Welcome to the Spring edition of the ABRI newsletter of 2012! Since the last newsletter in Fall much has happed within the Faculty as well as ABRI. Joep Cornelissen has replaced Erik Verhoef in the Faculty Board as Research Dean, new PhD projects have been funded, ABRI together with Amsterdam Business School will host PREBEM 2013, 28 MSc honours students started the MSc Honours Programme in Business Research in January, a Bachelors course within the VU Honors Programme will start in the new academic year, and ABRI continues to grow with 8 vacancies for Junior Researchers. Read about all this, and more, in the newsletter below…!

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Amsterdam Smart Capital

On March 22 Amsterdam Business Research Institute (ABRI) together with the Amsterdam Innovation Motor (AIM) and the Amsterdam Economic Board organized a round table session with business leaders and leaders of research. The aim of the meeting was to explore and further shape the research agenda for business development of the Amsterdam metropolis, contributing to AIM’s goal for Amsterdam to become a top European city by 2020. To attain this goal, businesses, academia and government ought to structurally work together. In order to compete at the European level invests are needed in a business-academic “partnership” stated during the meeting Han van Dissel, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of
4 New PhD projects funded

Four PhD projects have been selected by the ABRI board for research for the internal FEWEB competition. Eva de Mol (M&O), Evgenia Lysova (M&O), Ruben van Werven (M&O) and Stella Pachidi (ILI) will be conducting research over the coming 3 years on their projects. Proposals were written by the candidates themselves and are the first to enter into a 3-year versus a 4-year PhD position at the Faculty. Candidates will start their appointment at the faculty in September 2012.

Read more about the research projects...

Seminars & Activities

Every month ABRI invites international scholars to speak in an **ABRI Open Seminar**. Until the summer break we have a few great speakers lined up. For more information about the speakers, click on their names.

**June 14 @ 15:00 – 16:30 in 0H-21**
- **Mo Wang** / University of Florida / Associate professor of Human Resource Management / Topic – Expatriate Management

**July 10 @ 15:00 – 16:30 in 0H-19**
- **Neal Ashkanasy** / The University of Queensland Business School / Professor of Management / Topic - TBA

Other planned Seminars and Activities

Click on the titles to go to the ABRI website for more information.

**M&O seminar - May 29 @ 12:30 – 13:30 in 7A-06**
- **Xavier Castañer** / HEC Lausanne/ Assistant Professor of Strategy / Topic - Creativity in organizations: A review of the recent literature and some future directions

**PhD Evaluation Seminar – 31 May @ 12:30 in 8A-26**
- **Charlotte Vonkeman** will present her progress after 9 months as a PhD candidate at FEWEB.

**JR celebration - May 31 @ 13:30 – 17:00 in 8A-26**
- **Junior Researcher Showcase** / Join us to see what the Junior Researchers have been up to over the past
8 months!

**Zuidas Run 2012 – June 10**
- ABRI would like to call on active, or would-like-to-be-more-active runners to run together in the Zuidas Run 2012! If you are interested to run with us contact Lotte Glaser (registration closes May 25th)!

**KIN Summer School 2012 – 18-21 June**
- **Online Interaction and New Ways of Working** will run for the second time this year! Register now!

**Workshop – 19 & 20 June in 0G-23**
- **Knowledge and the Firm** with Anoop Madhok, Schulich Business School, a two-part workshop.

**PhD Defense – 21 June @ 13:45 in VU Aula**
- Marlous Agterberg from KIN research group will defend her PhD.

**PhD Defense – 28 June @ 11:45 in VU Aula**
- Julie Ferguson from KIN research group will defend her PhD.

**Workshop – 28 June @ 13:30 in 1G10**
- **Openness in Service Innovation: Towards a Research Agenda** organized by AMSI (Amsterdam Center for Service Innovation). Register for the afternoon and hear 4 great presentations!

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**PREBEM 2012**

The next PREBEM (PhD Researchers in Business Economics & Management) conference will be organized by ABRI! VU and UvA PhDs have taken on the challenge to organize The management conference for PhD in the Netherlands and abroad. The conference will take place on March 22, 2013 and has as overall theme ‘Creativity and Innovation’ within the various business fields. **Meet the team...**

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**8 Junior Researcher vacancies**

Are you considering doing a PhD in business, management or organization? This coming academic year there are 8 Junior Research positions available for MSc graduates. The position includes an advanced research study as part of the ABRI Doctoral Programme in Business and Organisation, as well as a research position with Amsterdam Business Research Institute (ABRI). The programme’s goal is to develop your PhD proposal, to
experience real scientific research, and to develop your academic research and writing skills.

Application deadline for the Junior Researcher programme is May 30th, 2012. Are you interested in applying? Read more…