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UPCOMING EVENTS

Entrepreneurship Experience Programme - 4-7 July
Ent-Ex is a young entrepreneur-led project with the goal to help young people develop entrepreneurial skills. The Entrepreneurship Experience Programme is a 4 day workshop-style event that follows a unique approach based on ‘learning by doing’. More info and registration via this [link].

KIN Summer School - 11-14 July
The KIN Summer School is organized by the KIN Research Group of the VU University Amsterdam together with the Amsterdam Business Research Institute (ABRI). This year it will take place between 11th and 14th July. During 4 intensive days participants and faculty will discuss research in the field of IT, Knowledge and Innovation. Registration to this event has been closed. More information can be found [here].

NEWS

2015 Annual Report VU Amsterdam: Significant rise in academic success
VU Amsterdam has achieved excellent results in the area of education over the last year.

This is shown in the annual report 2015. VU Amsterdam

Successful researchers
In 2015, ten researchers received awards from the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme (five Venis, three Vidis, and two Vicis), and nine researchers had their research funded thanks to grants from the
has achieved the objectives laid down in the performance agreements struck with the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science in 2012 about academic success, quality and excellence. We achieved six out of seven compulsory indicators. The Bachelor programmes’ performance rose from 62.0% in 2011 to 77.6% in 2015, while the percentage of lecturers with a University Teaching Qualification increased from 24% in 2011 to 61% in 2015. The university’s Rector Magnificus, Professor Vinod Subramaniam, states, “We are proud to have achieved such great results together. I would like to thank all our colleagues for their hard work.” After the summer VU Amsterdam will receive official feedback from the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science on performance agreements.

European Research Council (ERC): three Starting Grants, four Consolidator Grants, and two Advanced Grants. An exceptional development is that, in 2015, a total of sixteen individual Marie Sklodowska Curie fellowships were awarded. This is a striking increase when compared to previous years.

**Increase in Open Access publications**

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam is a fervent advocate of making research output accessible through Open Access publishing. In 2015, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and VU University Medical Center Amsterdam achieved a percentage of Open Access publications amounting to 37%. The objective of 40% was almost achieved and the long-term prognosis of 90% Open Access in 2025 remains a realistic objective.

**ABRI WE**

During the summer period, the ABRI WE newsletter will not be published for some weeks. This will be the last newsletter until September. ABRI wishes all colleagues a great conference- and holiday season!