



Newsletter for NWO-I employees



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Final agreement on collective labour agreement (CAO) 2018-2019

Salaries will increase by 2% this year and by 2.4% in 2019, and it will be possible to temporarily reduce working time. This is stated in the final agreement on the Collective Labour Agreement Research Institutions (CAO-OI) 2018-2019.



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Information about the discontinued surviving dependent's benefit compensation (Anw-compensatie)



Over the past few months, there have been many news items about the discontinuation of the surviving dependent's benefit compensation (Dutch Surviving Dependents Act) that is part of the ABP pension scheme. On the NWO-I website you will find an explanation about what this means as well as some advice about how you can deal with this as an employee.

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Evaluation panels praise NWO Institutes for their quality, innovation and national role

Every six years, the NWO Institutes are assessed by a panel of independent international experts according to the Standard Evaluation Protocol. In the past six months, the nine NWO Institutes were visited by these panels and assessed on three criteria: scientific quality, societal relevance and future viability. This resulted in 27 assessments, 19 of which were "world leading" and 8 "very good". On the photo you can see the evaluation panel and the secretaries of the SEP evaluation at NWO Institute DIFFER.



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Interview with Marco de Vos: 'Consultation between institute managers ensures responsible decision-making'



NWO-I has several types of functional consultations: for Finance, Personnel, Communication, and consultation with the institute managers and directors. The institute managers meet at least once a month, chaired by Marco de Vos of ASTRON. 'We ensure that the institutes are decisive but don't run any unwarranted risks.'

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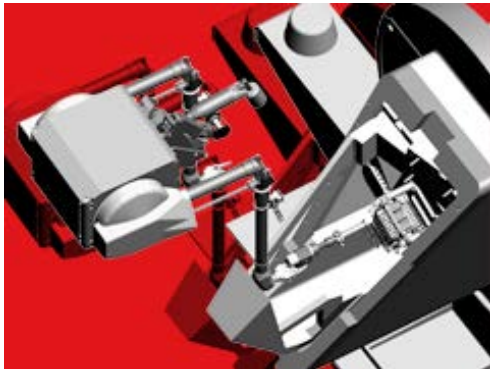
Organigram gives clear picture of NWO and NWO-I

On 1 January, NWO-I merged with the institutes ASTRON, CWI, NIOZ, NSCR and SRON. In total, nine institutes now form part of NWO-I and work intensively with NWO. To give a clear picture of the overall NWO organisation (including NWO-I), a new organigram has been produced.



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Highlight at DIFFER: spin-out of robotics for nuclear fusion includes healthcare and industry



On 20 February, the Dutch Remote Handling Study Center (RHSC) officially became an independent research centre in RoboValley in Delft. RHSC conducts research into remote-controlled robotics (e.g. for future nuclear fusion reactors such as ITER) and was set up within the Dutch Institute for Fundamental Energy Research (DIFFER) and Heemskerk Innovative Technology.

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News from the Central Works Council (COR NWO)

This month, the NWO Central Works Council (COR NWO) has been advising on the investment needed for SRON's new accommodation in Leiden. COR NWO has also approved the transition scheme for the implementing regulations (2018-2019). From now on, COR NWO will introduce its members in this newsletter. This month's issue features Sjoerd Wouda from AMOLF and Robbert Bloem from ARCNL.



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