



March 2015

## Agenda

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| <b>March</b> | <b>4</b>     | -- Gewetenschap: Play on scientific integrity |
| <b>March</b> | <b>6</b>     | -- Gewetenschap Vumc & i-ProVU Pub crawl      |
| <b>March</b> | <b>20</b>    | -- i-ProVU Pub crawl                          |
| <b>March</b> | <b>25-27</b> | -- PCDI postdoc retreat life sciences         |
| <b>April</b> | <b>10</b>    | -- i-ProVU bike tour to the tulip fields      |

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

Dear PhD-candidates and postdocs,

March has begun and as mentioned before we will start this month with a symposium on scientific integrity on March 4 (VU) and March 6 (VUmc), starring *Pandemonia* with their theatre play called "Gewetenschap". We hope that this symposium will lead to an interesting discussion about the everyday dilemmas researchers encounter. Tickets for March 6<sup>th</sup> are almost sold out, but you register for back-up places or attend on March 4.

Registration is possible via: <http://goo.gl/uaoooyd> (VU) or <http://goo.gl/2jvCII> (VUmc). You can find more information about the program on our website: <http://provu.nl/2015/symposium-scientific-integrity>

Furthermore, I am happy to inform you that i-ProVU – the international branch of ProVU - has new enthusiastic members and they are organising several social events in the upcoming months. For international PhD-candidates this is the ideal opportunity to meet other PhD's, explore Amsterdam and the rest of the Netherlands. For more information about the details, visit our [website](#).

The last few months have been largely dominated by the bursary experiment proposed last week by the Dutch minister of Education, Culture and Science, Jet Bussemaker. This experiment would entail that 2000 PhD-candidates would be considered students instead of employees. PNN (the PhD Candidate Network of the Netherlands) drafted a letter providing strong arguments against this bursary experiment. This letter has been signed by members of university councils, works councils and representatives of local and national PhD organisations, amongst others ProVU and the Works Council of the VU University. The letter has been provided on February 24, 2015 to the Executive boards and Boards of directors of all Dutch universities and university medical centers to stress our mutual concerns about the experiment.



The letter is available via the following link: [http://provu.nl/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/150223\\_Brief-tegen-promotieonderwijs\\_English\\_FINAL.pdf](http://provu.nl/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/150223_Brief-tegen-promotieonderwijs_English_FINAL.pdf)

Finally, I would like to remind you that we are still looking for new board members as well as people who would like to organise this years PhD-day. More information about the vacancies can be found in this newsletter. If you are interested please email us: [board@provu.nl](mailto:board@provu.nl)

On behalf of the ProVU board,

Anna Emanuel (chair)

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## ProVU survey 2015

**If you haven't done it yet, please fill in our 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.



## The final doctoral regulations

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.*

## 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!

**Want to contribute 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!

If you want to contribute more in the regulatory affairs of the university the perfect place for you is in the works council! From the first of April we have a free spot in the council! Email [Laura Henderson](#) for more info.



## Invitation to the Scientific Integrity Symposium

Only places left on March 4!

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 & VUmc

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

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

If you really want to see this play, we urge you to register **as soon as possible**.

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

## Pubquiz Carnaval edition

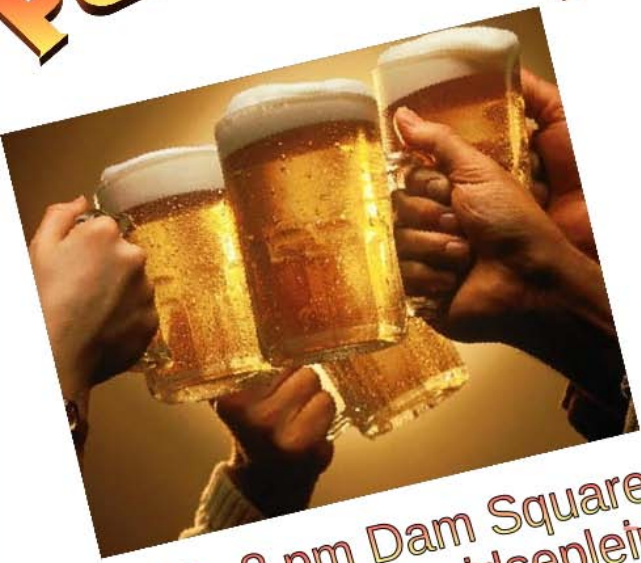
In another struggle for champagne and endless fame between seven teams, it was finally the Mademathicians team that finished first! Lets see if they can keep it up the next edition.





**INVITES TO**

**PUB CRAWL**



**BIKE TRIP  
TO TULIP FIELDS**

March 6th, 8 pm Dam Square  
March 20th, 8 pm Leidseplein



April 10th  
Start at 10 am at VU

Check our website for the details: [www.provu.nl/iprovu](http://www.provu.nl/iprovu)



## *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 to 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>