'Very Good' results for MOVE Research Assessment

In the recent MOVE research assessment, covering the period 2008 - 2014, the international committee, chaired by Professor Dr. George Duda, director of the Julius Wolff Institute at Charité at Universität medizin Berlin, concluded that the research within MOVE is 'Very Good'. The assessment was based on the Self-Assessment Report 2008-2014 and on the site visit from 23 to 25 November 2015.

The committee gave the following scores

- Research Quality: very good / 2
- Relevance to Society: very good / 2
- Viability: very good / 2 or good / 3 depending on the future strategic course of the institute.

A quote from the report: The mission, goals and structure of MOVE are viewed as innovative and trendsetting, resulting in a unique way of thinking amongst its members.

The committee gave several recommendations. The MOVE management team and board will look into the recommendations and incorporate them into their working programme, as the institute MOVEs towards a merger with research groups from the AMC to form a new research institute.


Annual Meeting 2016

The 7th Annual MOVE research meeting was held on January 28th 2016. It was the first time the meeting was held in the ACTA building, and this turned out to be a good choice, with the delightful main lecture hall and the other facilities ACTA hosts. 50 posters were registered for the meeting, and this was just about enough for the space available in the poster presentation room. There was vibrant discussion around the posters and following the presentations. New this year was that AMC researchers from within the movement theme had been invited; they joined forces with MOVE researchers and gave the day a good buzz.

The invited speakers, Professor Dr. Gino Kerkhoffs (AMC) and Professor

February 19, 2016
PhD Defense
Ruud van Hove, VUmc
Effects of changes in coating, design, and bone on the results of total knee arthroplasty
Aula, VU Amsterdam
11.45 am

March 2, 2016
PhD Defense
Ben Noël, FGB
What the penalty taker should and should not know: How having too much information about the goalkeeper can hinder penalty kick performance
Aula, VU Amsterdam
3.45 pm

March 7, 2016
PhD Defense
Yvette Kerkum, VUmc
Maximizing the efficacy of ankle-foot orthoses in children with cerebral palsy
Aula, VU Amsterdam
1.45 pm

March 8, 2016
PhD Defense
Anouk de Brouwer, FGB
The influence of illusions on visuomotor processing
Auditorium, VU Amsterdam
3.45 pm

March 9, 2016
Dr. Tim Forouzanfar (VUmc) gave both inspiring talks, and the PhD presentations were excellent. We thank all those who contributed, and look forward to seeing you all again at the next meeting in 2017.

**Winner MOVE Best Paper Award 2016**
The jury, chaired by Professor Dr. Jenneke Klein-Nulend, awarded the prize of €1.000 to Kaj Emanuel of the department of Orthopedics, at VUmc, and his co-authors P-P.A. Vergroesen, M. Peeters, R.M. Holewijn, I. Kingma, T.H. Smit for the paper: *Poroelastic behaviour of the degenerating human intervertebral disc: a ten-day study in a loaded disc culture system* published in European Cells and Materials 29:330-341, 2015. We congratulate Kaj!

**Winner 1st Best Poster Award**
The inaugural 'Best Poster Award', was open to all posters present at the meeting, both from scientists from within MOVE and the AMC. All posters were carefully scrutinized by the jury, chaired by Professor Dr. Cees Kleverlaan. The prize of €250 went to Caroline Winters of Rehabilitation Medicine VUmc for her poster which was a beacon of clarity. We congratulate Caroline!