MESSAGE FROM THE ABRI TEAM

Dear ABRI colleagues and business relations,

We hope that you all had a wonderful and inspiring summer, and we wish you an equally great and inspiring new academic year full of creativity and success!

The start of the new academic year is always a special moment, and a good occasion to look ahead to the broad array of exciting new projects, research seminars, open lectures and other great events that ABRI will facilitate during the new year, and will communicate to you through this newsletter and the ABRI website, www.abri.vu.nl.

We look forward to working with the many new researchers across all research tracks, to welcoming a new group of part-time and fulltime PhD students and a new cohort of Junior Researchers. Next to that, this year ABRI has the great privilege of welcoming our first cohort of excellent students in the joint VU-UvA Research Master’s Business in Society.

In case you would like to share news about your research, an event, or other interesting subjects with our research community, you are most welcome to submit your item to Hans Quené (h.quene@vu.nl). He will be happy to include it in the ABRI WE and the news page on the ABRI website!

As a great reminder of the good work we did this summer, ABRI is delighted to share its new promotion video with you. Click here to have a look.
Best regards,

The ABRI team

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ACE: Research Seminar: September 8, 2015**
In this seminar you will have the opportunity to listen to, and discuss with, three leading entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial networks experts; prof. dr. Bill Gartner (Aarhus Business School); prof. dr. Sarah Jack (Lancaster School of Management) and prof. dr. Tom Elfring (VU University) on the role of context and perspective diversity in entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial network research. The seminar will be held on 8 September, from 09:30 - 12:00 in Agora 1. For more information and registration please click [here](#).

**Information session ABRI Part-Time PhD programme: September 28, 2015**
Enrolment for the third cohort of the (Executive) Part-Time programme is now open! Executives and management practitioners who aspire a PhD degree are invited to apply.

To get more information about the programme and to discuss their research topics, potential PhD candidates are invited to attend the upcoming information session on September 28.

During the sessions we will discuss:
- The Part-Time PhD programme’s design and teaching philosophy
- Key deliverables and objectives of the programme
- Working with world-class faculty on your PhD research project

The information session will take place at 17:30 – 19:00 in room HG 1A-32, main building of VU University Amsterdam.

To register for the information session, please send an email to ABRI's Policy Officer, Niki Konijn ([n.m.konijn@vu.nl](mailto:n.m.konijn@vu.nl)).

**NEWS**

**Meindert Flikkema wins first ever Van der Duijn Schouten Educational Award**

During the opening of the new academic year, M&O colleague Meindert Flikkema won the first Van der Duijn Schouten Education Award. This prize is awarded to a university teacher who stands out in different dimensions of education at our university.

"Meindert Flikkema is the personification of the main VU values in education: open, personal and responsible," said jury chairman Joke van Saane. The prize is named after the former rector, inspired by his efforts to strengthen the quality of education at VU University Amsterdam.

ABRI warmly congratulates Meindert with this excellent achievement.
Start of the new Research Master Business in Society

After lots of preparations we finally have our joint research master in place! Eight bright and enthusiastic students started the programme this week. Last week they all got to know each other and several of the teachers involved during the introduction event that was hosted at both UvA and VU. During the ‘Challenge’ the BIS-team competed against 7 teams of the other joint programme, of Entrepreneurship, to trade goods at the VU-Campus, and won the third prize.

This week they started with a course that gives the basics of a variety of theories in business administration, originating in sociology, psychology and economics, and with the course philosophy of science. Most of the eight students have experience with the Dutch educational system, but they are British, Pakistani, Korean, Serbian and Dutch, and five of them are female. They were originally accepted along with seven additional students, who decided not to join in the end. And we had several more applicants whom we rejected, because we only want high quality students.

We are looking forward to a successful programme in which we will have space for lots of collaboration between the students and ABRI researchers. For instance, you can invite them to seminars, you may use their course projects, or you can hire them as research assistants: Email Maura Soekijad [via graduateschool.abri@vu.nl] if you are interested to collaborate. Through such collaboration as part of the programme, we can train them to become excellent researchers of the future!

News from the summer period

During the summer, our colleagues have also been very active on various events. We would especially like to highlight the following awards, won by our colleagues this summer at the Academy of Management Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Canada.

Philipp Türtscher receives Best Paper Award at Academy of Management Annual Meeting 2015
Philipp Türtscher’s paper ‘The seven IP commandments of a crowdsourcing community: How self-organized norms-based IP systems overcome imitation problems’ was selected out of 600 articles to receive the Best Paper Award of the Technology and Innovation Management Division at the annual meeting of the Academy of Management in Vancouver (Canada). Read more.

Evgenia Lysova wins her third AoM Best Reviewer Award
ABRI PhD candidate Evgenia Lysova received her third AoM Best Reviewer Award for the Division of Careers at the Academy of Management 2015 Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Canada. Evgenia also won this award in 2013 and 2014, contributing once more to the great number of awards won by ABRI scholars at the Academy of Management in recent years. Read more.

VACANCY: RESEARCH ASSISTANT

The Marketing Department is looking for a research assistant to help organizing and running consumer studies at the FEWEB Lab. We are looking for a student (3rd year bachelor student, master in Marketing) who:

- Has interest in experimental research and consumer behavior
- Likes to work with people
- Is flexible
- Is an organization talent
- Can deal with stress
- Is precise and reliable
- Is available at least 2 days per week in periods the studies are running (weeks1---6 of each course
Your tasks will be:

- Lab experimenter (setting up the lab, welcoming participants, running the experiments, answering questions, making sure all the programs work/run smoothly)
- Organization of lab sessions
- Occasionally recruiting participants, advertising lab sessions
- Occasionally helping with setting up experiments and data entry
- What we offer you: 10.80 euros per hour (CAO 2015 for research assistants)
- On average 6 hours per week (note that hours will not be evenly spread, but concentrated in specific periods)
- The opportunity to familiarize with the behavioral research conducted at the department of Marketing

Send your CV and motivation letter to the FEWEB lab coordinator dr. Jiska Eelen (researchadministrator.feweb@vu.nl) before Wednesday September 9, noon. Job interviews with selected candidates will take place on Monday September 14, between 11am and 1pm.

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**EVENT OVERVIEW AUTUMN 2015**

**FEWEB: PhD Defence: September 10, 2015: E.G.R. Barends**
E.G.R. Berends will defend his dissertation "In Search of Evidence. Empirical findings and professional perspectives on evidence-based management" on 10 September, 2015. For more information please click [here](#).

**ARCA: Seminar: September 14, 2015: Eddy Cardinaels**
Eddy Cardinaels (Leuven University) will present his paper (co-authored with Jan Bouwens and Jingwen Zhang) titled: "Principals and Their Car Dealers: What Do Targets Tell about Their Relation?" This seminar will take place on Monday, 14 September from 12.00 to 14.00 in 9A-24 in the Main building. To register for the ARCA seminar, please send an email to: [l.m.abinta@vu.nl](mailto:l.m.abinta@vu.nl)

**ABRI: MSc Honours Graduation Day: September 18, 2015**
The MSc Honours Students will celebrate their Graduation on 18 September at 15:30 in room 1G-11. We will be celebrating all the hard work in completing this extracurricular programme alongside of their studies. The event will be followed by drinks in the Basket.

**SERVUS: Symposium: September 21, 2015**
The symposium Servant-Leadership and Meaningful Work is the 12th in an annual symposium series embedded in the Master course Careers and Organizations. The Symposium will be held on 21 September at the VU. For more information please click [here](#).

**ABRI: Seminar: September 22, 2015: David Barberá**
The seminar is organized by ABRI and the KIN Research Group. David Barberá gives a seminar about Cultural Entrepreneurship and the Role of Visuals in Interactive Frame Alignment Processes. The seminar will take place on Tuesday 22nd of September in room BV 0H-20 (BelleVUe Building). To register for this event, please send an e-mail to: [s.demirci@vu.nl](mailto:s.demirci@vu.nl) before 17 September 2015. For the abstract please click [here](#).

**ACE: Pitching Competition: September 24, 2015**
On September 24th the 8 most promising startups from Amsterdam and other Dutch cities will battle in front of top investors, entrepreneurs and fans in the Local Amsterdam Final of Get in the Ring. Please apply before 13 September. For more information please click [here](#).
On 28 September at 15:45 in the Aula J.W. Schoen will defend his dissertation titled "The single-track reporting approach. The development of financial and prudential reporting requirements and their impact on the reporting practices of Dutch insurance companies in the period 1880-2005".

ABRI: PhD Defence: October 15, 2015: Yuval Engel
Yuval Engel will defend his dissertation titled "Venturing into the unknown, but not for the first time: An examination of firm-founders’ careers & entrepreneurial decision-making under uncertainty " on 15 October at 11:45 in the Aula of the Main Building of the VU University Amsterdam. For more information please click here.

PhD Council: General Assembly: October 20, 2015
The first lunch for PhD Students will be held 20 October at 12:00 - 13:30 in Bellevue room BV-0H-54. The Council will present itself and announce its plans for the next academic year.

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