



**From the Council**

Dear postdocs,

In celebration of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science on 11 February, the NATO Science and Technology Organization (STO) has launched a challenge **for female university students and early career researchers up to 30 years of age**. The Women and Girls in Science 2024 [challenge](#) aims to inspire young women to pursue and/or further their careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), to highlight NATO’s support for women in STEM-related disciplines, and to contribute to the diversity and inclusivity of women in this field. Check if you are eligible and submit your research proposal until 21 April 2024.

Whether you want to build your community and help new postdoc fellows, or if you just joined FSE and you are looking for a buddy to help you, consider [joining our Buddy system](#).

And on that note, we are actively **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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| <b>News from the Institutes</b>  |  |
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| Engineering and Technology<br>Institute Groningen (ENTEG)<br>&<br>Zernike Institute for Advanced<br>Materials (ZIAM) | <p><b>Project for Greener Steel launched:</b></p> <p>As a partner in the 'Growing with Green Steel' project, the UG is contributing to a new, greener life cycle for Dutch steel. The project, which received a grant of more than 100 million euros from the National Growth Fund in 2023, now has the official approval to start. The goal of the eight-year program is to make the Dutch steel cycle completely CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral by 2050.</p> <p>From the RUG, Dr. Francesco Maresca, Prof. Yutao Pei, and Dr. Jan Post of the Engineering and Technology institute Groningen and Prof. Bart Kooi of the Zernike Institute for Advanced Materials are involved. They will receive EUR 8 million for their research.</p> |
| Stratingh Institute for Chemistry  | <p>The Dutch Research Council has awarded Vici grants, worth up to €1.5 million each, to Nathalie Katsonis and Edwin Otten. This will enable them to develop an innovative line of research for five years.</p>  |

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

| <b>About the Newsletter</b>  |
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