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About the UvA-VU collaboration and other scientific stuff

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Happy New Year from The Student Council

Dear students,

The nice thing about the New Year is the opportunity to fulfil New Year's resolutions. But before making any resolutions, you need to reflect on the past year to find out on what you would like to improve. And that's exactly what the Student Council has done. In 2014 the Student Council was quite visible, but even more has happened behind the scenes and we would like to tell you what we are doing at present.

We are currently working on several requests seeking approval for forming joint degree programmes for the BSc and MSc in Physics and Astronomy & Astrophysics, and the BSc and MSc in Chemistry and the MSc in Computational Science.

Three other files we are currently handling are identifying problems facing teaching assistants, a quality check of our caterer Eurest and the evaluation of laptop facilities (such as power outlets and WiFi connections).

Last but not least in this list of current files are the Teaching and Examination Regulations (OER). The new Teaching and Examination Regulations are currently being drawn up by the academic staff, the Board of Studies (opleidingscommissie) and the Student Council, and will take effect in September.

Our New Year's resolution is to ensure that these files are at least successfully completed and to keep you updated. Please note that these are just some of the files we are working on.

Once again, Happy New Year to all of you, and as always if you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact us or drop by in person.

More information? Please visit room A1.26, send an email to fnwi@studentenraad.nl or go to studentenraad.nl/fnwi

Advanced plans for joint Master's in Artificial Intelligence

The Master's programmes in Artificial Intelligence (AI) at the VU and UvA are currently exploring a possible merger into a joint programme next year.

Complementary Master's programmes

'The current VU and UvA Master's programmes in Artificial Intelligence are fairly complementary,' says Andy Pimentel, Graduate School of Informatics director.

'The VU programme emphasises human aspects while the UvA programme has a more technical nature. They both offer substantial knowledge which we wish to combine.'

The aim is to launch the joint Master's programmes in AI in September 2015.



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Enriched education

'Students will have wider choice, including the courses and themes offered,' says Pimentel. The programmes will largely be taught at the UvA. The VU programme will be converted into Socially Aware Computing, a 'softer' version of the current programme. 'The Amsterdam AI landscape will be enriched.'

Task forces

Students and staff involved in the current programmes contributed ideas about the new Master's programme and will examine practical matters, such as financial compensation models, in the months ahead.

From degree programme progression to finding a job through LinkedIn



If you encounter obstacles while studying, a Student Services (StS) workshop may help you learn to study in an effective manner or to get to grips with the subject matter. StS also offers psychological counselling with a view to cre-

ating the appropriate circumstances for studying.

If you have graduated or are nearing graduation, StS provides information on finding work, plus workshops and training sessions dealing with the various aspects of job applications.

Interested in studying abroad? Why not join an information meeting providing practical information about a smooth stay at an international university.

Most workshops are free; a small fee is charged for some training sessions.

Visit www.uva.nl/training for the full list, or see your degree programme calendar.



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PhD information evening

Are you a Master's student and undecided on pursuing a PhD? On 25 February at 19:00 the NSA Master's Committee will hold a PhD information evening together with the FSR and other study associations.

The evening programme features a speaker and panel discussion with PhDs from various disciplines. You will have ample opportunity to ask questions about pursuing a PhD.

Location: Science Park C0.05. Details: masters@nsaweb.nl.

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Tuesday 20 January, 17:00-17:45
Students' Colloquium – Brainwave

Wednesday 21 January,
12:00-13:00 – BetaBreak
Central hall Science Park 904

NEW every Sunday,
Study Centre at Science Park 904
open from 10:00 until 18:00