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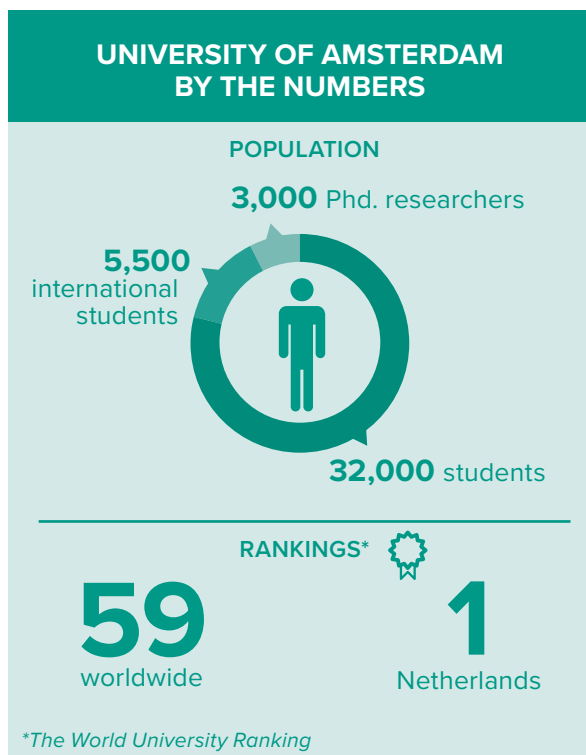
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– George Meerburg, Bioscience Information Specialist
University of Amsterdam



Mr. George Meerburg has been the Bioscience Information Specialist for **UvA** since 2000. He advises library purchases and acquisitions, and sits on the library committee for four of the life science institutes that he manages.

The Knowledge Exchange Agreement allowed all Dutch institutions to access BioOne Complete free of charge for three years, 2009 to 2011. The library committee at **UvA** evaluated the value of BioOne Complete during this period, and saw a high level of usage from the Zoology and Toxicology departments, among others.



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