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## From the Council

Dear fellow postdoc,

We hope you had an enjoyable summer break and that everything is back on track for the final stretch of the year.

We are glad to announce that we just updated our [Postdoc Survival Documents](#), which you can find on the council website. There you will find a new guide to help you start & manage your own group. If there are any other topics you feel we should cover, please let us know.

Although the deadline is approaching, the **nominations for the FSE Posdoc Price 2024** are still open. This prize is a recognition, which is awarded to an outstanding postdoctoral researcher of the Faculty of Science and Engineering. Nominations are submitted by each institute to the Faculty, so if you feel you should be considered, speak with your supervisor as soon as possible.

The [Young Minds Groningen](#) student and professional society is looking to recruit new members. They organize outreach events and career support talks for people in physics and physics aligned subjects. Be sure to check out their poster at the end of this newsletter for more details.

Lastly, are any of you facing challenges with receiving childcare allowance? If so, please share your experiences with us. The PostdocNL network is gathering examples to support a legislative proposal, and we would like to help if we have examples in our community. If getting the childcare allowance isn't an issue in your experience, we'd like to hear that too. PostdocNL has also raised this question in their [LinkedIn](#) group.

Best regards,  
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#### News from the Institutes

Engineering and Technology Institute Groningen (ENTEG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jingxiu Xie from ENTEG has been awarded a prestigious European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant for her groundbreaking proposal <i>Intensified Processes for CO2 Conversion to Sustainable Synthetic Fuels</i>.</li></ul>
Kapteyn Astronomical Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The European Extremely Large Telescope (eELT), currently being built in Chile, will take highly detailed images of the universe. The design for the camera, MICADO, was approved this week with the contribution of RUG researchers.</li></ul>
Zernike Institute for Advanced Materials (ZIAM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gosia Włodarczyk-Biegun has been awarded an ERC Starting Grant. She will develop a new type of material composed of gel microspheres that can change dimensions and interact together (jam) during printing. The printed constructs will closely resemble real tissues and will be used to study breast cancer progression.</li><li>Professor Emeritus Wim Nieuwpoort passed away on September 4, 2024, at the age of 93. Professor Nieuwpoort was a leading figure in theoretical chemistry. He served as a professor at the University of Groningen from 1968 to 1996, and was instrumental in the founding of the Materials Science Centre in 1970.</li></ul>

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

#### About the Newsletter

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