

# PostDoc Network FSE

*Social  
Inspiring  
Informative*



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From the Council

## Are you a postdoc at the FSE?



Did you know...?

We organize **Career Series** and **social** events

- ✓ Exploring Academic careers
- ✓ Exploring Non-academic careers
- ✓ Exploring Industrial careers
- ✓ Spring BBQ
- ✓ Holiday party
- ✓ Postdoc lunch



Did you know...?

You have a **training budget** of EUR 1000 per year as a postdoc



Did you know...?

There is a **Postdoc Buddy system** where postdocs help each other



Did you know...?

You can visit the **website** of the **Postdoc council** for useful **documents and information**



Interested in becoming a member of the postdoc council?  
Please contact us! [fse.postdoc.network@rug.nl](mailto:fse.postdoc.network@rug.nl)

Dear Fellow Postdocs,

We would like to introduce you (again) to the Faculty of Science and Engineering Postdoc Council. We are an organized group of postdocs who want to improve the working conditions of postdocs at our university and to provide a social network for postdocs. We organize career focus and social activities and look forward to meeting you!

Have you considered becoming part of the council? We are once again recruiting new postdocs to help work towards a better postdoc experience at our Faculty. If you are interested in this send us an email!

Have you heard about our Buddy system?

We are celebrating the first year of this initiative which aims at pairing new postdocs with more established ones, to help them in the transition to the new role, so if you just joined FSE and you are looking for a buddy to help you, or if you want to help other fellows, consider [joining our Buddy system](#).

The Postdoc.NL network is preparing another Recognition & Rewards festival (Erkennen en Waarderen) festival, taking place on Friday November 8th.

The theme this year will be *Developing diversified and talented teams*, specifically aimed at early career academics.

Please find the invitation for the festival in the events section below.

Best,  
PostDoc Council

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#### News from the Institutes

Engineering and Technology  
Institute Groningen (ENTEG)

- The NWO has awarded an Open Mind grant of €50,000 to Ajay Kottappali and his team for their groundbreaking project aimed at improving the safety and accuracy of intravenous (IV) infusion therapy. In this grant unusual research ideas that contribute to creative and sustainable solutions to societal challenges are sought.
- Prof. Marc van der Maarel has been awarded a Biotech Booster grant of EUR 200,000 from the Nationaal Groeifonds Program. Van der Maarel's project focuses on scaling up glycogen produced by *Galdieria* microalgae as a

	sustainable moisturizing ingredient in a variety of cosmetic products such as shampoo and body lotion.
Energy and Sustainability Research Institute Groningen (ESRIG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paolo Pescarmona, Dulce Morales Hernández, Vassilis Kyriakou (ENTEG), and Aravind Purushothaman (ESRIG) will together receive over 1.5 million euros from the National Growth Fund programme <a href="#">GroenvermogenNL</a>. They are going to contribute to the largest R&amp;D project into green hydrogen in the Netherlands to date. The research at FSE will focus on alkaline water electrolysis and solid oxide electrochemical cells.</li> </ul>
Kapteyn Astronomical Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>'Gids voor de Maan': a scientific and cultural exploration</b> Official presentation of the richly illustrated <i>Gids voor de Maan</i> [Guide to the Moon], written by Peter Barthel, Professor of astrophysics at the Kapteyn Institute, and Klaas van Berkel, Professor of history at the UG on Thursday 17 October at 7.30 p.m. A public presentation will take place at the bookstore Riemer in Groningen, where the public will have the chance to meet the authors and have the book signed. <b>You can read more about the public book presentation at bookstore Riemer and how to register <a href="#">here</a>.</b></li> </ul>

In this issue, news were not available from the following institutes: Bernoulli, CLT, GBB, Gelifes, Grip, Stratingh, VSI, and ZIAM.

## Invitation: Recognition & Rewards Festival 2024

*Dear all,*

*We are very much looking forward to our next Recognition & Rewards festival on the **8th of November, 2024 (09.30 – 17.00h) at the Mauritskazerne in Ede**. We are pleased to announce that out of the many proposals we have selected 20 very interesting and interactive workshops to be organised during the festival. At the festival we welcome you to participate in these [workshops](#). For this edition of the Recognition & Rewards Festival, we like to specifically invite various groups.*

*The first of these are early career academics for whom Recognition & Rewards will have the greatest impact on their own careers. The second group are committee members involved in promotion and appointments (such as from researcher to Assistant Professor to Associate Professor and Associate Professor to Full Professor). As a third group, we like to invite academics in leadership positions. Think of heads of a department, an institute or a research group.*

*Please feel free to sign up for the festival and we kindly ask you to circulate this invitation among academics positioned in the groups mentioned earlier.*

[More information and registration](#)

*This year the Recognition & Rewards Festival's theme is 'Developing diversified and talented teams' ([Read more](#)). During the Recognition & Rewards Festival, we will zoom in on this. We will focus on a team-oriented mindset and concrete tools to put Recognition & Rewards into practice within teams.*

*We hope you are enthusiastic to participate and share your perspective, allowing us to shape and implement the next steps of the Recognition & Rewards programme together. More information on the workshops can be found on the website. Keep an eye on the website for updates on the programme.*

*Kind regards,*

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