ABRI: KIN Summer School: July 6 - 9, 2015
This KIN Summer School is organized by the KIN Research Group of the VU University Amsterdam (www.kinresearch.nl) together with the Amsterdam Business Research Institute (ABRI). During 4 intensive days participants and faculty will discuss research in the field of IT, Knowledge and Innovation. The teaching faculty consists of an international group of professors, known for their research in the field: Samer Faraj (McGill University, Canada), Raghu Garud (Penn State University, USA), Michael Barrett (Judge Business School, Cambridge University, UK), Ulrike Schultze (Cox business school SMU, USA) and Marleen Huysman (KIN Research, VU University Amsterdam). For more information click here.

ACE and Rabobank: Summer School Ondernemerschap: July 6 -10, 2015
This event is for students who are planning to start their own business or who have already begun. During this summer school a complete business plan will be created. Experts from Rabobank Amsterdam, the Amsterdam Center for Entrepreneurship (ACE) and successful entrepreneurs will help with the start-up or development of your business. The courses will be in Dutch. For more information please click here.

NEWS

ABRI - Continental AG Global HR workshop: an excellent example of fruitful business-academia cooperation

Amsterdam Business Research Institute (ABRI) and Continental AG look back on a very successful and mutually beneficial Global HR Workshop on "Value Based Reward at Continental", which took place at VU University Amsterdam on June 11 and 12, 2015.

During the HR Workshop, 17 Continental AG HR managers from around the globe (Germany, United States, Mexico, the United Kingdom and China), joined forces with ABRI faculty and 8 excellent FEWE MSc Business Administration students to work out a new corporate reward strategy for current and future executives, employed by Continental worldwide.

During the 2-day event, the participants in the workshop were divided over six teams, consisting of both students and Continental HR experts, which each elaborated 3 complex aspects of the reward strategy. Topics that were discussed included employee value proposition (EVP), compensation structure, benefits, governance, long term incentives, international mobility, and financial and group bonuses.
After an intensive working programme on June 11, on June 12 all six teams presented the results of their combined efforts, which will form the basis of Continental's new reward system that will be implemented worldwide. The mission of this new reward system is to attract, motivate, and retain the right talents and facilitate international mobility by providing professional reward solutions which are competitive, business oriented and sustainable.

The ABRI – Continental AG Global HR Workshop has been a mutually enriching experience, which has strengthened the ties between both organizations, brought forward excellent results for Continental's reward strategy, and has also been a unique opportunity for FEWEB students to translate their theoretic knowledge into complex business strategies, and to gain valuable professional experience in working on a real HR case with a leading multinational within the automotive industry.

**Meindert Flikkema, Brian Spisak and Sina Zolnoor winners Educational Awards 2015**

To celebrate the closure of the successful academic year 2014-2015, on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, the annual FEWEB Educational Awards have been awarded to the best lecturers and best student of the faculty. This year, the Educational Awards ceremony was part of another memorable event, namely the start of VU Business School. During the Educational Awards ceremony, the FEWEB student jury presented the award for Best Teacher and Best Student.

Five lecturers have been nominated by FEWEB students to receive the Best Lecturer Award. The award for best senior lecturer went to Meindert Flikkema (Strategy and Organization), the best junior lecturer went to Brian Spisak (Organizational Behaviour). The other nominees were Jos Akkermans (Organizational Behaviour), Emile Lancee (Marketing) and Marc Schauten (Finance).

The jury, presided by the former Dean of our Faculty, Harmen Verbruggen, elected Sina Zolnoor as this year’s best student. Sina Zolnoor studies both Econometrics and Finance and has been a student board member of the faculty board and works as a Volunteer at IMC Weekendschool.

**Natalja Laurey wins TIM Best Reviewer Award of the Academy of Management**

Natalja Laurey has won the Academy of Management Best Reviewer Award for the Technology and Innovation Management (TIM) Division. The TIM division employed 718 reviewers this year, for a total of 1,707 reviews. Out of these 718 reviewers, only 25 were selected as recipients of the Best Reviewer Award based on quality of the feedback provided. She will receive a plaque during the annual TIM meeting of the annual Academy of Management conference, which will be hosted in Vancouver, Canada, this year.

Natalja Laurey is a first year ABRI PhD student at the KIN research group at the department of Information, Logistics and Innovation. Before starting her PhD, she graduated from her Social Research Master in Anthropology (VU University) and her Bachelors in Cultural Anthropology (University of Amsterdam). Her current research project is on cross-over collaboration for digital innovation, in which she explores how so-called ‘generative brokers’ like design/innovation firms connect between heterogeneous actors to collaboratively develop creative outcome.
development process of the quantum computer. The talk will take place at the pantry on the fifth floor of the main building and will be followed by drinks. In order to register click here. For more information click here.

ACE: Summer School: July 20 – 31, 2015
During the Amsterdam Summer School in July ACE offers international students the summer course New Venture Creation/Entrepreneurship. The course will take place from 20 July till 31 July at VU University. The course is intended for international students from all disciplines (so not only Business Studies) who are interested in the subject of New Venture Creation and Entrepreneurship. The aim is to have a very diverse and international group of students. For more information please click here.

ACE: Business Trip to Silicon Valley: Sept 28, 2015
Are you an entrepreneur and is your company ready for the next step? Would you like to go to Silicon Valley to have one-on-one meetings with potential customers, partners and investors? For more information please click here.