



February 2015

### Agenda

**February 19<sup>th</sup>**

-- Pub Quiz

**March 4&6**

-- Gewetenschap: Play on scientific integrity

**March 25-27**

-- PCDI postdoc retreat life sciences

*More information about the events on [www.provu.nl](http://www.provu.nl)*

Dear PhD candidates and postdocs,

This month we have an additional newsletter with some important announcements.

First of all, I'd like to draw your attention to an upcoming symposium about scientific integrity that we've helped organise in cooperation with the VU University and VU University Medical Centre. I surely hope that a lot of you will come and that we can initiate a lively debate on scientific integrity and the everyday problems and dilemmas of researchers. You can find more information on the programme and how to sign up in this newsletter and on our website.

Secondly, we want to ask 10 minutes of your time to fill in a [survey](#) about your PhD track. With this survey, that is also held at the UvA, we hope to get a good overview of what kind of PhD-candidates are working at the VU/VUmc/ACTA and how you all feel about your PhD-track.

Something completely different: our bi-annual pub quiz is coming up and registration is possible! Last time it was the internal medicine department that went home with the price. Will they do it again or are you going to beat them?

At last, I like to point out to everyone that we have updated our nota. This document summarizes our values and goals and how we aim to reach and them. The nota is accessible via our website or you can reach it with the following [link](#)

On behalf of the ProVU board,

Anna Emanuel (chair)



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## ProVU survey 2015

Let your opinion count by filling in this short survey! With your answers you enable us to represent you better in the important matters that pass the works council (OR) such as reorganizations, doctoral regulations, the bursary experiment, three year PhD's and the collaboration with the UvA.

You can find the survey here:

<http://goo.gl/4H9Dji>

## ProVU is looking for you!

ProVU's annual PhD day is set for May 2015. You can organize this exciting and biggest event of ProVU with the ongoing support of the board! As last year's PhD day was a big success we challenge you to get inspired and come up with an even better one this year!

**Wanna do more?** Some of the board members are leaving within the next few months, so we are looking for new creative minds for the board!

Interested? Send an email to [board@provu.nl](mailto:board@provu.nl) and we will contact you!



## Invitation to the Scientific Integrity Symposium

VU University and VU University Medical Center in cooperation with ProVU are happy to invite you for a symposium on scientific integrity, starring *Pandemonia* with their theater play 'Gewetenschap'.

With this play organised by the 'De Jonge Akademie' we hope to stimulate conversation about problems and dilemmas that researchers encounter in their daily practice and initiate the social debate about scientific integrity.

### **VU University**

Date: March 4 Time: start 15:30 Location: Atrium (medical faculty)

Apply now via: <http://goo.gl/uaooyd>

### **VU University Medical Center**

Date: March 6; Time: 14.00 – 17.00 Location: ACTA

Apply now via: <http://goo.gl/2jvCII>

We very much hope to see you during one of these sessions!

*Important message for international students: unfortunately this play and the discussion will be in Dutch.*

## February 19 – Pubquiz Carnaval edition

Don't forget, in just a couple of weeks we will organize another PubQuiz! This PubQuiz will focus on two of our PhDs again, but also on our Dutch annual event; Carnaval! So are you from the southern part of the Netherlands? Catholic? Or just like beer a lot? Then you'll probably win hands down. :) Well.... at least the round regarding Carnaval. Other subjects are also present, including the famous picture round.

We hope to see you on February 19th @ the Tegenstelling (D-103 in W&N Building) from 17:30 onwards! Don't forget; drinks during and afterwards are free. We will provide some food and snacks as usual. Register [here](#)



## The final doctoral regulations

The much discussed article 15, regarding the 30 ECTS has passed legislation in the latest OR VU meeting. 30 ECTS translates to 105 days to spend on your education. All PhDs have until April 1st 2015 to fill out and hand in their form 1. Otherwise the new PhD rules apply. The only exception is when you are unable to do this before April 1st, then the old rules apply to your PhD trajectory by default.

Faculties are responsible for the availability of enough courses and that time and money are available for all PhDs. One of these courses must be the Scientific Integrity course.

Also; you can get exemptions for (part of) the 30 ECTS (the rules are determined by the faculty). There will be an evaluation in spring 2016 to determine any issues and to determine efficacy of article 15.

So again, please make sure you fill out your [form 1](#) before April 1st 2015

### From the registrar's office (bureau pedel)

***During December 2014, a remarkable high number of the form 'application for admission to the doctoral program' has been submitted to the registrar's office.***

***Application forms that have been submitted before the 31st of December 2014 are evaluated consistent with the doctorate regulations, as applied during that time period.***

***The registrar's office registers the application forms in order of arrival sequence.***

***Furthermore, due to the high number of applications, processing the forms will take longer than it normally would.***

***Note: some application forms belong to PhD-students, who expect to defend their thesis within a few months.***

***If those PhD-students did not hear from the registrar's office anytime soon, we would kindly invite you to contact the registrar's office directly.***





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For PhD candidates

## Are you interested in presenting your research to a select group of people?

Promovendis brings young scientists and practitioners in contact with each other. It is about knowledge and inspiration, without obligation, informal and interactive.  
'ideas arise among people; together, people make progress'

### The concept:

You present and discuss your research at a company or organization for a small group of participants and discussion partners. Science and practice literally sit down at the table together. The setting may be a breakfast, lunch or dinner.

For PhD candidates, this kind of meeting offers several opportunities that may be valuable for your research and career:

- Present and discuss your research in a company or organization
- Exposure, and expand your network
- Appear as a potential employee

Promovendis searches upon request and uses its own database to make the match between the PhD candidate and the company or organization. Therefore, we would like to come into contact with PhD candidates who would enjoy talking about their research. Promovendis will reimburse you accordingly for your presentation.

If the opportunities offered by Promovendis have sparked your interest, we cordially invite you to contact us. This can be done by completing the registration form on [www.promovendis.nl](http://www.promovendis.nl)  
Registration is free of charge. We will contact you after we have received your form.

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At the moment we would like to get in contact with PhD candidates, in particular, whose research involves: Sustainability or  
Education



## *Register now for the PCDI Postdoc Retreat and turn your talent into a career!*

*When finalising your PhD or postdoc, you are at the crossroads of your career... What steps should you take to turn your talent into a career that suits you?*

The PCDI Postdoc Retreat offers a complete programme to reflect on your skills, interests and possibilities in order to work out where you will be going next. Three days away from the lab allows you to dedicate time to work on personal development, priorities, career and future goals. At the PCDI Postdoc Retreat you will:

- Attend inspiring seminars by PhDs working inside and outside academia about any aspects that can contribute to your success. This includes leadership and developing a vision on science
- Improve your transferable skills at the training workshops
- Discuss with key players in Life Sciences how to position yourself as a science professional at university but also in a wider context
- Network with dozens of PhDs to gain insights into what it is like to work in the industry, as an entrepreneur or in the non-profit sector
- Find out what options you have, what is important to you, how to use the opportunities available to you

No matter whether you have a career inside or outside academia in mind, at the PCDI Postdoc Retreat you will learn how to pave your way to success. This edition specifically targets researchers in Life Sciences and takes place from 25 - 27 March 2015.



*'The PCDI Postdoc Retreat offers a great opportunity to take a step back and reflect [...]. It is quite liberating to realise the amount of opportunities that are out there when you take the time to be away from your work'*

The PCDI Postdoc Retreat is organised for the 13<sup>th</sup> time and has already been attended by more than 1,000 early career scientists, including researchers from abroad.

Curious to learn how your fellows experienced this course? Check the [testimonials](#).

Visit [www.pcdi.nl](http://www.pcdi.nl) for more information about the programme, registration and who to contact at your university for find out about your funding options.

What	PCDI Postdoc Retreat - A 3-day course on personal/professional/career development
For whom	Postdocs and final year PhD students in Life Sciences
When	25 - 27 March 2015
Where	Conference hotel Kapellerput in Heeze (Eindhoven area)
More info	<a href="http://www.pcdi.nl">http://www.pcdi.nl</a>