



**From the Council**

Dear postdocs,

We are counting on you for our first **Career Chat** of the year, just 3 weeks away! Please don't forget to sign up [here](#). It would be a great opportunity to gain insights from former postdocs who have successfully transitioned to faculty roles in academia. *Check our events section below!*

The **FSE Postdoc Buddy system** is growing and we are looking for additional Postdoc *helpers* since we have newly appointed Postdocs at the FSE in need of a buddy. If you feel you can help with the things you wished someone taught you when you arrived, please [join](#) us.

And on that note, we are **recruiting new Council members!** Please send us an email if you want to strengthen your ties with the postdoc community and help energize it. The time commitment is minimal! Only around 30-60 min per week (2 to 4 hours/month).

Best,  
PostDoc Council

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## News from the Institutes

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| Centre for Learning and Teaching (CLT)                       | The EU-funded project <a href="#">OTTER</a> , with the support of the Open Schooling Together network, is excited to invite teachers, researchers, policy makers, and any other education enthusiasts, to join the “Beyond the classroom: rethinking STEAM education” conference, which will take place on 15 February 2024 in Brussels, Belgium, at the NH Hotels Carrefour de l’Europe.                                                                                                                 |
| Engineering and Technology Institute Groningen (ENTEG)       | Major project to improve remote-controlled vehicles - Professor Ming Cao from the Engineering and Technology Institute Groningen is the leading partner in an NWO-funded project to improve the quality and safety of remotely operated vehicles in offshore operations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Groningen Institute for Evolutionary Life Sciences (GELIFES) | With a heavy heart we wanted to let you know that the PhD student Sanne Lamers passed away in her sleep last week. For those who want to commemorate Sanne, a condolence book has been placed in a quiet room at the Linnaeusborg (5171.0160), which will be open for one week. Mental health is a very significant part of our well being and we incentivize you to go talk to Corine Eising ( <a href="mailto:c.m.eising@rug.nl">c.m.eising@rug.nl</a> , 0631921412) if you need any emotional support. |
| Kapteyn Astronomical Institute                               | Inga Kamp, professor in the field of Star and Planet Formation & Astrochemistry, and Joost Adema, ALMA project manager talk in an episode of CampusTV about their research with the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) and the Atacama Large Millimetre Array (ALMA). You can watch the CampusTV video <a href="#">here</a> .                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Stratingh Institute for Chemistry                            | Students and lecturers in the Feringa Building for the first time! Historic moment for the University of Groningen. The relocation of research groups starts from March.<br><br>Robert Pollice’s project “Robust Chemical Reaction Prediction Enabled by Sim-to-Real Transfer and Self-Supervised Learning” has been awarded an NGF AiNed XS Europe grant of € 80 000.                                                                                                                                    |

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

## 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.

### Panelists:

- Bregje Wertheim - Professor & Rosalind Franklin Fellow (GELIFES, University of Groningen)
- Caspar van der Wal - Professor, former scientific director (ZIAM, University of Groningen)
- Casper van der Kooi - Assistant Professor (GELIFES, University of Groningen)

After the panel discussion, we invite you to stay for the borrel where you can network with peers and discuss the insights gained.

Please save the Event Details:

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 15:30 - 17:00

Location: Zernike Campus - Energy Building - 5159.0010

### About the Newsletter

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