

# PostDoc Network FSE

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## From the Council

Dear postdocs,

Thank you for participating in our events this past year - which included three career chats (paths to academia, industry, science coordinator), a spring BBQ, and more recently, the Fourth Friday informal lunches. We had a wonderful time getting to know some of you at some of these events and hope you also enjoyed the conversations. We are planning one more event - a borrel - before we end for this year and take a break for the summer...which means the PDC newsletter will start back up again in September 2022.

Enjoy the summer!

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## News from the Institutes

Groningen Institute for Evolutionary Life Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Save the date - GELIFES symposium and BBQ on 8 July 2022</b>  <a href="#">Register here</a></li> </ul>
Stratingh Institute for Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Stratingh Day is back!</b> June 20th is a full day of science and fun. Poster sessions, games, talks, food and more! <a href="#">Green Labs - NL</a> and the Green Labs from RUG will also be presenting a new way to make research more sustainable!</li> </ul>

Spotlight	
<p><b>Dr. Georgian Nedelcu</b>  <i>Zernike Institute for Advanced Materials</i></p> <p><b>What do you currently work on?</b></p> <p>I started in October 2020 as a researcher/postdoc in the Materials Chemistry group with Prof. Loredana Protesescu. In May 2022, I became the funding officer for ZIAM. I initially learned about this position through the RUG internal openings webpage and once the COVID restrictions started to ease up, I started networking and letting other people know about my intentions. In this position, I identify grant opportunities within the Horizon Europe programme, especially Pillars II and III, and support researchers throughout the application process. It might not sound very exciting, but in fact, it's more complicated and entertaining than it might seem because I must keep in mind the very broad and generous distinctive research interests of over 40 PIs.</p> <p><b>What do you do in your spare time?</b></p> <p>I'm still educating myself on the notion of "spare time." I didn't really have much spare time as a PhD and researcher...but now that I have more normal working hours, I'm going a bit more often to the gym or catching up with friends over a drink, or just enjoying some lazy time on the sofa with some Netflix. It was very fulfilling to have been part of the PostDoc Council, to know people, and to organize events for my fellow colleagues. I must admit that I'm quite proud of the Career Chat that I started with Meagan, Xiangcheng, and Lyes, and still goes on successfully.</p> <p><b>What is one thing you wished you knew before starting a postdoc?</b></p> <p>I don't think there's something in particular. In principle, I knew pretty much everything was possible before accepting the offer of coming here. However, I consider it very important to know all the opportunities and facilities offered by the university. For instance, PotDocs have various discounts for different courses and even an annual budget for some other types of courses that are dedicated to personal development.</p>	

Events	
June 24 11h45 - 13h15 Zernike Food Court	<b>Fourth Fridays - PDC Brown Bag</b> <i>On the fourth Friday of each month, we invite all postdocs to join us for an informal lunch chat (bring/buy your own lunch). This is an opportunity for you to chat with members of the PDC and other FSE postdocs about anything and/or everything. No RSVP necessary.</i>
July 14 time and location TBD	<b>Pre-Summer Social</b> <i>Come join the PDC for a borrel before the summer starts! More information to follow in a separate email.</i>

### About the Newsletter

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