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Hearing on Alliance Institute
You are cordially invited to join us for one of the two hearings on the first draft plan on the alliance research institute on the MOVEment theme.

The dates are:

- 17th March, 5 pm - 8 pm for Staff members, in the small lecture hall on the ground floor in the ACTA building, click here for directions,
- 21st March, 5 pm - 8 pm for Postdocs and PhD students: the venue will be announced in due course

This invitation will be sent to a broad section of researchers on the MOVEment theme, but if we have missed anyone, feel free to invite fellow scientists on the theme within your network, you are all welcome!

We kindly ask you to register in advance, so we know how many researchers we can expect.

The deadline for registration is March 9th for the 1st meeting, and March 11 for the 2nd meeting.

Please register here: Please register here: <PLEASE REGISTER HERE>

Please note that you will have to confirm the registration via an email sent to your inbox!

New Complaints Procedure on Scientific Integrity
Per January 15th, a new complaints procedure for concerns on scientific integrity was introduced at the VU/VUmc. If in need of advice or assistance on scientific integrity issues, please contact one of the confidential counsellors 'vertrouwenspersonen wetenschappelijke integriteit (VPI)'. The VPIs have replaced the ombudsmen for scientific integrity, who are no longer in office. It is no longer possible to submit anonymous complaints, the complainant must by known by at least one of the VPIs.

The names of the VPIs for ACTA, VUmc and FGB, and how to get in touch with them can be found below.

March 9, 2016
PhD Defense
Joost Pluijms, FBM
Perceptual-cognitive skills and expert performance in sailing
Aula, VU Amsterdam
11.45 am

April 1, 2016
PhD Defense
Lizeth Sloot, VUmc
Advanced technologies to assess motor dysfunction in children with cerebral palsy
Aula, VU Amsterdam
1.45 pm

April 7, 2016
ACA Congress: Verouderen met Veerkracht
(Compulsory registration in advance!!)
VU Amsterdam
9 am - 5 pm

April 12, 2016
PhD Defense
Daan Vorselen, ACTA
Vesicle Mechanics: A Push into the Nanoscale
Aula, VU Amsterdam
1.45 pm

April 13, 2016
PhD Defense
Irene Kuling, FBM
Where is my hand?
Proprioceptive position sense
We also take this opportunity to refer to the AMC/VUmc research code.

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Amsterdam Center on Aging (ACA) congress
Researchers from the AMC, UvA, VUmc and VU have joined forces in the Amsterdam Center on Aging (ACA). The third ACA congress will be organized on April 7th with the theme: Verouderen met Veerkracht: innovatieve visies op ouder worden.

During the parallel sessions scientists within the ageing theme will present their research to a layman audience. There will also be an information market with a selection of stands and a poster session where ACA scientists can present their research to a layman audience. The scientist presenting the best poster will be awarded the ‘Codde en van Beresteyn Gerontologieprijs’.

For more information and how to register, please visit: Amsterdam-Center-on-Aging.

Date a PhD!
On May 7th the first Amsterdam Medical Student convention will be organized in the AMC. This congress is aimed at inspiring medical students and increasing interest in scientific research. One of the ways to achieve this is by "Dating the PhD"; a platform created for students (eager to participate in research) and PhD students (eager for research subjects and/or assistants) to meet. An indisputable win-win situation!

Do you want to join? Send an email with your contact details and affiliation to convention@amsj.nl

April 13, 2016
PhD Defense
Arthur Zürcher, VUmc
On the fundamentals of rotating platform total knee arthroplasty
Aula, VU Amsterdam
1.45 pm

May 7, 2016
Date the PhD!
Amsterdam Medical Student Convention
AMC

May 20, 2016
PhD Defense
Vana Hutter, FBM
Training and assessment for sport psychology practice
Aula, VU Amsterdam
11.45 am

May 27, 2016
PhD Defense
Astrid Lubeck, FBM
Standing well
Aula, VU Amsterdam
1.45 pm

June 23, 2016
PhD Defense
Suzanne Detiger, VUmc
Preclinical challenges in the surgical treatment of intervertebral disc degeneration
Aula, VU Amsterdam
11.45 am

September 30, 2016
10th VUmc Science Exchange Day
Amstelzaal and Foyer, VUmc
9 am - 4.30 pm
Innovation Exchange Amsterdam (IXA)
Visit the IXA site for a selection of activities:

- The Amsterdam Science and Innovation Award Note: deadline for registration March 11th 2016, the prize to be won; €10,000!
- Valorization and Patent workshops aimed at scientists who want to explore the possibilities
- Registration is open for the Ace-venturelab boot camp from 9-13th May: for students and startups on entrepreneurship

SED 2016 - Save the Date!
The 10th edition of the VUmc organized Science Exchange Day (SED) will be held on September 30th! Save the day!

For the first time the SED will be organized by PhD students and they are preparing an inspiring and relevant day for all VU and VUmc scientists.

Please note the deadline for submitting abstracts: April 18th, 2016!

There will be inspiring workshops and presentations, and by attending and participating you can obtain ECTS credits. For more information, see the mail that has been distributed with the required format for abstracts etc.

New Members

Aukje Andringa has joined the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the VUmc as a PhD student on the project Measurement of neuromechanics in the wrist after stroke. Aukje is supervised by Professor G. Kwakkel, Dr. C. Meskers and Dr. I. van de Port. The project is financed by Professor Kwakkel's ERC Advanced Grant.

Beatriz Betti (ACTA) has joined the Department of Oral Cell Biology and Orthodontics where she’s started on the PhD project Effect of bruxism-like mechanical loading on pig temporomandibular joint cells in inflamed and non-inflamed milieus. Beatriz is (co-)supervised by Professor F. Lobbezoo, Professor V. Everts, Dr. A. Bakker and Dr. G. Langenbach.

Annikke Bekius (FGB) has joined the Department of Human Movement Sciences as a PhD candidate on the project The emergence of walking in children with Cerebral Palsy (CP).
Annike is supervised by Professor A. Daffertshofer and Dr. N. Dominici. The project is funded by Dr. Dominici's VIDI grant.

Lisette Bijker has joined the FGB on the PhD project *With the Body in Mind: Psychologically enriched physiotherapy management of patients at risk of developing persistent neck pain*. Lisette is supervised by Professor M. Coppieters, Professor P. Cuijpers, Professor H. Riper, Dr. W. Scholten-Peeters and Dr. L. de Wit. The project is primary funded.

Niek Dirks has joined the department of Clinical Chemistry at the VUmc as a PhD candidate on the project *Accurate measurements of hormones from the VitaminD-FGF23-PTH axis using mass spectrometry*. Niek is supervised by Professor R. de Jonge, Dr. A. Heijboer and Dr. M. Ackermans. The project is funded with money saved from projects for industry.

Axel Koopman has joined the Department of Human Movement Sciences as a PhD candidate on the H2020 project *Spexor*. Axel is supervised by Professor J. van Dieën, Professor M. de Looze and Dr. I. Kingma.

Jennifer Kerkman has joined the Department of Human Movement Sciences at the FGB as a PhD candidate on the project *The emergence of walking in healthy children*. Jennifer is supervised by Professor A. Daffertshofer and Dr. N. Dominici. The project is financed by Dr. Dominici’s VIDI grant.

Maaike Kragting has started as a PhD candidate on the project *The impact of visual stimuli on movement evoked pain in people with non-specific low back and neck pain*. Maaike will be supervised by Professor dr. M.
Coppieters, Dr. A. Pool-Goudzwaard and Dr. L.P. Voogt. The project is a collaboration with Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences.

Christine Rustenburg has joined the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the VUmc as a PhD candidate on the directly funded project *The role of chronic inflammation on cell behaviour in the intervertebral disc*. Christine is supervised by Professor B. van Royen and Professor T. Smit.

Kira Scheerman (VUmc) has started on the directly funded PhD project *Physical activity during hospitalization in older adults*. Kira is supervised by Professor A. Maier and Dr. C. Meskers.

Jim Schrijvers has joined the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the VUmc as a PhD candidate on the project *Objective Assessment of Functional Knee Joint Stability in Patients with Knee Osteoarthritis* a collaboration with READE Amsterdam. Jim is being supervised by Professor J. Harlaar and Dr. J. van den Noort. The project is financed by the Dutch Arthritis Foundation.