Welcome to the new academic year! A lot of developments have occurred over the past months regarding the Amsterdam Business Research Institute and we are happy to share all this news with you in our new newsletter.

ABRI will strive to send four newsletters per year; a fall edition in September, a winter edition in December and spring and summer in March and June respectively. Enjoy reading!

**Website Online!**

After a long wait the Amsterdam Business Research Institute website is online: [www.abri.vu.nl](http://www.abri.vu.nl)! On the website you can find all details, amongst other things, about the institute itself, Doctoral education and its PhD candidates’ research projects. Come see for yourself!

If you have any suggestions for improvements on the website please mail the ABRI Programme Manager. All feedback is welcome.

**Study Guide 2010-2011**

ABRI’s Doctoral Education Study Guide 2010-2011 is now available. After last year’s success ABRI has further fine-tuned its programme to offer the best quality education.

Two new courses will start this year **Qualitative Methods** with Prof. dr. ir. Bart Bossink with a hands-on practical course on qualitative research, and **Research in Corporate Finance** with Prof. dr. Herbert Rijken for a close look at new developments in the field.

Check out these new courses and the rest of the PhD Programme curriculum [here...](#)

**Welcome Borrel September 28**
The new academic year is already in full swing and Amsterdam Business Research Institute would like to invite PhD candidates, their supervisors, colleagues and friends for an opening PhD “Borrel” on September 28th at 17:00 in The Basket to properly celebrate the start of the new academic year!

This is also an opportunity to meet our new PhD candidates: Leonie Houtman, Yuval Engel, Linn Kolbe and Suzanne van der Ster. As well as to talk about the upcoming MSc Honours Programme in Business Research which will start in January 2011.

Hope to see you at The Basket!

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**New Doctoral candidates**

ABRI is happy to welcome four new Doctoral candidates. **Linn Kolbe** will be working on ‘The R&D “Lab” of the Future: Foundations for Modeling the R&D/Innovation Planning Process’ (supervisors Prof. dr. Bart Bossink & Prof. dr. Ard Pieter de Man); **Leonie Houtman** who’s research concerns ‘Knowledge Retention and Employee Turnover: The Role of Transactive Memory’ (supervisors Prof. dr. Marleen Huysman, Dr. Bart van den Hooff & Dr. Julia Kotlarsky); and **Yuval Engel** who will research ‘Pre-entry Career Capital: Accumulation, Utilization, and New Venture Performance’ (supervisors Prof. dr. Tom Elfring, Prof. dr. Paul Jansen & Dr. Svetlana Khapova). **Suzanne van der Ster** (who is also part of TI) researches ‘Mixed-criticality Scheduling’ (supervisors Prof. dr. Leen Stougie & Dr. Rene Sitters). Leonie, Linn and Suzanne have already started their position within FEWEB. Yuval will start in January 2011. Read more...

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**Upcoming PhD courses**

The first two ABRI courses will start soon. **Research Design and Approaches** starts October 6th and will give participants insight into the first phase of their PhD research project. Subjects such as research philosophies and paradigms are discussed, and qualitative and quantitative research methods are introduced. **Social Network Analysis: Theory and Practice** is an intensive workshop-course from 25-28th October. The course is taught by FSW and is a chance to gain hands-on experience with social network software.

All courses can now also be viewed on the ABRI website.

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