

Newsletter for NWO-I employees



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NWO launches strategy 2019-2022: connecting science and society

On 12 April, NWO announced its strategy for the period 2019-2022. The strategic plan describes the following five ambitions of NWO to facilitate the scientific and societal impact of Dutch research in the next five years: nexus (connecting agendas, science and society), people (perspective for researchers), research (collaboration for excellence and innovation), infrastructure (accessible and sustainable scientific infrastructure) and knowledge utilisation (effective use of knowledge through co-design and co-creation). This requires an efficient organisation in which connections within science and between science and society take centre stage. A summary of the strategy can be found on the NWO website.



NWO president Stan Gielen hands over a copy of the NWO strategy to the Minister for Education, Culture and Science, Ingrid van Engelshoven.

Credits: Melvin Tas

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NWO Utrecht to relocate in 2019



On Wednesday 9 May, the NWO executive board signed a new lease contract for a different building for NWO Utrecht. The relocation will take place at the start of 2019: a location with more workplaces, also for flex workers from The Hague, a large and more professional meeting centre and a sustainable design. The building, named Nova Zemla, is located on the Winthontlaan 2 in Utrecht, a stone's throw of the A12 and close to the stop of the tram.

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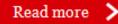


Third print of popular book by UvA-Nikhef researcher *NWO-I is raffling three copies of 'De melodie van de natuur'*

Quite a feat: the third print of a popular scientific book about particle physics is being published within two months. The writer has received emails from people throughout the Netherlands thanking him for his book. His name? Ivo van Vulpen, associated with the University of Amsterdam and Nikhef. In this interview he tells us about his research and why he is so enthusiastic about using Twitter and giving public lectures. And: we will raffle three copies of his successful book.



Ivo van Vulpen Credits: Bob Bronshoff



NSCR: more victims from hacking than from bicycle theft



'Each year there are already more victims from hacking than from bicycle theft,' states NWO Institute NSCR (Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement) on its website. Online criminality is a new and diffuse form of criminality. That is reason enough for the Ministry of Justice and Security to commission research into whether the victim support policy needs to be adjusted in this regard. NSCR has therefore been asked to initiate a study into victims of online criminality. The research will examine the financial and psychological impact of this growing type of criminality and the needs of victims.



Report of financial 'transition year' 2017

The Financial Annual Report 2017 of the Netherlands Foundation of Scientific Research Institutes (NWO-I) is available on the NWO-I website. With this annual report NWO-I provides administrative and financial accountability for the activities realised in 2017. In that year, NWO-I covered the institutes AMOLF, DIFFER and Nikhef, the collaboration ARCNL, the Administrative Unit for Research Groups at Universities (BUW) and the NWO-I office. The focus of the calendar year was the preparations needed for the legal merger of NWO-I with the foundations responsible for the institutes ASTRON, CWI, NIOZ NSCR and SRON with effect from 1 January 2018.



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DIFFER receives Happy Building Award 2017: 'Spacious, light and high-tech'



A sustainable building where people work happily and meet each other: employees of and visitors to NWO Institute DIFFER in Eindhoven are highly complementary about the institute's new building. And they have made that known. On www.happybuildingindex.nl DIFFER has held the number 1 position for several years in this public ranking of pleasant buildings. Therefore on 18 April 2018, DIFFER with a score of 9.5 was rewarded with the first 'Happy Building Award' during the Building Holland event in the RAI exhibition centre in Amsterdam. DIFFER's institutes manager Wim Koppers received the award.

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News from NWO Central Works Council: introducing Wendie Kingma

The NWO Central Works Council represents the interests of all NWO and NWO-I employees in consultation with the NWO executive board. In this month's newsletter we introduce you to Wendie Kingma who works at the NWO Domain Social Sciences and Humanities.



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Calendar: NWO Sports Day - 14 September 2018



On Friday 14 September the NWO Sports Day takes place in Delft. More information will follow soon on the NWO-I website.

About NWO-I

NWO-I, the Institutes Organisation of NWO, is an independent foundation belonging to NWO. The following nine institutes are part of NWO-I: AMOLF, ARCNL, ASTRON, CWI, DIFFER, Nikhef, NIOZ, NSCR and SRON. The 200-plus workgroups in which physics research takes place at Dutch universities and knowledge institutes are also part of NWO-I.

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