ASCI A8 Course

There are still some places available for the ASCI A8 Front-End Vision and Multi-Scale Image Analysis course. First come first serve so don’t wait too long and register here: ASCI A8 course.

**Dates:** 2 fulltime weeks. Lectures (half day) from Monday 21 Nov. 2016 till Thursday 24 November 2016, and from Monday 12 December 2016 till Friday 16 December. Computer laboratories (other half day) using Mathematica 10 to exercise the course material and tasks.

**Tutors:** Prof. Bart M. ter Haar Romeny, Eindhoven University of Technology / Northeastern University (Shenyang, China). Prof. N. Petkov University of Groningen.

ASCI A24 Course

The A24—A programmer’s Guide for Modern High-Performance Computer is now open for registration. This course is designed to respond to this need of understanding and being able to program novel HPC architectures. Specifically, the course covers three types of HPC architectures – multi-core processors, GPU accelerators, and FPGA accelerators -, and the programming models and techniques used for them. The intended outcome of the course is an understanding of the issues and problems in using these types of processors, the ability to analyze and predict the performance to be expected from them in cases of real-applications, and practical knowledge in choosing the right machine and programming model for a given application.

**Tutors:** Ana Lucia Varbanescu (UvA) Alexandru Iosup (TU Delft) Clemens Greck (UvA).

**Schedule:**

The course is scheduled between December 12-16, 2016. It has 4 full days of combined theoretical lectures and hands-on lab-work. The daily schedule is split in two parts: morning lectures from 10:00 to 13:00, and afternoon practical work, from 14:00 to 17:00 hours.

**Location:** Details about the location will follow later. Maximum number of participants: 20.

Westerdijk Female Fellowship

The Westerdijk fellowship is a very prestigious position for young female researchers offered jointly by our faculty and the department. Beside the standard employment conditions the Westerdijk fellowship offers the following benefits:

- A (fully financed) PhD position;
- Technical and/or secretarial support;
- Additional budget of € 50,000 for personal development, facilities and travel.

The department is looking for an outstanding candidate with complementary yet connectable research interests to those of the current departmental research staff. More details and the link to the UU application system can be found here.

Event for early career researchers: Recalibrating excellence

No scientific career or tenure without a prestigious grant like a VENI and a list of publications in highly cited journals. Or so it seems. Rathenau Institute and CWTS invite early career researchers who care about science, and feel concerned about the emphasis on excellence, to explore the issue of research excellence. On Thursday October 13th 2016, the Rathenau Institute and CWTS jointly organize an interactive event for early career researchers: Recalibrating excellence. This event is part of a joint project aimed at drawing lessons from 25 years of excellence policies and excellence funding. In the last 25 years science policies and funding schemes have increasingly focused on fostering ‘excellent’ research. Many researchers experience this label of excellence as too narrow an interpretation of good science. The funding schemes such as the Dutch NWO Innovational Research Incentives Scheme (VENI, VIDI, VICI) or the European ERC - are often perceived as overly competitive. On October 13th we aim to recalibrate excellence. Can we think of more differentiated notions of excellence in science? Join us, learn from experts, discuss your experiences with other early career researchers and put your ideas on the table.

**Recalibrating excellence** takes place Thursday October 13th, 2016, from 1 to 6 pm. The event is organised at Ottone, Kromme Nieuwegracht 62, 3512 HL Utrecht.

You can register through the event website.