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From the Council

Dear postdocs,

The Postdoc Council is once again recruiting postdocs to help work towards a better postdoc experience at our Faculty. If you are interested in this, please send us an email!

We want to help you better, so we are asking for your opinion on how to improve this newsletter. Please give us your opinion on this [link](#).

In the last month we started the FSE Postdoc Buddy system, thanks for the ones that already joined this program. But if this is not you, you can still [join](#), you are more than welcome.

We are preparing the **Holiday Party on December 7th** 🎉🎄👶 - check out the Events section below, and [RSVP](#) before November 24th.

Best,
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News from the Institutes

Engineering and Technology Institute Groningen (ENTEG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In an outstanding collaboration, Prof. Erik Heeres from the Engineering and Technology Institute Groningen (ENTEG) is set to play a pivotal role in an innovative project alongside industrial partner BioBTX. Together with partners from the Technical University of Eindhoven, this consortium has successfully secured a substantial Just Transition Fund (JTF) subsidy of €2.8 million.
Groningen Biomolecular Sciences and Biotechnology (GBB) Stratingh Institute for Chemistry Zernike Institute for Advanced Materials (ZIAM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The European Research Council has awarded three Synergy Grants to researchers at the Faculty of Science and Engineering (FSE):<ul style="list-style-type: none">Prof. Dirk Slotboom (GBB) receives a grant of EUR 2.1 million for the project 'GRAIL': GRAIL - Time-resolved imaging of membrane transporter dynamics under physiological ionic gradients.Prof. Sijbren Otto (Stratingh) receives a grant of EUR 3.4 million for the project 'MINILIFE' - Making life as we don't know it yetProf. Elisabetta Chicca (Zernike) CogniGron receives a grant of EUR 2.7 million for the project 'SWIMS' - Transforming IoT Sensory Systems for a Sustainable Future.
Groningen Institute for Evolutionary Life Sciences (GELIFES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">There are currently three open tenure track positions in Behavioural Neuroscience, in Ecological Genomics and in Wadden Sea Ecology!The "Active bystander training" is now mandatory for all GELIFES staff members. Not do it yet? The last Active Bystander training of this year will take place on Thursday 16 November from 9 am - 10.30 am (session in Dutch).

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

Events

Holiday Party!! 🎉🌲👶

The holidays are quickly approaching! And before we start traveling, we would like to host a FSE Postdoc Holiday party (with 2 free drinks and snacks)! This will be on December 7th (Thursday) at 19h00. You would like to count on you so please join us and [RSVP before November 24th](#). The party will be at Brouwerij Martinus, which is very close to the city center.

As it is holiday time, we will be having a White Elephant Gift Exchange (link: <https://secretsanta.com/white-elephant-gift-exchange-rules/>). The rules are to bring a wrapped gift

(worth about €10) and it starts by the first person (ordered pre-determined) opening a gift (as usual), the second person then can steal this gift or choose to unwrap one of the other gifts. If the second person steals from the first, the first person can then unwrap another gift. This continues until all participants have unwrapped/stolen the gifts. You don't have to participate in this game, but we would love it if you did!

Looking forward to seeing you on December 7th!

About the Newsletter

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