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From the Council

Dear postdocs,

Welcome to 2024, we wish everyone a productive and fulfilling New Year 🌟.

We are planning opportunities to bring our Postdoc community together, starting with the first FSE Career Series event of 2024, focusing on exploring and navigating academic careers. Check the events section below and save the date (#29th February).

Last year we started the FSE Postdoc Buddy system and we want to keep it going so you are more than welcome to [join](#).

On behalf of the PostdocNL Board we share with you De [Akademiethermometer](#) (The Academy Thermometer), just released by the De Jonge Akademie. This is a survey that aims to investigate psychological complaints (depression, anxiety, stress), perceived work/publication pressure, motivation, perceived social safety, perceived support (at the university department and at home) and job satisfaction amongst Dutch academics.

The survey is in English, it will take approximately 15 min to fill in, and can be found [here](#). Please participate in the survey to again raise awareness of the current problems and challenges faced especially by early career researchers.

De Jonge Akademie has also provided a [Q&A](#). The survey is available until the end of February 2024. The results of the survey are expected in the second half of 2024.

Best,
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News from the Institutes	
Bernoulli Institute for Mathematics, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence	Raffaella Carloni (Autonomous Perceptive Systems), Associate Professor of Robotics, has received a Take-off grant from the Dutch Research Council (NWO), and was during the faculty's New Year's reception presented with the FSE Impact Award 2023 .
Engineering and Technology Institute Groningen (ENTEG)	Anastasiia Krushynska, Assistant Professor on Dynamics and Vibrations, was awarded a grant from the Dutch Research Council (NWO) for her research project MetaFlow. Co-applicant is Prof. Ajay Kottapalli.
Groningen Institute for Evolutionary Life Sciences (GELIFES)	We are In! The Outreach and Communication Committee is glad to inform you that we have created GELIFES' LinkedIn page and therefore you are invited to follow it and share it among your network of contacts. We are aiming at posting on a weekly basis so do let us know if you have a good story to share. We will assist you in turning it into a great post. An email account has been created through which you can propose stories and successes from the GELIFES community of staff and students to be published in our media channels. Reach out to us via gelifesmedia@rug.nl .
Stratingh Institute for Chemistry	Dr. Remco Havenith together with Prof. Claudia Filippi (MESA+ Institute for Nanotechnology in Twente) have been awarded an NWO M2 grant for their project "Chemically insightful excited states via selected-valence-bond configuration interaction and quantum Monte Carlo".
Van Swinderen Institute for Particle Physics and Gravity (VSI)	Daan Meerburg granted a research project, launched through NWO Open Competition Domain Science-M programme. The project will use clever and very advanced computer algorithms to answer the question: What is the origin of the Universe? Anupam Mazumdar receives grant for research project 'MAST-QG: Macroscopic superpositions towards witnessing the quantum nature of gravity'. This project is part of a consortium joining four Universities.

Zernike Institute for Advanced Materials (ZIAM)	Prof. Katja Loos has been awarded a more than EUR 6 million Perspectief grant from the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) for the project 'Sustainable inks and coatings: Developing switchable and adaptive functional polymers and additives for low environmental footprint'. Other UG researchers involved in the project are Dina Maniar and Giuseppe Portale.
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In this issue, news was not available from the following institutes: CLT, ESRIG, GBB, GRIP, Kapteyn

Events

FSE Career Series 2024: Exploring Academic Careers

We are excited to announce the first FSE Career Series event of 2024, focusing on exploring and navigating academic careers. This event will be held on **February 29, 2024, from 15:30 to 17:00 at the Zernike Campus**, with an option to join online.

Our Career Series is designed to provide valuable insights into different career paths post-Ph.D. For this session, we have the pleasure of hosting distinguished panelists who have successfully transitioned from postdoctoral positions to faculty roles in academia. They will share their experiences, and tips on applying for faculty positions and answer your questions in an open discussion format.

Later we will announce the panelists, with whom after the panel discussion you will have the opportunity to meet and continue exchanging ideas over a borrel.

Please save the Event Details:

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 15:30 - 17:00

Location: Zernike Campus [exact location will be announced later]

About the Newsletter

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