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Information about the study association

We are the **FMF** (Fysisch-Mathematische Faculteitsvereniging), the study association for students from the (Applied) Physics and (Applied) Mathematics bachelor and master degree programmes, with membership open to Astronomy, Computing Science and Artificial Intelligence students as well. At the University of Groningen, study associations are associations that are very closely related to-, but not part of the study. This means that although nothing we do is an official part of your study, we try our best to help you in your studies, orient on a possible career, and socialize with your fellow students.

To reach these goals, we organise a variety of activities, such as:

- social activities (free drinks, board game evenings, BBQs, sport events);
- career-oriented activities (company lectures, excursions);
- academic activities (symposia, talks by professors, excursions to research institutes);
- study-aiding activities (practice and catch-up sessions for your exams).

The entire association is run for students, by students. This means that you can also contribute to it. If you have any ideas about broadening your horizon for you and your fellow physics/mathematics students, or you just want to organise something fun, the FMF can provide you with the means to do it! The FMF has many committees that range from low-key social to content-filled activities that you can join and where you can experience many things besides your study in a welcoming and friendly setting.

Besides events, the FMF has a student lounge which acts similar to a living room where you can chill. Many other students from a whole range of different years and study directions are often there, so you can chat with them in an informal setting and get to share experiences about studying. Although the FMF has a Dutch name, we have members from various countries and all students are very welcome.

The FMF also offers some other useful things you might need, namely free coffee, tea, pens, notebooks and camaraderie!

We hope to see you soon in our room!

For all information about our association, please visit [our website!](#)

For pictures of our activities, please visit [our flickr-page!](#)

And finally, if you want to have an online preview of the FMF, you can join our [Discord server!](#)

Kind regards,

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Dear future student,

Doing your Astronomy studies in Groningen has several major advantages. Apart from the fact that Groningen is, of course, the greatest city with a latitude north of the Mediterranean, the Kapteyn Astronomical Institute of the University of Groningen also hosts the only study association uniquely for Astronomy in the Netherlands. Of course, membership is completely open to anyone with an avid interest in space and/or related topics, but our activities are primarily targeted at and tailored to the needs of astronomy students. Besides a wide range of fun social activities, we also organize a lot of specific study-related activities that you will only find in Sirius A, including but not limited to:

- Astronomy-themed dinners;
- Stargazing excursions to the countryside;
- The opportunity to do projects with telescopes in our Practical Astronomy Crew;
- Student or company talks about interesting Astronomy related topics (S.T.A.R. Talks).

We have members from all creeds and years, from 1st years to 2nd year master students, and even including PhD's. On top of that we have multiple postdocs and Kapteyn staff members coming to our events as well. We have a boardroom in Nijenborgh (NB 5117.0301) where you can always stop by to have something to drink or have a chat with the Board. Much like the bridge of a starship, there will always be someone there to maintain our course. Besides that, our association is very close to the Kapteyn Institute, making Kapteynborg our home.

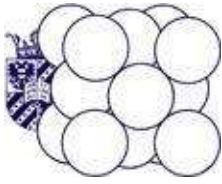
An important note to keep in mind is that our association is remarkably young – establishment is 2nd of March 2016 - we, much like a collapsing protostar, are still accreting members and support in order to grow. Sirius A has only just begun its ascent, and we welcome you eagerly to join our adventure - our committees still have room for enthusiastic first-year students, so don't hesitate to sign up!

For more information about Sirius A and how to sign up, you can visit [our website!](#)

If you want to chat with your fellow first-years, you can join this [Whatsapp group!](#)

On behalf of the board, yours astronomically,

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Chair of Sirius A



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T.F.V. 'Professor Francken' is the study association for Applied Physics students in Groningen. It was established in 1984 and named after the professor who brought Applied Physics to Groningen in 1962. The intention of T.F.V. 'Professor Francken' is to fulfill the interests of the growing number of Applied Physics students, but we also welcome students from related studies.

Our members' room, often called the Franckenroom, is a popular place to be. Members can come here to have a free cup of tea or coffee, get some cheap snacks or toasties, relax between classes, get help with their homework and enjoy a game of klaverjas. Activities are organized by the committees on a regular basis ranging from social activities to career oriented activities, such as:

- Social activities (e.g. dinners, barbeques, borrels, hitchhiking etc.)
- Practice sessions and soft skill workshops
- Excursions to technical companies
- Symposium

We also have a committee only for first year students, to give them an opportunity to get to know each other better and organize some fun activities such as a dinner and a party.

In addition, an annual trip to a foreign country is organized by the excursion committee. During such a trip we explore foreign countries and their opportunities abroad in the field of (Applied) Physics. T.F.V. 'Professor Francken' also cooperates with other associations to set up more career oriented activities, such as the "Beta Business Days" and "Expedition strategy", such that students can get into contact with companies and see what career opportunities they have. We also buy and sell second hand textbooks, which you can find on our [website](#).

As you can tell, a lot is being organized for and by the members of T.F.V. 'Professor Francken'. The association is not only a great complement to your Applied Physics studies, but also a gateway to get to know other students of all years within the field. If you would like to become a member or simply want to have a free cup of tea or coffee, come by the Franckenroom in NB 5113.0002. You can also get to know us during the activities we organise in the Kick-off Week, so keep an eye on our website for this!

For more information, please visit the website of [T.F.V. 'Professor Francken'](#) and join our [announcement WhatsApp group](#) to hear about our upcoming activities.

On behalf of the board,

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President of T.F.V. 'Professor Francken'