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Introduction

Hi all,

We hope you all received our flyers or saw the posters... the PhD day is approaching soon! In this newsletter we will reveal a bit more of the program. Make sure to sign up for a free lunch and, more importantly, the BBQ! Signing up for the BBQ is also possible during the day (June 8th!), but places are limited. Further in this newsletter: a short report on the past PhD Activating Career Event, and a brief update on the PhD monitor.

Hope to see you on June 8th!

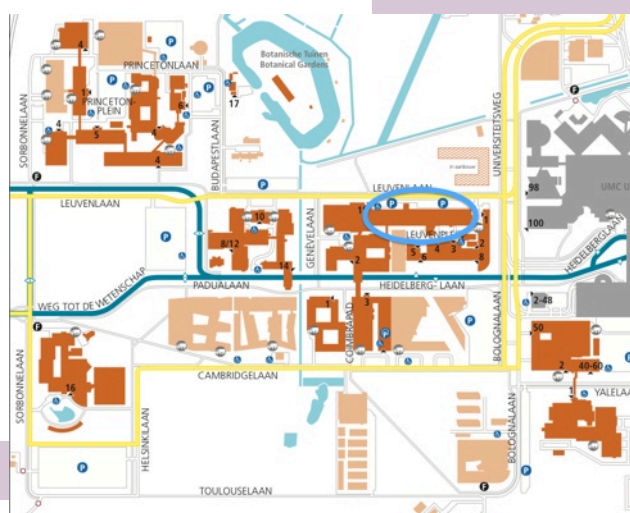
PhD day: June 8!

On the 8th of June, PrOUT will organize the annual PhD day. Every PhD candidate from Utrecht University is invited and attendance to any of the activities is free! During this day, you can enjoy workshops, lectures, information stands, drinks, food, and more.

The PhD day will take place in the [Ruppert Building](#) on the Uithof (see map). There will be a lunch at the start and a barbecue at the end of the day. All this is free of charge, but lunch and barbecue tickets are limited, so please [register in advance](#). More details are available at www.prout.nl/phdday.

A concise program is given below:

- 12:00 – 13:00 Registration and lunch ([Ruppert](#))
- 13:00 – 13:15 PhD day 2011 Opening
- 13:15 – 14:15 Workshop session 1
- 14:15 – 14:55 Information market
- 14:55 – 15:55 Workshop session 2
- 16:00 – 17:00 Keynote lecture by Maarten van Rossem
- 17:30 – ... Barbecue at [Olympos](#)



Other news

Thanks for your answers!

Thanks to those of you who filled out the *promovendimonitor*, it was a great success! In total we got more than 1200 responses, which we can use to get a better understanding of the things that are going well at the university, but also things that might need improvement. We will keep you updated on the results that we get from this.

PhD Activating Career Event (PhACE)

As announced before, the first PhD Activating Career Event ([PhACE](#)) was organized on April 11 and 12, 2011. The event was developed by Work2Work in cooperation with PrOUT, and we thought it was a great success!

Targeted at third-year PhD candidates, the program was organized around 7 possible tracks for future careers (e.g., academics, entrepreneurship, consultancy). Inspiring speakers from each track were invited to share their experiences. Moreover, a number of workshops was offered in which participants, for example, could train their networking skills or reflect on their personal drives and qualities.

Based on this successful pilot session, PhACE will now be organized three times a year. You will be informed about upcoming event dates in due time. We're happy to say that we can highly recommend this program!



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If you have any issues or questions concerning your PhD (work, social benefits etc.), please feel free to contact your faculty PhD council. If it is a main Utrecht matter, or you don't think you can find your faculty PhD council, you can also contact PrOUT (info@prout.nl or www.prout.nl).