Spring has started, and with this season comes fresh energy and new ideas. This too is true for ABRI. We are currently working hard on the development of PhD evaluation, junior research positions and extending our network for future Doctoral education collaboration. In short, very exciting! Read on to find out more…

Interested in a PhD? Become a Junior Researcher!

Starting in October 2011 the faculty is offering 6 new Junior Researcher positions. As a Junior Researcher you follow the “Advanced Business and Organisation Studies” programme for one year, where focus lies on writing an original research proposal. With this proposal a Junior Researcher can apply for a 3-year PhD position at VU or UvA. As a Junior Researcher you have the chance to strengthen your research skills, as well as to follow multiple (2-3) internships within a variety of ABRI research tracks. Hereby Junior Researchers have a unique opportunity to look closely at several academic disciplines and to make up their mind about the direction of a possible academic career! More information here...

Overview of events

ABRI has started a series of Open Seminars. With these seminars ABRI will invite renowned international speakers to present their work. Tom Lee (Washington University) was the first to present March 17, 2011. Omar Solinger (M&O) facilitated the session and has written a review. Read more here...

ABRI research track Organisational Behaviour hosted
the International meeting of the Consortium for the Cross-Cultural Study of Contemporary Careers (5C Group) from 2-4 March, 2011. Read more here...

Coming up

Chen Fleisher in next to present in the ABRI research seminar. He will present his paper Enabling organizational learning through 'intelligent' careers on April 19. More details here...

Next in the Open Seminar series we will have David Lepak (Rutgers University) visit. He will present May 25 on the topic of “The HR – performance relationship: issues and prospects”, and have an ‘AMR publishing session’ for all interested faculty members on May 26. Read more here...

What are ABRI PhDs working on?

On May 31 first year PhDs will present their research in the first evaluation day. This day is organised as an all day interactive event where faculty members are welcome to join and see for themselves the interesting research PhDs from different disciplines have been working on! Led by Erik Mooi (Marketing), there are a total of six PhD presentations scheduled throughout the day. Prof. dr. Harmen Verbruggen will also join in the afternoon and give a talk about successful academic careers. A tasty lunch from Pesto Presto will be served during the break!

This is a great opportunity to see what your junior colleagues have been up to, and to learn from each other. More details will follow soon, keep an eye on the ABRI website or email ABRI’s Programme Manager (m.buseman@vu.nl).

Courses coming up

There are a few very interesting specialisation courses coming up, check them out and spread the word! Registration is possible via the ABRI Website.

May

- Social Identity Theory (May 18-20) with Dick de Gilder (VU University Amsterdam), Naomi Ellemers (Leiden University), and Floor Rink (University of Groningen).
June

- **Strategic Entrepreneurship** (June 4-8) with Joep Cornelissen (VU University Amsterdam); Tom Elfring (VU University Amsterdam); Anoop Madhok (York University); Niels Noorderhaven (Tilburg University); Jeffrey Reuer (Purdue University); and Wouter Stam (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology).

- **Knowledge, IT and Networks** (June 19-23) with Michal Avital (University of Amsterdam); Patrick Cohendet (HEC Montreal); Marleen Huysman (Vu University); Natalia Levina (New York University); Paul Pavlou (Temple University); and Charles Steinfield (Michigan State University).

ABRI goes to Kröller Müller!

Established in 2009, ABRI is growing. Today MSc Honours students, PhD candidates and an increasing number of teaching and supervision staff from VU and abroad are involved in ABRI. As ABRI's second busy academic year full of studies and research is moving into the summer period we think that we all deserve a day of inspiration outside of the VU campus. For this first “ABRI Day” we have chosen to go to the Kröller Müller Museum. We hope that its Open Air Museum with a unique collection of art from around the world, including its rich private collection of paintings, as well as in- and outdoor sculptures will inspire many creative ideas, and collaborations. On this day we are planning a few fun and interactive activities, and also a picnic in (hopefully!) summer sun!
Save-the-date: May 27, 2011! More details to follow soon. Check out the ABRI website for updates, click here.