MOV(e)ing on

On June 15th there was an initial meeting led by Professors Mario Maas (AMC), Jaap Harlaar (VUmc) and Frans Nollet (AMC/MOVE) for around 50 senior-researchers on the MOVEMENT theme from the AMC, ACTA, VUmc and HMS. Dr. Richard Jaspers gave a talk on Successful interfaculty cooperation, there were speed-dates to break down barriers and be introduced to new researchers on the theme, and there was a brainstorm session on the various future focus areas for research. From this initial meeting, a working group has been installed with members from all partner institutions (ACTA/ AMC/ BEW/ VUmc) that will get together several times this fall to set out the new alliance research institute on the MOVEMENT theme. We will keep you posted!

Talent Scheme Information Meeting

IXA Course: The next step in valorisation
UvA
8.30 am

October 12, 2015
PhD Defense Ceremony
Alejandra Ruiz Zapata, VUmc
Pathophysiology of pelvic organ prolapse: cells, matrices and their interactions
Aula, VU University Amsterdam
11.45 am

October 19, 2015
Symposium in connection with the honorary doctorate awarded to
Professor dr. Herta Flor, U. of Heidelberg
Learning, brain plasticity and pain
VU University Amsterdam
MF Building, Atrium (D-146)
12 noon

October 20, 2015
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Honorary Doctorate awarded to
Professor dr. Herta Flor, U. of Heidelberg

October 22, 2015
UBVU Seminar: How to publish a world class paper
Registration is closed, follow the seminar via this link
1 pm

October 29, 2015
PhD Defense Ceremony
Pieter-Paul Vergroesen, VUmc
Intervertebral Disc Biomechanics. Long-term Axial Loading Studies
Aula, VU Amsterdam
1.45 pm

November 26, 2015
PhD Defense Ceremony
Sam Ballak, FBM
On Thursday 17th September there will be another NWO information meeting for potential Veni, VIDI or VICI grant applicants. Practical information will be given and laureates, selection committee members and NWO coordinators will share their experiences. Advanced registration is compulsory via the NWO website.

PhD Student Seminar: How to Publish a World Class Paper

The maximum number of registrations for the seminar *How to publish a world class paper*, organized by the UBVU at 1 pm on October 22nd, has been reached. However, you can follow the seminar via this link.

VUmc Science Exchange Day

The 9th edition of the VUmc Science Exchange Day takes place later this month on September 25th. **Deadline for registration is September 11, 2015**, klick here to register.

First Joint Paper Published by FGB Scientists

The first paper, to our knowledge, under the new Faculty of Behaviour and Movement Sciences has been published by J.F. Stins, I.K. Schneider, S.L. Koole and P.J. Beek, entitled *The Influence of Motor Imagery on Postural Sway: Differential Effects of Type of Body Movement and Person Perspective*. The paper was published in the journal Advances in Cognitive Psychology. The article is based on collaboration between researchers from the two former faculties of Psychology and Education, and Human Movement Sciences.

Joint PhD Projects

The new faculty of Behaviour and Movement Sciences had in the spring issued a call to its researchers to stimulate the cross fertilization of research projects. The 15 submitted projects were judged by the 'Vaste Commissie Wetenschap en Ethiek', chaired by Professor Jan Passchier at the new faculty.

The three winning projects were:

- *Go Explore the World*, submitted by Marleen de Moor and Annick Ledeit,
- *With the Body in Mind* submitted by Pim Cuijpers, Heleen Riper, Michel Coppieters and Wendy Scholten-Peeters,
- *On the MOVE* submitted by Artem Belopolsky, Mieke Donk and Jeroen Smeets.

December 4, 2015

PhD Defense Ceremony

**Liselotte Butzelaar, VUmc**

*Normal versus hypertrophic wound healing. Does early inflammation determine final outcome?*

Aula, VU Amsterdam
11.45 am

Structure-function relationship and plasticity in old mouse muscle

Aula, VU Amsterdam
11.45 am

We congratulate the winners!

Annual Report 2014
The MOVE Annual Report for 2014 is now available on the web, to have a look or print your copy go to the MOVE site.

Valorisation Courses
In September / October the IXA organizes a series of breakfast session workshops on valorisation. The workshops are open to all scientists from VU/VUMc/ACTa. Participation is free of charge. for more information visit the IXA site.

TEDx Amsterdam 2015 Awards
The call for presentations at TEDx Amsterdam 2015 Awards is open. The deadline for submitting ideas is 21/09/’15. The criteria and registration forms can be found here.

New Members
Kerensa Beekman has joined the department of Endocrinology at the VUMc as a PhD student on the project The role of bone adipocytes in the regulation of bone mass. The project was the winner in the MOVEment theme in the call set out by the VUMc - AMC alliance to stimulate cooperation on research projects between researchers from the two university hospitals. Kerensa's supervisors are Professor dr. Martin den Heijer, Professor dr. Mario Maas (AMC), Dr. Nathalie Bravenboer and Dr. Peter Bisschop (AMC).

Nicolas Deschle has joined the FGB department Human Movement Science, section Coordination Dynamics, as a PhD student participating in the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Innovative Training Network COSMOS (H2020-MSCA-ITN grant n. 642563). Nicolas will work on network-network interactions in neural masses. Nicolas' supervisors are Professor Andreas Daffertshofer, Dr. Bob van Dijk (VUMc) and Professor Bjoern Schelter (U. of Aberdeen).

Niels de Graaf has joined the departments of Oral cell biology and Dermatology on the ACTA/VUMc project Titanium implants and their emerging health problems: Development of a new accurate diagnostic test for titanium sensitivity in patients. Niels' supervisors are Professor dr. Albert Feilzer, Professor dr.
Thomas Rustemeyer (VUmc), Professor dr. Sue Gibbs and Dr. Cees Kleverlaan. The project is financed by an STW grant.

Martin Heine has joined the department of rehabilitation medicine at VUmc.

From 2010 to 2015 Martin was a PhD student at the Brain Center Rudolf Magnus and Center of Excellence for Rehabilitation Medicine, Rehabilitation center de Hoogstraat / University Medical Center Utrecht. He expects to finalize the *Treating Fatigue in Multiple Sclerosis - Aerobic Training* study late 2015 to obtain his PhD degree early 2016. Martin has a background in Human Movement Sciences.

Martin currently works on two projects on rehabilitation in Multiple Sclerosis (MS) financed by Stichting MS Research (MS Walk-I pilot study and the set up and implementation of an internet-based Living Documentation System. Martin is supervised by Professor dr. Vincent de Groot.

Jacob Nelson has joined the sensorimotor control section within the Human Movement Science department of FGB as a PhD student on the project *Combining information from various modalities for rhythmic tapping*. The project is financed by the EU on a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Networks (ITN) financed grant on the project PACE - Perception and Action in Complex Environments. Jacob's supervisors are Professor dr. Jeroen Smeets and Dr. Eli Brenner.