



Agenda

September 10	-- ProVU SUMMER BBQ
September 26	-- Zuiderzeeklassieker (Bike race)
October 3&5	-- i-ProVU PhD introduction days
October 16	-- Explore program Beta sciences
October 22	-- Seminar: "How to publish a world class paper"
October 28-30	-- PCDI postdoc retreat STEM

More information about the events on www.provu.nl

Dear PhD candidates and postdocs,

As September is almost upon us, many of you will have returned from holidays and are getting back to work. You may have noticed that the hallways are increasingly flooded by students, days are getting shorter, leaving for work without a jacket was a bit too ambitious and emails are beginning to pile up again. Although this may not give much reason to celebrate, we warmly invite you to our yearly barbeque to celebrate summer with us one last time! **Come join us for a beer, sausage and/or grilled pepper next week Thursday at the VU Campusplein, starting 5 PM.**

The end of summer also comes together with the start of a new academic year. The theme of this academic year is 'Problems of tomorrow', putting emphasis on solutions for future challenges. In this light, ProVU wants to help you realize your ambitions for the future by getting the most out of your PhD/Postdoc. The beginning of a new academic year is the perfect time to act on new ideas, but also to get motivated to finish what you have started. We therefore hope you will have a great and inspiring start of the year!

On behalf of the ProVU board,

Samantha Scholte (Chair)



SUMMER BBQ

**For all PhD's and Postdocs Thursday September 10
From 17:00 ...> FREE MEAT, DRINKS 1 EURO !!!**

**@ THE BASKET
BEACHVOLLEY
FIELDS**

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EMPLOYEE CARD!
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ProVU is looking for you!

ProVU's annual PhD day is coming up. 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? We are looking for new creative minds for the board! Interested? Send an email to 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! Just for the dutch speaking, because it is the working language in the OR.

ProVU is op zoek naar een aantal nieuwe Ondernemingsraadleden! Leden besteden ongeveer 8 uur in de week aan de Ondernemingsraad -- en worden hiervoor gecompenseerd (door contractverlenging of salarisverhoging!). Meld je nu aan door een mail te sturen naar L.M.Henderson@vu.nl waarin je toelicht waarom je graag in de Ondernemingsraad zou zitten. Hieronder vind je meer informatie over de Ondernemingsraad, ProVU en wie wij zoeken. Mocht je nog verdere vragen hebben, schroom niet om contact op te nemen met fractievoorzitter Laura Henderson (L.M.Henderson@vu.nl)



I-ProVU is glad to invite you to

PhD Introduction Days!

Saturday October 3rd, 2p.m.

- walking tour of Amsterdam
- photo competition
- picnic (if weather permits)
or borrel

Monday October 5th, 5p.m.

- presentation of the VU
- winners of the photo competition
- beers at the Basket



Mandatory registration for both events: i@provu.nl at the latest one week in advance. Exact meeting place will be confirmed to participants.

Both events are free.

And soon to come... International dinner!



i-ProVU invites you!

What is i-ProVU?

I-ProVU is the international section of Pro-VU, we are open to all PhD's and Postdocs of VU and Vumc, both international and Dutch.

What are our goals?

The goal of i-ProVU is to create a friendly environment and integrate the PhD & Postdoc society of VU & Vumc, by organizing various social events.

We also provide practical information for the new coming international PhDs & Postdocs to help them go around Amsterdam.

What kind of events do we organize?

Pub Crawls



Lets end the week with a energizing drink in a good company - Isn't it what every PhD student or PostDoc needs on a Friday evening? We made Pub Crawls in different parts of Amsterdam to check out which place has the best beer.

Bike Trips



Want to get a grip on the Dutch culture? What is more Dutch than a bike trip? We organized bike trips to various beautiful places around Amsterdam: tulip fields near Keukenhof, castle of Muiden and the beaches of Zandvoort.

Join our [Facebook group](#) to be up-to-date with our events!



Seminar “How to publish a world-class paper. Everything you always wanted to know about scientific publishing.”

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2015, 13.00-17.00 pm

Plaats: Atrium Medical Faculty, D 146

Publishing an article can be quite a challenge. Determining your audience, choosing a journal and dealing with reviewers, editors and publishers are important skills you need to acquire in your academic career.

The University Library is offering you some help on how to prepare yourself and how to write a quality scientific manuscript by organizing a seminar on these topics. During the seminar, a number of experienced scientists and a publisher will share their insight and experience of the publishing process and respond to the questions that you may encounter as a beginning author.

Preliminary program*

Opening by the Dean of the Vrije Universiteit, Prof. Dr. Vinod Subramanian

Josje Calff, director UB VU: Introduction

Dr. Andrea Hoogenkamp-O'Brien, publisher EBioMedicine, Elsevier. She will speak on the publication process as seen from the publisher's perspective.

Tilo Hartmann, Ph.D., Associate Professor Faculty of Social Sciences VU. Tilo Hartmann has published in major scientific journals and in several books. He is a member of the editorial boards of acknowledged journals. His presentation will focus on the author's perspective.

Prof. dr. Willem van Mechelen, director of the department of Public and Occupational health en co-director EMGO+, VUmc. Professor van Mechelen's presentation will give an overview of his broad experience with scientific publication process as an editor, reviewer and as a promotor of Ph.D. students.

Wouter Gerritsma, head of department of Digital Services & Innovation UB VU. He is an expert on Open Access, publication impact and strategy. His presentation is titled “Publishing for Impact.”

Drinks

**Final program with abstracts soon to follow.*



Register now for the PCDI Postdoc Retreat

...and take the lead to build your future!

As a final-stage PhD or postdoc, you are at the crossroads of your career. What comes next? And how can you favour your chances of success? Join the PCDI Postdoc Retreat to learn how to take the lead to build your future!

The **PCDI Postdoc Retreat** is a 3-day course on career development specifically for postdocs and final stage PhD students. The upcoming 14th edition takes place from **28 - 30 October 2015** and targets researchers in Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths (**STEM**). Review your personal development and professional goals to set new priorities. At the PCDI Retreat you will:

- learn about making career choices, work-life balance, how to make an impact and what really matters to become successful at inspiring seminars by academics and PhDs graduates in industry and non-academic positions.
- explore and improve your transferable skills and gain useful insights to take charge of your career by taking part in the relevant workshops of choice.
- gain insights on how to work smart in addition to working hard to maximise your potential. Discuss with opinion leaders in science, policy and industry.
- learn how varied your professional future as a PhD graduate can be by networking with dozens of invited professionals with a PhD from companies in large industry and SME as well as those working as entrepreneur or in the non-profit sector

No matter whether you have a career inside or outside academia in mind, at the PCDI Postdoc Retreat you will learn how you can *take the lead to build your future*.

'After the retreat I realised that a professional career is not based on opportunities arising by chance but that you need to take the lead to make this happen. In this regard, the broad retreat programme helped me to build a personal action plan to transform my thoughts into actions'

Check the [testimonials](#) to learn how your fellow researchers experienced this course.

Visit the [PCDI website](#) for more information about the programme, registration and funding options.

What	PCDI Postdoc Retreat
For whom	Postdocs and final year PhD students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths
When	28 - 30 October 2015
Where	Conference hotel Kapellerput, Heeze (Eindhoven area)
More info	http://www.pcdi.nl

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Explore Program for PhD students in beta sciences

*Does your research have commercial potential?
Are you thinking of starting your own company?*

Participate in the Explore Program and experience all the challenging aspects of commercializing your idea and starting a company!
Learn by joining interactive lectures, taking part in workshops and listening to the real life stories of first time founders.

Goal of the program

The goal of the program is to get an understanding of the first steps involved in building a business case and learn which tools to use for an effective start.

For whom?

Are you a PhD in beta sciences or do you have a beta related idea? This program is open to all PhDs of University of Amsterdam, VU University Amsterdam and NWO institutes in beta sciences. But also master students, postdocs, researchers in beta sciences and anyone else who is considering to start a science or tech based company is welcome to register for this program.

Topics

During the Explore Program you will learn about the following topics:

- Entrepreneurship, innovation and success factors
- Developing a business concept
- Defining value proposition
- Funding & grant options
- Intellectual property, patents and other forms of protection
- Pitching

Date and location

Friday 25 September and Friday 16 October 2015, 09:00-17:30 hr
Location: ACE Venture Lab, Science park 402, Amsterdam

Participate! Even without a business idea

You can apply for Explore Program for PhD's in beta sciences if you have beta education or a beta-related idea. For those who don't have a business idea, we will provide challenging business concepts so you can learn by working on an interesting project.

Join the Explore Program!

Reserve your seat by [applying](#) now!