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## From the Council

Dear Fellow Postdocs,

As we close out last year, we bid farewell to our previous Ambassadors:

- Julian Koellermeier is now an Assistant Professor at the University of Ghent, and
- Sonja Billerbeck, who has joined Imperial College London as Associate Professor.

We wish them the very best in their new adventures and extend our big Thanks for all the support and contributions to our council.

This means that we Welcome new Ambassadors to our council:

- Dina Maniar, from Zernike Institute for Advanced Materials, and
- Michael Lerch from Stratingh Institute.

In addition, Sina Goetzfried & Matthijs Tadema also joined our Postdoc council this month. Learn more about them on our [website](#) - and if you feel inspired join us as well!

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to announce the return of our **Career Series Events** this year. The first event will focus on navigating the transition to industrial positions and will be held on **March 6<sup>th</sup>** — **please save the date!** Further details will be shared soon.

In addition, the University is preparing the **Grants Week** to help Early Career Researchers getting to know which funding opportunities are available - the date is set to **March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>** - stay tuned for more details soon.

Meanwhile, take a look at the **Career Perspective Series**, originally developed for PhD students, which is **now open also to postdocs**. The [programme](#) is diverse and comprises courses and workshops preparing both for **careers inside and outside academia**.

Some courses require a participation fee, but don't forget as a postdoc you have a Personal development and training budget. If you are interested in using this budget, contact [Wesley Maynard](#).

Best regards,  
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News from the Institutes	
<p>Engineering and Technology Institute Groningen (ENTEG)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FSE Impact Award 2024: Prof. Francesco Picchioni has been honored with the FSE Impact Award 2024 for his groundbreaking contributions to sustainable innovation. His patented method for recycling rubber represents a major advancement in circular economy practices, offering both environmental and industrial benefits.</li> <li>Ming Cao, Professor of Networks and Robotics of ENTEG, was selected as a Distinguished Lecturer for a term of three years by the IEEE Control Systems Society.</li> <li>Prof. Jacquélien Scherpen, rector of the University and a distinguished researcher embedded in our institute, has been awarded the prestigious Hendrik W. Bode Lecture Prize 2024 by the IEEE Control Systems Society. This recognition honours her outstanding contributions to the field of systems and control engineering.</li> </ul>
<p>Energy and Sustainability Research Institute Groningen (ESRIG)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean Energy Transition Partnership Funding for Reducing Gas Emissions: Dr. Anatoli Mokhov has received EU-NWO 'Clean Energy Transition Partnership' funding of 3 million euros to reduce gas emissions and avoid harmful flaring. The project, coordinated by high-tech start-up company Mitis (Belgium) focuses on non-catalytic reforming of methane and oxy-fuel combustion.</li> </ul>
<p>Stratingh Institute for Chemistry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FSE Postdoc Prize: Dr. Lars Longgwitz, postdoc in the Roelfes group, has been honored with the FSE Postdoc Prize 2024. This prize recognizes outstanding postdocs, who have demonstrated excellence in their research and who are showing the potential of becoming a scientific leader.</li> </ul>

In this issue, news was not available from the following institutes: Bernoulli, CLT, GBB, Gelifes, GRIP, Kapteyn, VSI and ZIAM.

### About the Newsletter

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