Dear student,

Welcome to the Faculty of Spatial Sciences! We are Ibn Battuta, the Faculty Association of Spatial Sciences. We organize a broad range of activities like social drinks, study and career-related activities, foreign trips, and a winter sports trip for our members.

We organize an introduction period in the first two weeks of the academic year. To join the activities in our introduction period you have to become a member of Ibn Battuta for just €14,- a year. You have the possibility to become a member of Ibn Battuta on the introduction day on the 5th of September. You can also sign up for a membership via our website (www.ibnbattuta.nl)! As a member, you can benefit from discounts on your study books, you can get tutoring for your courses, and participate in the various activities organized by Ibn Battuta, such as trips abroad, parties, social drinks, and excursions. On top of that, you will get free coffee in our Coffee Room and receive the almanac, our yearbook!

If you choose to become a member, you can also order study books at a discount on www.ibnbattuta.nl. When you have ordered your books, they will be delivered to your home address! If you do not live in the Netherlands yet, we offer the possibility for the books to be delivered at our address so you can come to pick them up later, as the supplier does not deliver outside The Netherlands. Please make sure that you add our address (Nettelbosje 2; 9747 AE Groningen) as the delivery address and your own address for the invoice.

The introduction period in the first two weeks of the academic year provides you with a lot of great activities where you can get to know the Association. Joining our introduction period is a great way to get to know other first-year students as well! One of the events organized in the introduction period is the introduction weekend on Ameland on the 9th, 10th, and 11th of September. Here, you will get to know the Association even better and you will have a lot of opportunities to make friends with your fellow first-year students! What better way to spend the first weekend of your study year?

The introduction weekend will cost around €75,-. This includes food and accommodation at the introduction weekend, as well as a membership of Ibn Battuta. A membership is also available separately for just €14,- a year! During the introduction day, you will be given the chance to subscribe to both options. Payment will happen through recurrent authorization, which means all future payments for other activities will happen automatically and you do not have to sign separate authorizations.

We want to stress that the introduction weekend is not an initiation. Ibn Battuta is not a fraternity or student association, but a Faculty Association. We do not demand anything from you, since this weekend is meant for you to have fun. This also means hard liquor and drugs are not tolerated. The entire weekend is under the supervision of the “Advies Commissie Introductietijden” (Advisory Committee Introductionperiods or ACI for short). More information about the ACI can be found on www.rug.nl/studenten/aci. The packing list and further information will follow after you have signed up for the introduction weekend!
Do you want to come in contact with a senior student who can support you during the first months in Groningen? You can then sign up for the buddy-system via our website. This buddy-system will link you to a senior student with the same interests as you. This buddy can help you by, for example, showing you around the city, with practicalities like housing issues, and of course also to undertake fun activities together!

I think this is enough information for now. If you want to know more about us or the activities mentioned above, take a look at our website! If you have any other questions about us, student life in Groningen, or anything else, you can always contact us. Mail to board@ibnbattuta.nl or Whatsapp with our board: Julia (+31 6 20730435) and Moritz (English-speaking) (+49 171 301 71 52) are always approachable for any questions! You can also call +31 50 3633909.

We hope to see you during the introduction period!

On behalf of the 62nd board of Faculty Association Ibn Battuta,

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Julia van Wijk
Secretary