

UPCOMING DEFENSES

- JUN 24** **DEFENSE NOURA DAWASS**
Kirkwood-Buff Integrals from Molecular Simulations **10:00**
- JUN 24** **DEFENSE MIKE VAN MEERKERK**
Variability in wave impacts: an experimental investigation **12:30**
- JUL 09** **DEFENSE FRANÇOISE BOBBERT**
To fold or not to fold? An exploration of deployable porous biomaterials for the treatment of large bone defects **12:30**
- JUL 12** **DEFENSE CONGBIAO SUI**
Frequency-domain Analysis of "Constant in gain Lead in Phase" Reset Compensator: Application to Precision Motion Systems **10:00**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- JUN 00** **SPORTS EVENT**
 The annual sports event in a Corona-proof jacket! See this newsletter for more information and how to sign up!

PHD COUNCIL INSTAGRAM



The PhD Council is happy to announce that we now also have an Instagram page! We will use this page to keep you more regularly informed on upcoming events, news from the faculty, and more. We are looking forward to interact more with you! Check out our page by scanning this qr-code or following this [link](#). If you follow our page and tag two colleagues, you have a chance of winning a **FREE COFFEE FROM COFFEE STAR!**



LET'S INTRODUCE

Hi everyone! My name is Leila Gharavi; I'm from Iran and started my PhD five months ago at DCSC. My research is about motion planning and control of autonomous cars when they are performing an evasive maneuver. I recently joined the 3mE PhD council, since I'm eager to enhance our mutual experience as PhD students here. I would be delighted if you ever want to discuss a problem you're facing or have ideas about how to improve our PhD journey with me. I am also very curious and excited to learn about the different international cuisines from around the world, so I'm always up for exchanging recipes!

FREE MASTERCLASS

WHAT I WISH I HAD KNOWN AS A JUNIOR (PHD) SCIENTIST

In this free online Masterclass by Doctor Tonke, she shares her lessons learned during her years as a PhD researcher. This is for you when:

- You are a PhD student
- You feel you could use a little extra support
- You find yourself wondering about what is normal and what's not
- You would like to feel more relaxed about your work

She will be hosting the free Masterclass on the 30th of June 16.30h – 17.30h. You can subscribe by following [this link](#).

SPORTS EVENT UPDATE

After a flying start, we saw the 3mE Sports Event really pick up the pace during its first two weeks! The expressed ambitions, blooming competitiveness, encouragement between participants, and the feats achieved by the group as a whole make the event so far a resounding success!

During these two weeks, the group has cycled an impressive total of 4355 km, walked 174 km, skated 211 km and, last but not least, run 666 km (and counting)!

Now, with two more weeks to go, anything could still happen: who will end up taking the prize and, who will be left in the dust??

If you didn't register for the event but would like to give these last two weeks a shot, it is still possible to join! Please send an email to r.m.buiter@tudelft.nl and we'll provide you with the necessary details.

READING TIP FROM NATURE.COM

"RESEARCHERS' CAREER INSECURITY NEEDS ATTENTION AND REFORM NOW, SAYS INTERNATIONAL COALITION"

Postdocs and PhD students around the world require professional training to prepare them for a possible career outside academia, finds the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Nations, universities and research institutions around the world must redouble efforts to expand training for PhD students and postdoctoral researchers to prepare them for jobs outside academia. So urges a report from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), an intergovernmental coalition of 38 nations. The report, the result of a nearly two-year investigation into the job security and working conditions of junior scientists, also concludes that nations and institutions should more closely track career outcomes for PhD holders to improve understanding of local challenges and opportunities." [Continue reading...](#)

CORONA EXTENSIONS

The Ministry of Education, Culture and Science announced the [Nationaal Programma Onderwijs](#) (NPO) on Friday 21 May. The NPO programme includes an investment of 8.5 billion Euros into the education sector - including higher education. Of this amount, [162 million](#) is meant especially for contract extensions for young researchers - including PhD candidates. [PNN \(Promovendi Netwerk Nederland\)](#) has been involved in the discussions with the Ministry around these measures and the implementation.

Universities and university medical centres have, however, considerable freedom in deciding how they actually distribute the money. Together with PostdocNL, PNN expressed their worries that the NPO money might not be spent where it is necessary. In order to make sure the money earmarked for the contract extensions of PhD candidates and other early career scholars is indeed allocated for such contract extensions, PNN needs your help.

What you can do:

- Get informed about the NPO, through the links above as well as the [NPO website](#);
- Inform PhD candidates at your institution about the NPO programme;
- Start discussions internally with the faculty/university management and the university works council about the NPO (the works councils need to agree with how the budget including the NPO money is spent);
- Keep an eye out for cases in which PhD candidates whose research has suffered from the COVID-19 pandemic do not get an extension;
- Please keep PNN up to date about the implementation of the NPO at your institution. They can use this information to report back to the ministry, VSNU and NFU in case of any harmful issues.

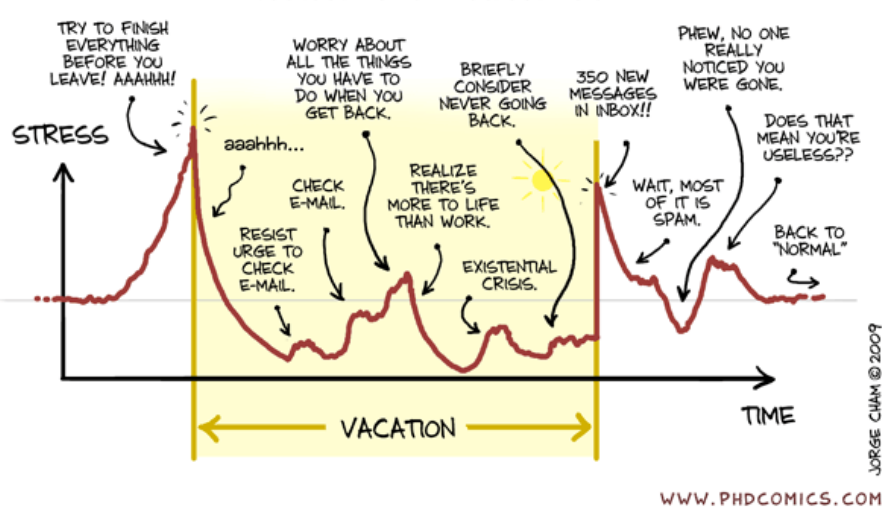
During the next GMM, PNN will address these points as well. If there are any questions and/or remarks, please let us know.

VIDEO COMPETITION POSTPONED

Unfortunately, the 3mE Video competition has been postponed. Due to not reaching the expected enthusiasm and participation for this event, we have decided to postpone it for now and conduct it after the summer break. We still believe that being able to pitch someone's research and effectively communicate their ideas is a valuable skill, so we plan to combine this event with a related workshop to help you get familiar with video creation and presentation of your topic. Keep an eye out for the new date in the next academic year. Looking for inspiration in the meantime? Here are some examples to get you started: [video 1](#), [video 2](#), [video 3](#), [video 4](#).



VACATION RELAXATION?



A WARM WELCOME TO...

- Mahmoodreza Mirzakhaili** - **DCSC**
- Harikrishnan Vijayakumaran** - **MSE**
- Jelte van Til** - **PME**
- Benedictus Eijkel** - **BME**
- Monika Šalandová** - **BME**
- Nicola Savelli** - **PE**

...AS NEW MEMBERS OF OUR 3ME PHD COMMUNITY!

CONSULTATION HOURS GRADUATESCHOOL

If you have any doubts about your PhD trajectory, the number of GS courses you still need to do or the credits you can receive for an online course, Mascha Toppenberg from Graduate School is available for online consultation, every **Wednesday from 13.00 till 14.00**.

You can reach her via standard Skype: graduateschool-3me.

or via Skype for Business: m.p.i.toppenberg@tudelft.nl.



WANTED

NEW MEMBERS

The PhD council is still looking for new members from the PME, P&E and DCSE department. Are you interested in supporting the social and professional needs of the PhD Community at the Faculty of 3mE? Then please check out the 3mE PhD council webpage and/or contact Graduateschool-3mE@tudelft.nl and join our monthly lunch meeting to see what the PhD council is all about.

And besides having a great time, you can also earn a maximum of 2 GS credits for your involvement in the PhD council. Don't hesitate!

HAPPY SUMMER