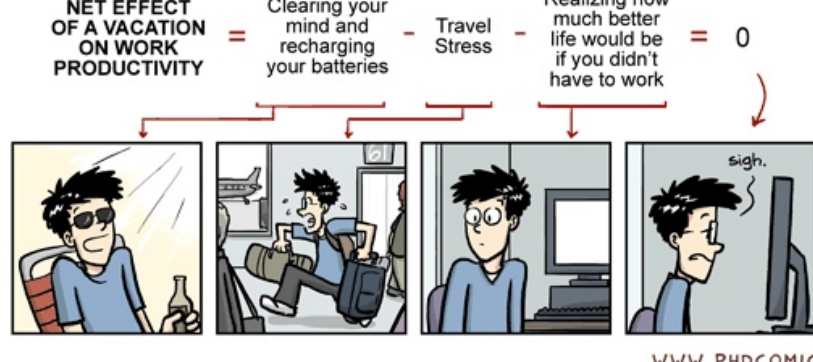


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Introduction

Hi all,

After a long, and rather rainy, summer break, we are ready for a new and exciting year. We are currently in the process of planning a number of fun, interesting, and educative events, so be sure to mark the dates of these future events in your agenda! We would be thrilled to see you all at any or all of them!

Negar Babae,
PrOUt chair

PrOUt PhD Day 2011

At the end of the previous academic year, on the 8th of June, we organized the [third edition of the PrOUt PhD day](#). The PhD day, for which all PhD candidates of Utrecht University were invited, was filled with workshops, an information market and different opportunities to get to know each other.

The day started with a lunch. After the opening the first round of workshops started in which the workshops "Presenting in English" and "Thesis and Poster Design" were given. After the first session the participants spread over the information market where they received information about printing a thesis, career possibilities, photography etcetera. The second round of workshops included "Writing in English" and a career training. After the workshops and information market, an interesting keynote lecture on different aspects of Dutch society, and the position of the Netherlands within Europe, was given by Maarten van Rossem.



Fortunately the sun was there at the end of the day, what made it possible to get to know other PhD Candidates and discuss the day during a BBQ at Olympos. Some impressions of the day can be found [here](#) (password: PhDDay2011).

Upcoming events & workshops

Knowledge transfer for PhDs

Thursday September 22, PrOUt organizes, in collaboration with the Faculty Club Utrecht, two workshops on knowledge transfer:

Workshop 1 – "Everything you wanted to know about patents, but were afraid to ask..."

Are you a scientist working at Utrecht University or the University Medical Center? Do you know what you need to do in the event you have made a patentable invention? Do you know what a patentable invention is? Can patents make you rich?

If you want to know more about the fascinating world of science, patents and the benefits for you as a scientist, register now for this part of the PrOUt Patent Event. In this interactive event, Oscar Schoots and Raoul Linschoten of Utrecht Holdings will give you an introduction of what patents are, why they are relevant for you as a scientist and what the benefits can be. Also they will give a peek to the policies of UU and UMC Utrecht regarding patenting and valorisation.

Workshop 2 – "...And what, if it comes to negotiations?"

Ever tried to sell your scientific invention, patent or know how? Been trying to get the most out of that industry contract? Been asking for a discount when purchasing that new HD-television set? Even when bargaining in a souvenir shop while on holiday, you'd better be prepared in order to get the best deal!

What type of negotiator are you? And what does that mean for the process of negotiation? Do you take any loss? How about win-win? Do you want to find out? Then, register for this part of the Prout Patent Event. Monique de Vries, former managing director of the UU Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, will present an introduction into this matter. The workshop will be in Dutch. There is a maximum of 20 participants for this workshop.

The workshops will be given as parallel sessions. They start at 6 pm in the Kanunnikenzaal and Sterrecamer at the Faculty Club, Achter de Dom 7 in Utrecht. After the workshops, drinks will be served around 8.30 pm. Registration for the workshops is required. You can register by sending an e-mail to facultyclub@uu.nl. Please specify for which workshop you want to register and whether you prefer Dutch or English (workshop 1 only). To participate in one of the workshops you need to be a member of the Faculty Club. Membership is free for employees of the UU and UMCU. If you are not yet a member, you can sign up on www.uu.nl/facultyclub.

Please note that both sessions were part of the two day course "Knowledge Valorization Life Sciences" held in June/October 2010 and April 2011. For those who attended this course, the information given in the workshop will not be new.

PhD Comics Movie

We are thrilled to inform you that we are currently in the process of bringing the PhD Comics Movie to the Netherlands. You can check the trailer on <http://www.phdcomics.com/movie/>

We will inform you as soon as we have more details on the exact date of showing or any other useful info.

External events

National Research Career Event

The PhD Network Netherlands (PNN) organizes, in collaboration with Academic Transfer and Career-event, a special side-program aimed at PhD Candidates and Post-docs during the Career-event that is being organized on October 6 and 7 at the Jaarbeurs in Utrecht. Researchers from all disciplines are kindly invited to participate in the event, which consists of workshops, keynote lectures, as well as opportunities to network with businesses and organizations that are specifically(!) interested in academic researchers from all fields.



For more information on the event, please visit <http://www.careerevent.nl/researchcareerevent>

A preliminary program of the event can be found at: http://www.careerevent.nl/workshops_research_careerevent

Mark this event in your agenda, if you want to enhance your skills and improve your future prospects on the job market after your PhD career!

Your PhD... what next? PhD Activating Career Event 2011

Many people start their PhD thinking that they will continue with a career in academia, whereas in fact only a relatively small proportion of PhDs end up in long-term academic careers. During this 2-day conference PhD students in the next-to-last year of their PhD can explore different career options. Aside from information on a career in science, PhACE offers a unique opportunity to look beyond academia.

We will do so by exploring what motivates you in work and what skills you have acquired over the years in the first workshop session. You can keep this knowledge in mind whilst discovering other career options during the rest of the two days. The second workshop session is meant to broaden or enhance your skill set by improving skills you may not have developed fully. Whilst the third workshop session will cover skills you need when entering the jobs market.

Seven different career paths will be explained by PhDs who now work in industry, consultancy, government, etc. Hear how they shaped their career; what they needed to develop to get to the position they have reached. There is ample time to ask questions and learn more about career options you may not have considered.

Where: Academieggebouw, Domplein, Utrecht
Date: Monday October 31st, Tuesday November 1st
Time: 09:00 – 20:00
Audience: PhD candidates in their next-to-last year
Fee: Free of charge (PhDs need to attend the whole programme)
Language: English

You can register (opens 15th of September) and find more information about the programme on this [website](#).

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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).