

# A P R O V E

December 2018

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### New Year's toast

APROVE & proVUmc present the second joint New Year's toast!

Join us for this bubble toast to celebrate the New Year together with colleagues from VUmc and AMC. Free drinks and snacks for all PhD-students!

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***New Year's toast | 18.00hr 24th January 2019 | Café Weesper***

## FAMELAB

Famelab is an exciting competition to pitch your research. The format is similar to talent shows on TV. Contestants have just three minutes to charm the audience and jury with clear scientific content, without use of audiovisual presentations. Presentations are judged on three criteria: Content, Clarity and Charisma. FameLab® is a registered trade mark of Cheltenham Festivals. It is organized by the British Council.

Trainings are offered beforehand and are organised by the AMC Graduate School.

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Registration deadline is 1st February.

***AMC Pre-heat FAMELAB Pitch competition | 13th February 2019 | AMC  
Regional Amsterdam FAMELAB Pitch competition | 13th March 2019 | Spui25***



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APROVE/ProVUmc Science Night

*12th of April 2019 | Location to be determined*

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### Agenda for the coming months

APROVE/ProVUmc New Year's toast	24th of January
AMC Pre-heat FAMELAB	13th of February
Regional A'dam FAMELAB	13th of March
APROVE/ProVUmc Science Night	12th of April

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### FOCUSGROEP

I'd like to have your attention for my research project on the learning climate of PhD candidates. Since August 2018 I'm conducting research on the training of these young scientific researchers within the AMC. There are complaints about the quality of this training but also on the supervision and well-being of PhD candidates. From literature it is expected that the improvements of the quality of the training can be made via the learning climate. That's where my research comes in. The aim of it is to develop a tool that monitors the learning climate at the level of research groups. With the use of this tool, institutions are offered help for optimizing the learning climate, in order to increase the quality of education for PhD's.

In order to proceed with this study, I need your help. For the next phase, I am organizing focus groups that help to check and complement the literature study. The focus groups will be scheduled in January and February and are composed of PhD-candidates, supervisors and promoters. However, your opinions and experiences are needed to get a

complete view of what a PhD trajectory really looks like.

If you want your opinion and experience to be heard, please don't hesitate and sign up for one of the focus groups. You can sign up by e-mailing me ([c.j.vermeulen@amc.uva.nl](mailto:c.j.vermeulen@amc.uva.nl)) with your name, the division/department you are in, your native language and the number of years that you are in PhD-training.

Let's do this together! Thanks in advance.

Renée Vermeulen

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