



**From the Council**

Dear postdocs,

In the spirit of the holiday season, we want to share with you the FSE Postdoc Survival Guide we prepared. You can check it out [here](#), we just uploaded it! In the coming year we plan to add other helpful documents to the website! Let us know if there is a specific subject you would like to have addressed.

We recently started the FSE Postdoc Buddy system, thanks to the ones who already joined this program. But if this is not you, you can still [join](#), you are more than welcome.

The Postdoc Council is always 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 hope to see you at the **Holiday Party on December 7th** 🎉🎄👶 - check out the Events section below. But if not, **Happy holidays and best wishes for the next year!**

Best,  
PostDoc Council

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## News from the Institutes

Engineering and Technology Institute Groningen (ENTEG)	Bayu Jayawardhana is appointed as of 1 January 2024 as scientific director of DISC, the interuniversity research institute and graduate school that unites all university groups in the Netherlands that are active in systems and control theory and engineering. The University of Groningen (UG) participates in <a href="#">DISC</a> , the Dutch Institute of Systems and Control, with the technical universities of Delft and Eindhoven, and Twente University.
Groningen Biomolecular Sciences and Biotechnology (GBB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Dr. Danny Incarnato has been awarded a Consolidator Grant by the European Research Council for his project RNASTeND to study RNA Structure Ensemble Dynamics in living cells.</li><li>▪ Prof. Dr. A. I. Guskov receives NWO XS grant for his research on Controlling and Visualising Protein-protein Interactions in Real-time.</li></ul>
Groningen Institute for Evolutionary Life Sciences (GELIFES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ GELIFES christmas party is coming up on December 14th (16h30 - 18h30). No need to register, just show up for a nice shared dinner!</li><li>▪ NAEM 2024: The Netherlands Annual Ecology Meeting 2024 (13-14 February 2024, Conference Centre De Werelt, Lunteren) is focused on the theme Biodiversity: Bending the curve from theory to practice. For more information see the website. The deadline for abstract submission is <b>Monday 4 December 2023</b>.</li></ul>
Groningen Research Institute of Pharmacy (GRIP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Dr. Sandy Schmidt receives NWO XS grant for research on Turning pollution into value: engineering carbon-hungry microbes</li><li>▪ Prof. Erik Frijlink received the Dr. Saal van Zwanenberg Honorary Prize on November 14, together with Prof. Joke Bouwstra (Leiden University) and Prof. Wim Hennink (Utrecht University), for their scientific achievements in the field of drug delivery. The jury unanimously came to the special decision to award the EUR 25,000 prize to three researchers because of their "hero status" in this specific field.</li></ul>
Stratingh Institute for Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Prof. Clemens Mayer has been awarded a Consolidator Grant by the European Research Council for his ContiZymes project - Continuous Enzyme Evolution -</li></ul>

	<p>Solving Bottlenecks in Enzyme Engineering to Design Next-Generation Biocatalysts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Christmas borrel of the Stratingh Institute will take place on December 13th (16h - 18h).</li> </ul>
Zernike Institute for Advanced Materials (ZIAM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sourav Maity receives NWO XS grant for research on membrane-active antibiotics.</li> </ul>

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

## Events

### **Holiday Party!!** 🎉🎄👶

*Just before going on holiday we will meet to celebrate the season hosting the FSE Postdoc Holiday party (with 2 free drinks and snacks)! This will be on December 7th (Thursday) at 19h00. 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 with 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

If you would like to contribute news or information, email it to us at [fse.postdoc.network@rug.nl](mailto:fse.postdoc.network@rug.nl). To unsubscribe, send an email to [fse.postdoc.network@rug.nl](mailto:fse.postdoc.network@rug.nl) with UNSUBSCRIBE in the subject line; the body of the email can be left blank.