Dr. Mirjam Pijnappels and Professor Jaap van Dieën (both FBM) together with Professor Andrea Maier and Dr. Natasja van Schoor (no photo) (both VUmc) have received a H2020 grant of €700.000 for the project PreventIT. The project aims to expose elderly's mobility problems at an early stage and at the same time stimulate behavioural change by using modern gadgets as smartphones and smartwatches.

Professors Jaap van Dieën (photo in 1st article) and Michiel de Looze, Dr. Idsart Kingma, Dr. Gert Faber and Dr. Han Houdijk (all FBM), have been awarded €700.000 for the H2020 financed project SPEXOR. The project aims to develop a new and ground breaking spinal exoskeleton to prevent low-back pain in able bodied workers and to support workers with low-back pain in vocational rehabilitation.

Professor Thomas Janssen (FBM) has in collaboration with Professor Dick Thijssen, (Liverpool John Moores University) received a grant of £119.000 for the project Novel, user-friendly, home-based electroSTIMulation-induced muscle activation to prevent Pressure Ulcers in people with a spinal cord injury. The
The project is financed by The Stoke Mandeville-Masson Research Awards, Stoke Mandeville Spinal Foundation & Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust. The appointed PhD student on the project, Tom Barton, will primarily be placed in Liverpool, whereas the majority of the research will take place in Stoke Mandeville Hospital and Reade rehabilitation center.

Dr. Dinant Kistemaker (FBM) and Herre Faber (the Hague U. of Applied Sciences) have together received an NWO teacher training grant of €136,000 for the project Metabolic cost of walking. Herre will start the PhD trajectory in February 2016 and will be (co-)supervised by Professor Jaap van Dieën and Dr. Knoek van Soest (both FBM).

Professor Geert Savelsbergh (FBM), Dr. Sanne de Vries (no photo available) and Joris Hoeboer (both the Hague U. of Applied Sciences) have together received a grant for the project The Development of the Athletic Skills Track. A New Motor Competence Assessment, financed by a NWO teacher training grant. Joris will start his PhD trajectory in January 2016.

MOVE Research Assessment

During 23rd - 25th November, the research in MOVE over the years 2008 - 2014 will be assessed by an international committee. The committee has 6 members, of whom 5 are distinguished scientists from abroad, and one Dutch member who has been appointed to concentrate on the valorization of the research output.

The director, Professor Frans Nollet, has called upon several researchers to take part in the assessment, and hope to receive positive and affirmative feedback. Those who are asked to partake in the assessment will also be invited to a preparatory session a few weeks prior to the actual assessment. The self-assessment report will be mailed to all MOVE members and the printed version will also be distributed among interested parties upon request.

The committee's preliminary findings will be presented on November 25th at 11 am in room # 0Z-04 in the ACTA building.

You are all welcome to join us for the presentation of the
preliminary results!

7th Annual MOVE Meeting: January 28, 2015 - Save the Date!

On 28th January from 12.30 - 6 pm, the 7th Annual MOVE research meeting will take place. This time the meeting will be held in the beautiful ACTA building and we have interesting speakers up our sleeve! Save the date!

New this year is the Best Poster Award with a prize of €250. The Best Poster Award is also open to AMC researchers within the movement theme! Click here for tips on how to make your poster the winner and here for the criteria, and if you are making a new poster, may we suggest you use the MOVE template?

If you want to present your poster, the deadline for your abstract is December 13! Send your abstract by mail to moveoffice@vu.nl and remember to mention whether your abstract has a L (landscape) or P (portrait) size.

If you want to submit a paper for the Annual MOVE Best Paper Award (prize of €1,000), send your application to moveoffice@vu.nl by January 3rd 2016. Check the updated criteria before you submit!

Open Access funds for FP7 publications

The EU has launched a pilot with the aim to finance open access publications from closed FP7 programmes. The university library (UBVU) can help with the application or other questions relating to open access publications, including the discount agreements that have been made with some of the publishing houses and journals. Please contact openacces.ub@vu.nl for further information.

Bastian Pietras has joined the Department of Human Movement Sciences at FBM as a PhD candidate on the project Frequency-doubling bifurcations in neuronal networks - a means of cross-frequency interactions, financed by the EU on a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Networks (ITN) grant. Bastian is supervised by Professor Andreas Daffertshofer, Dr. Bob van Dijk (VUmc), Professors Aneta Stefanovska and Peter McClintock, both of Lancaster U.

Dafydd Visscher has joined the department of Plastic, Reconstructive and Hand Surgery at the VUmc as a PhD candidate on the project Cartilage tissue engineering for facial burn reconstruction funded by the Dutch Burns Foundation. Dafydd is supervised by Professor Paul van Zuijlen and Dr. Marco Helder.
Yajie Zhang has joined the department of Human Movement Sciences at FBM as a PhD candidate on the MOVE-AGE project *Ageing of the on-line control of posture and movement*. Yajie is supervised by Professor Jeroen Smeets and Dr. Eli Brenner (both FBM) and Professor Sabine Verschueren and Professor Jaak Duysens (both KU Leuven).