

MOVE Newsletter



October 2010

Erasmus Mundus

Just as the summer had arrived in Amsterdam and a majority of the researchers had gone on holiday; news reached us from Brussels that MOVE had received an Erasmus Mundus grant. Jaap van Dieën had in close collaboration with Sabine Verschueren (KU Leuven) and Bill Baltzopoulos (IRM Manchester), submitted a major grant proposal which in the end was granted. In this program 50 PhD students will study how the elderly can maintain mobility as the ageing process sets in. It is an extensive research program where each PhD student will be supervised by researchers from at least two of the three participating institutes. The first PhD students will be recruited in the first half of 2011, and you will certainly hear more from this group as the research projects advance.

ACTA moves to new premises

In August ACTA took up residence in a brand new building on the Zuidas. We welcome all MOVE members who are now situated opposite the VUmc, and hope that the new location will benefit the MOVE cross disciplinary research.

VUmc Apparatuurronde

The 'MOVE VUmc apparatuurronde' which is brought about once every two years has just been completed. This year there were several proposals worthy of a subsidy, but after the advisors' careful consideration, the choice fell upon the proposal by Helder et al for the Celution™ adipose tissue processing device (Cytori Therapeutics, Inc. USA).

Awards for PhD students:

- At the eCM XI meeting: Cartilage & Disc: Repair and Regeneration in Davos, Switzerland, **Kees-Pieter Paul** was awarded the first prize for his poster and presentation entitled: Effects of short-term loading on intervertebral disc viability in a loaded disc culture system.
- At the European Conference on Visual Perception in Lausanne, Switzerland, both **Femke Maij** and **Rita Sousa** were granted an ECVP student award for the 'best student abstract submission'.

October 28, 2010

Annual Research Meeting
MOVE 12.30 hrs, Amstelzaal
(Hospital building VUmc)

November 5, 2010

Inaugural lecture
DirkJan Veeger
Van "structuur" naar
"functie"?
3.00 hrs, Aula (TU Delft)

November 24-27, 2010

ACTA Lustrum week
- R. Dijkgraaf will officially
open the new premises

December 8, 2010

PhD Ceremony
Alistair Vardy
Moving in time: Neurons,
clocks, and rhythmic
movements
1.45 hrs, Aula (main building
VU)

December 10, 2010

PhD Ceremony
Gang Wu
BMP-2-incorporated
biomimetic coating
functionalized biomaterials for
bone tissue engineering

December 13, 2010

PhD Ceremony
Sanne Houweling
Neural Entrainment in
Coordination Dynamics
1.45 hrs, Aula (main building
VU)

December 14, 2010

PhD Ceremony
Janwillem Testerink
Vitamin D and skeletal
muscle structure and
function
3.45 hrs, Aula (main building
VU)

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MOVE goes to the MOVIES

As part of the 130th anniversary of the VU University Amsterdam, MOVE will make a short film clip to be shown on the website and in various promotional material. The film will be made for a Dutch audience and will be used to promote the excellent quality of the multidisciplinary research carried out within MOVE amongst the Dutch private and governmental institutions which issue grants.

2nd Annual MOVE Research Meeting on October 28th!

As we write, the final preparations are being made for the 2nd annual MOVE Research meeting. We have this year received a record number of abstracts. The direction set in with last year's meeting has been continued, and this year there will be 7 oral presentations, representing a wide range of the research carried out within MOVE. Director Arnold de Haan will open the meeting and will finish it off later in the afternoon with the announcement of the winner of the first ever MOVE award. The winner will receive EUR 1,000.- which can be used for congress visits or other research activities.

In addition there will be 36 abstracts for poster presentations. The MOVE research meeting promises to present an interesting overview of the wide range of research which takes place within MOVE.

MOVE Symposium No April Fool!

Please reserve **April 1st 2011** in your diaries for the first MOVE Symposium on Regenerative Medicine to be held on the new ACTA premises in 2011! More news to follow!

MOVE research manager takes up new position at the FBW

Our MOVE research manager, Kirsten Bijker, has since October 1st taken up a new position as the Director of Teaching at the Faculty of Human Movement Sciences (FBW) at the VU University Amsterdam. We thank her for all her commitment and dedication and wish her all the best with her new tasks. Fortunately, she remains part of the MOVE management team, albeit only for half time.

Following in her footsteps is Ms. Solveig Lund, originally from Norway, and a familiar name to those of you who occasionally visit the FBW. We wish her welcome in her new role as part of the MOVE management team.

December 15-17, 2010

Themed meeting of The Physiological Society
Including focused symposium
'Mechanosensitivity: from transduction to sensation'

April 1, 2011

MOVE Symposium on Regenerative Medicine.
Complete programme yet to be announced.
All day event at the new ACTA premises