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From the Council

Dear postdocs,

We recognize the difficulties and challenges that the members of our postdoc community may be experiencing due to the invasion of Ukraine and express our solidarity with **all** who have been directly or indirectly impacted by it. If you need assistance or support, especially those who may be in their last year of the postdoc and looking for future placements, please contact Yvonne Folkers (y.folkers@rug.nl).

Sincerely,

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News from the Institutes

Bernoulli Institute for Mathematics, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Stephen Jones was one of the keynote presenters for the inaugural PIE for Lunch speaker series on February 16, which focused on designing online active learning environments.
Energy and Sustainability Research Institute Groningen (ESRIG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Yuli Shan and Marta Schulte-Fischedick won the FSE 2021 Impact Awards. Dr. Yuli Shan also won the 2021 FSE Postdoc Prize. ▪ Prof. Aravind P.V. receives Powering AgriFood Grant, which will allow the appointment of a new postdoc for 18 months in the Energy Conversion group. ▪ Dr. Margot Kuitems and colleagues published an important article in Nature Evidence for European presence in the Americas in AD 1021. ▪ UG In Science podcast talks about research of Dr. Margot Kuitems et al., about radiocarbon dating and isotope chronology.
Groningen Institute for Evolutionary Life Sciences (GELIFES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Save the date! The European Conference on Behavioural Biology will take place July 20-23. We will be hosting this meeting in Groningen (at the Oosterpoort) and looking for speakers and volunteers to help with the event.
Institute for Science Education and Communication (ISEC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. May Lee will be presenting her research on the instructional practices of teaching assistants at NARST on March 30.
Kapteyn Astronomical Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The annual National Stargazing Days (Landelijke Sterrenkijkdagen) event will be March 12 from 19:30-22:30 (weather permitting) by Bernoulliborg (Zernike campus). During the event, multiple telescopes will be set up for stargazing, in addition to several children's activities and a planetarium show.
Van Swinderen Institute for Particle Physics and Gravity (VSI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Emanuela Dimastrogiovanni has been awarded the Beate Naroska Junior Guest Professorship 2021 at the University of Hamburg.
Zernike Institute for Advanced Materials (ZIAM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Georgian Nedelcu is a guest co-editor, along with Dr. Sudhir Kumar (Zurich, Switzerland), for the special issue "Synthesis and Applications of Halide Perovskite Nanocrystals" in the peer-reviewed open access journal <i>Inorganics</i>.

In this issue, news was not available from the following institutes: Energy and Sustainability Research Institute Groningen (ESRIG), Groningen Biomolecular Sciences and Biotechnology (GBB), Groningen Research Institute of Pharmacy (GRIP), and Stratingh Institute for Chemistry.

PDC March Spotlight

Dr. Yuli Shan, winner of 2022 PostDoc Prize and FSE Impact Award
Energy and Sustainability Research Institute Groningen

What is your current academic trajectory/plans for the future?

I will continue working on interdisciplinary studies on regional climate change and mitigation, such as the data of climate change and energy, seeking solutions and alternatives of green recovery plans and low-carbon technologies under the constraint of goals of climate change mitigation and carbon neutrality. More focus will be paid to the emerging economies.

Could you describe a typical week in your postdoc life?

My recent week is very busy. I am co-teaching a master's course with prof. Klaus Hubacek every Monday and Friday. So I go to the campus on these two days every week. On the other days, I might work from home due to corona. Every Tuesday, I have a group meeting with our master students (and also Klaus), for 2 hours. And every other Friday, we have a group meeting with Ph.D. students. Our group is large. We now have 7 Ph.D. students, 8 visiting students. Klaus and I have also supervised 30+ master's students over the past two years. So we spend a lot of time on students' supervision. For the rest of the time, I just do my own research, have meetings with collaborators all over the world.

What advice (e.g., resources, tips) would you give to current postdocs about successfully navigating the postdoc?

Build a wide network with scholars in your field. and also seek collaborators that you could work with for your whole academic life. Manage your time. Have group meetings with the students. And also keep doing research by yourself.



Upcoming Events

<p>Career Chat March 24, 2022 16:00 – 18:00 <i>Hybrid meeting</i> Location & link will be provided in the invitation email!</p>	<p>The second installment of Career Chat will focus on 3 panelists from different corners of industry: Amar Kamat – co-founder and CTO of Sencilia BV, Federico Montanarella – materials scientist at Seaborough, and Niko Tombros – CEO of HQ Graphene. This will be a hybrid event (hosted on the Zernike campus and on Google Meet). There will be refreshments provided and an opportunity to chat with the panelists and fellow attendees after the session so be sure to RSVP!</p>
<p>PDC Spring BBQ late April 2022 <i>time and location TBD</i></p>	<p>We will be hosting a social get-together for all postdocs! More information will be given in the next few weeks.</p>

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