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DAWN

The introduction to Almanac Phoenix

Preface
Almanac “PhoenIX”

Dear reader of Almanac PhoenIX,

Did you know that Inter-Actief once had to survive almost entirely through screens? That the association room you know today rose from the ashes of an older design? That Café IT was rediscovered from the archives and brought back to life? And that, after five years, it is once again time to capture our association in an almanac?

This year, we celebrate the 9th lustrum of I.C.T.S.V. Inter-Actief: 45 years of committees, drinks, activities, traditions, strange quotes, questionable decisions, and unforgettable moments. Therefore, it seemed only right to gather the stories of the past five years and preserve them in this book. Maybe you will recognise an activity you had almost forgotten, a committee you were part of, a board that shaped your student life, or perhaps even yourself somewhere in these pages.

The theme of this almanac, PhoenIX, was not chosen at random. Of course, there is the clever reference to our 9th lustrum hidden in PhoenIX, but the meaning goes beyond that. A phoenix falls, burns, and rises again from its ashes. In many ways, that is exactly what Inter-Actief has done over the past five years. The previous almanac appeared at a time when the coronavirus still had a large impact on student life. Activities moved online, traditions were interrupted, and the association had to find new ways to stay connected.

But slowly, Inter-Actief rose again. Physical activities returned, members found their way back to the association room, old traditions were revived, and new ones were created. Café IT came back from the archives, the association room was transformed, the Zilverling Basement replaced the old storage, and committees once again filled the year with creative, chaotic, and memorable activities. Like a phoenix, the association did not simply return to what it was before; it became something new.

The PhoenIX theme also reflects student life itself. Everyone falls down sometimes: after a difficult exam, a failed committee plan, a long night at the Abscint, or a year that does not go quite as expected. Yet, time and time again, students get back up. Committees recover from setbacks, boards pass on the torch, and new active members rise where others leave. That cycle of falling, learning, and rising again is what keeps Inter-Actief alive.

With PhoenIX as the guiding flame through this almanac, we have collected stories from boards, committees, activities, traditions, and many other parts of our association. Together, they show what Inter-Actief has been, what it has become, and what it may still grow into.

Have fun exploring the past five years of Inter-Actief through this almanac.
Kind regards,
The Almanac Committee

Almanac Committee

Almanac Phoenix 2025/2026

Anamaria Ceban — Chairwoman



Hi! For the past year, I have had the pleasure of being the Chairwoman of Almanac PhoenIX. My job mainly consisted of trying to keep everything and everyone on track, preparing the pieces, and discovering new and creative ways to tell people that deadlines are, in fact, real, and then set new ones.

Somehow, between the chaos, late nights, redesigns, and missing files, we managed to create something we are all proud of. This Almanac contains a little bit of everyone who helped shape Inter-Actief over the past years, and I truly hope it is something people will enjoy reading and looking back on for years to come.



Wander Stribos — Secretary

Heyhey! I'm Wander, the secretary (as always) of the almanac! During my board year, I always enjoyed writing the PVCs, the small 'magazine' at FriADs with a puzzle on the back (although it would often be very stressful to try to finish it on time), so joining the almanac committee was an easy choice. I didn't realise that being almanac committee mostly meant trying to get other people to write pieces for you... Nonetheless, I'm happy that you're now able to open up this beautiful book, a collaborative effort from the entire association, with writing from members who were around during the founding to the freshman committee. Happy reading!

Naut de Vroome — Treasurer



Hey there! I'm Naut, and I am the treasurer of almanac PhoenIX. In this almanac we will look back on the past five years, so for me, as a fifth year, it means looking back at my own time at Inter-Actief so far. We had many great activities that I am proud to have been a part of, with the biggest highlights being the Kick-IT of 2023 and Symposium Hephaestus. However, what stands out most to me are the friendships that Inter-Actief has brought me. That is still what I think Inter-Actief is best at: creating new friendships and connecting people. As treasurer of this committee, I am more than thankful for that, because a number of those friend groups bought an advertisement in this very almanac.

Jelle Maas — Officer of External Kicking



Around six years ago, I suggested to the 42nd candidate board that we had not had an almanac since 2012. After finding a great group of people, the almanac committee Viral was formed. I really enjoyed reading and scrolling through that almanac, and when I heard that the new almanac committee was short on people, I knew I wanted to help and make this my final committee experience at Inter-Actief.

I really enjoyed my role, in which I got to interact with all the associations linked to Inter-Actief. Even though they did not always respond to my calls and emails, it showed me how many connections an association like Inter-Actief can have. I am glad that, as the contact person for all the brother, sister, and affiliated associations, I got to read all their pieces first.



Daniël van Andel — Officer of Graphic Design

Hey! I'm Daniël, the Officer of Graphic Design for Almanac Phoenix! Over the past years at Inter-Actief, I've done various small design projects, like most of the promotion material for Symposium Hephaestus or the logo for Pandora Vindicators of Victoria, which made me realise that graphic design is, in fact, one of my passions. One of the challenges when designing some of the assets for Phoenix was making the designs interesting enough to look at and highlighting the text that goes into various sections, but not so busy that it takes away from the content. I think we've managed to put together something really beautiful, and I'm proud to have had the honour and pleasure to work on Almanac Phoenix!

Melle Ploeg — Officer of Internal Kicking Affairs



Hullo! I am Melle, the Officer of Internal Kicking Affairs for this AlmanacCie. This means I had the pleasure of telling all of Inter-Actief's wonderful committees to write a piece for the Almanac, and then trying to wrestle them into something printable. Oh, and of course chasing after anyone who had made their piece too long, or too short, or had forgotten to include a committee picture. In the end I am very happy with the Almanac we created, and I hope you enjoy reading it as much as we did making it!



Minke Bohlmeijer — Deputy Designer

Hoi hoi! I'm Minke, Deputy Designer of the committee. As Deputy Designer, I picked up some of the most important tasks, such as the beautifully embroidered committee clothing, which does not look similar to the Grimbergen logo at all. When I started regularly going to Inter-Actief drinks, one of the first drinks I remember going to was the release of Viral. While I was not too sure what an Almanac was back then, and I barely knew the people in the committees back then, I thought the design and creativity were impressive. I am very proud to be a part of this AlmanacCie, and I hope I will inspire a future Deputy Designer to join the next one.















We were all in the new harvest at some point!

ASCENT

The boards and the committees from the past five years

CURRENT BOARD

Jeske van Hijum
Chairwoman



Hi reader! This year marks Inter-Actief's 45th birthday, and I am very honored to be the chairwoman of the association in this beautiful year!

As a phoenix rises from its ashes, I think there is a lot to say about the changes the association has undergone, not only this year but also in the years before this one. The rise of COVID might be the biggest change we have had to face in years, something that made it difficult to function as a normal association. Nonetheless, Inter-Actief, thanks to the efforts of many board and committee members who went before us, rose to its true potential again and is luckily back to doing what it was once created for. In our year too, some smaller components of the associations rose from the ashes: the Cooking Club is back, the first company dinner in a while has been organized, and sleeping on the couch is trendy again, making this year truly akin to a phoenix as well!

A transformation from nothing to something new is also a theme I have seen with myself during the past year. The role of chairwoman was actually not one I saw myself taking right until two weeks before the formation of our candidate board. It was a position I saw as very intimidating and scary due to the huge responsibility it seemed to have, and I deemed myself to be quite unfit for this role. It was, however, with that thought of the scariness that I felt I was unfit for this role. It was, however, with that thought of the scariness that I decided not to go for a role that felt comfortable to me, but to step outside of my comfort zone and try something new for a change. Safe to say it was one of the better decisions I've ever made, as being the chairwoman of the association has been nothing short of a challenging pleasure so far!

So if you are now reading this and in doubt about doing something that scares you, take this as a sign to do it! Taking a step towards transformation is not easy and certainly brings challenges with it, but I can assure you that in the end, it is very much worth it. :)

Reach Out!
Jeske van Hijum

Pepijn Meijer
Secretary

At the point of writing, we are already halfway through our board year, but it still feels like I have only just begun. In the beginning, it might have been difficult, and I have made some mistakes, from hugely scaled images on the website and forgetting to write a Public Void Close(), to sending some slightly rude emails. Luckily, I have never leaked everyone's email by using the cc instead of the bcc, and I have always used the reply all option. Now, most of these mistakes do not happen anymore, and I have risen to be a perfectly functioning secretary. Becoming board was a pretty easy decision for me; there was and still is so much for me to learn, from communication to teamwork. I developed so many great skills, but mostly it is insanely fun.



During the last almanac the world was in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic. Inter-Actief also felt this heavily, and back then, most activities could not take place or had to be done online. This impacted people a lot, so when the pandemic ended, we could finally do our traditions again. Now, over the last five years, we have been rebuilding Inter-Actief, giving this almanac its name: Phoenix.

A phoenix and I actually have a lot in common. They are made of fire, and I have red hair, which people sometimes compare to fire or a lighthouse.

The thing that allowed Inter-Actief to recover after the coronavirus pandemic was not money or any individual board. It is the members of this great association that worked hard to organise fun activities, uphold traditions and integrate people in Inter-Actief. I want to thank all the members for making Inter-Actief such a fun and great association, and I hope that the coming five years will be as good as the last.

“Reach Out!”

Lars Kruitwagen
Treasurer



My dearest readers,

You've made it! You're only a few pages into this amazing Almanac, but you've arrived at the most important page: the Treasurer page! 💵 🪙 💳 💸 🤑 I was doubting what to make my page about. Our internal wrote about members, our chairwoman wrote about herself (classic), and our external… well, she was rambling as always. But I want my page to be one you can actually learn from. And what better to learn about than the best function a board member can have: the Treasurer.

Unlike what many people assume, being a Treasurer is not about money; only a fraction of your time is actually spent handling money, either physically or digitally. Being a (good) Treasurer has three important parts: having a perfect overview of your income and expenses (bookkeeping), predicting the future (budgeting), and being good with a hockey stick (making sure people pay you). Especially the first one is important, as that enables you to carry out the latter two.

Now you will probably ask, how do I keep that perfect overview you mentioned? For that, we have an amazing piece of software called The Bookkeeping. Sometimes it's amazing, sometimes it's a maze. Hundreds of balances and digits, and for every one, you can explain exactly why it is that precise amount. Or at least, that's how it should be. The perfect tip here is to know what you're doing. I won't bore you with the details, but knowing what the balance, assets, liabilities, debit, and credit are, and not just blindly booking transactions onto accounts, because "that's what my predecessor did", will save you a world of headaches later on.

But Lars, I may be able to keep an overview, but how do I predict the future? It may seem like an impossible task, but it isn't! The past predicts the future, and coupled with infinite information, you can perfectly anticipate this future. Being a good Treasurer means budgeting, forecasting, and making (minor) adjustments in an infinite cycle. I have not yet mastered this art of predicting the future; thus, budgeting is not my strong suit (also maybe because I just don't like doing it).

A good Treasurer comes around every few years, and just like a Phoenix, the association's finances burn down every few years and then rise back up by virtue of that Treasurer. I have come to accept the fact of life that not everyone is as interested in having everything perfectly organised, but you may be! Maybe you are the Treasurer who comes once in a while, and this page made you realise it. If so, my mission is done.

Oh yeah, I almost forgot: as to how to be good with a hockey stick? That just comes naturally to you once you become an Inter-Actief board member.

Conner Hof
Internal Affairs

Dear members,

Thank you for taking the time to read this piece! In the age of AI and summarising summaries, it can feel like a drag to read more than a sentence. Yet, if you take the time to read, you might learn something new! Or not! Isn't that a fun gamble?

Either way, I am on the Board of Inter-Actief, and although I was not very active within Inter-Actief when I applied (I was only a member of the MedIA), I had been active before in many other places. Most importantly, I did a part-time board year at Pro Deo (the improvisational theatre association), which I enjoyed so much that I wanted to try a full-time board year next. I do not regret that choice, since I have been granted the bestest function of all: Officer of Internal Affairs, where my role has everything to do with you all, the members.



The members are not just important to us, in some sense, they are the association. We are a collection of people coming together towards a goal, and when everyone puts in some effort, we can achieve a lot more than anyone could alone. But it turns out that "activating" people to work towards this goal has become harder over the years. Nobody knows why exactly. Some people think it's an aftereffect of COVID, others blame social media, video games, or even AI tools. I don't care particularly about the real reason, but I have figured out what still works, and it's simple: benign manipulation. Try having a one-on-one chat with someone you do not yet know, figure out who they are, why they joined this university, how their life is going, and what they want in the next couple of years. With these kinds of conversations, it's almost too easy to get someone active, since who does not want to have a fun social life, friends, and a great student life! Most people become active because someone pulled them into it, and now it's our duty to continue this cycle. As one active member leaves, a new member is activated; isn't that kind of like a Phoenix rising from its ashes?

With kind regards,

Conner Hof,
Officer of Internal Affairs

Guusje van Leersum
External Affairs



The phoenix is a powerful, universal symbol of rebirth, resurrection, and resilience, representing the ability to rise from the ashes of destruction to start anew. It signifies hope, eternal life, and triumph over adversity, often depicted as a golden-red firebird consumed by flames only to be reborn.

Do you know how difficult it can be to stick to this theme without sounding like you hate all your predecessors (not the case)? While it makes my life harder, I do think that PhoenIX is a very nice theme for this almanac. Inter-Actief has faced so many struggles, both inconsequential and of the association-ending kind, and we've overcome all of them (with the power of friendship)!

This theme allows us to acknowledge the combined efforts of our members throughout the years, with some real appreciation for the adversities they've faced and how they (mostly) successfully dealt with them!

Over the past year, I've noticed that it can really be quite easy to forget about a problem completely once it's been dealt with (healthy mindset), but the theme of this almanac has made me realise that there is also some value in sometimes thinking back on all the things you've done. Simply to feel good about yourself, or reflect if you don't.

I believe that the members of board 47 have grown and changed a lot this year! Simply being forced out of your comfort zone because suddenly you are the responsible person helps a lot with that. I'm filled with pride and associationalism when I think about how my dear colleagues have grown; Jeske has become immune to stress, Pepijn has become more flexible (not physically, that might be a lost cause), Lars and Conner might actually start conspiring to take over the world, and Matthijs always knows when to reach out. We've had an amazing year so far, and I believe together we can overcome about 47-67% of the adversities the world might throw at us. If you're someone from the future reading this, please reach out to me and let me know if brainrot is still a thing. And doomscrolling. If you don't know what those words mean, I'd be happy to introduce you to the concepts.

Reach Out!
Guusje van Leersum,

Matthijs Kedde

Educational Affairs

As Viral shone brightly over the past five years, Phoenix is now rising from its ashes. It has definitely been a long time, from isolation to campus coming back to life again. Over the past 5 years, I have also experienced my own Phoenix moment.

Like many of you, I just graduated from secondary school. Within weeks, I went from constantly being around friends to arriving in Enschede knowing no one. Being just 16 years old and coming from a small town in Westfriesland, I felt this was a big step for me.

At some point, the university reached out to me about the Kick-In. Little me was hesitating to participate, but I still decided to sign up, as it seemed like the best opportunity to find my place in Enschede.

Then it started, the Kick-In: “Dare to Explore!” With my do-group Tegel, we explored the campus and the city for hours. I survived on little sleep, questionable food choices, and made many new friends. We endured the cold at the pool party and tackled vending machine pizza. We also went to the Kick-IT camp. That was my first real introduction to Inter-Actief, and where my rise from the ashes began.



I regularly attended drinks and other activities with my friend group, and later that year, I found myself on the other side. I became someone organising activities.

I liked it so much that I decided to take a gap year and become a board member. Soon, I was walking around with a dirty tie or in my purple shirt. As a candidate, I met more and more people. Now, together with five equally enthusiastic students, I help run an association of 1,400 members. And even now, I still genuinely enjoy Inter-Actief.

Looking back, that introductory period feels far removed from where I am now. What started as a hesitant step into the unknown slowly turned into something much bigger. Inter-Actief became more than just a way to meet new people. It became a place where I could develop myself and feel at home. Something I learned from writing this is that it is never a single moment of rebirth. Instead, it is a series of small steps that led me to shine so brightly. So if you find yourself hesitating, unsure whether to join an activity, a committee or something entirely new, take that step anyway. You never know where it will take you, but chances are that it will be worth it.









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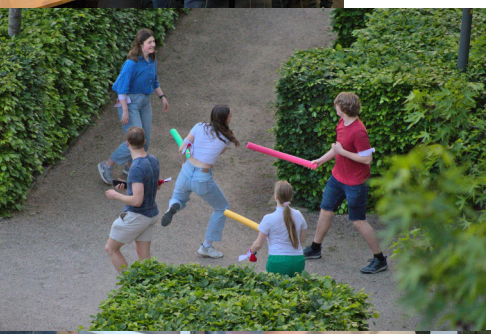
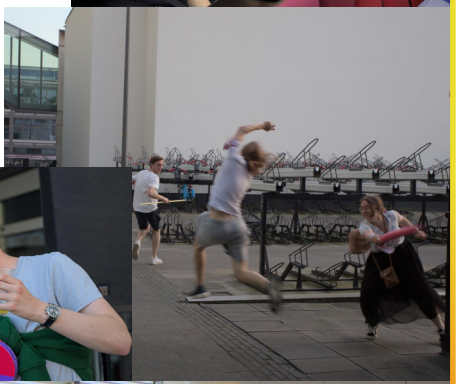
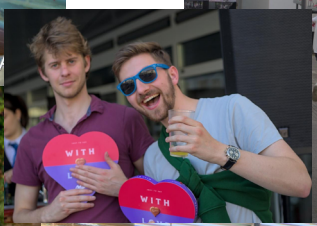


















Pandora's box mostly contains a lack of ECs

FORMER BOARDS

Board 46

"Join In!"

Our board year was quite different from what many people call a normal board year. From setting a new record with the amount of GMMs in one year to finally changing the by-laws for the first time in many years. But the biggest difference with a normal board year is that we were with only four people. This meant that two people had to take on two functions, which required quite a bit of extra function-related work for them, as well as more general work for everyone.

Of course, doing an entire board year with only four people isn't ideal, but luckily for us, we had an entire association with many active members to help out when we needed it, especially with the room duties! Some committees were also able to take on some of our work, for which we are very grateful. This may also have resulted in some extra prior experience for members of the board(s) following us. Four people on one board also had many positive points. For instance, we could fit in one car to go on vacation as a board. This was great, and we took a nice week-long break to go to France! Our board meetings were shorter as well because we had fewer opinions to discuss, and we felt even closer than other boards (and we still do).

But during the board year, it's not just about the serious stuff. An important part of being board of Inter-Actief is to enjoy it and have a lot of fun. For example, we got the GMM to agree to allocate extra money to take the members to the Efteling! We, as a board, also tried to join in on as many activities as possible, especially when a nice alcoholic drink was involved. Another fun highlight during our board year was the Inter-Actief team reaching the final of the StAf tournament against Communique!

Unfortunately, there was no real Batavierenrace during our year, but we had a replacement: some members ran to the Active Members Weekend location in the same fashion as the Batavierenrace, so we still did a miniature version of the event.

In the end, we are very happy with how the entire year turned out, and we are very happy with all the lessons we have learned during this year. It was tough at times with just the four of us, but we believe we performed quite well during our board year. And eventually, a six-person board, which we are very proud of, has risen from the ashes and the association can go on and thrive.

"Join In!"

Thijs Krosman - Chairman & Officer of Internal Affairs
Daniël van Andel - Secretary & Officer of Educational Affairs
Jarek Wiedemeijer - Treasurer
Anne van Esch - Officer of external Affairs



Board 45
"Open Up"



Twan Weerdenburg - Chairman
Wander Stribos - Secretary
Tristan van Beurden - Treasurer
Mathijs Vogelezang - Officer of Internal Affairs
Sander Timmer - Officer of External Affairs
Daniël Jonker - Officer of Educational Affairs

Our board year focused on opening up the wings of the association to allow more accessibility, fun, and activities. We tried to focus on being more open to all students, and in doing so, we made some ideas rise from the ashes, just like a PhoenIX. Regarding PhoenIX, we're happy that the association finally turns 45, which coincidentally is also our board number!

One of the things that we made rise from the ashes was Café IT! It all started with one of us browsing the board archive and finding a very old picture which had 'Café IT' on it. Being curious, it prompted us to ask around to inquire what it really meant. It turned out that it was an event where an alumnus came to give us a borrel-lecture, mostly about how working at a company really is, coming from the University. It sounded like a great idea, and with some new life in the education committee, a drink-lecture was organised!

A phoenix rising from the ashes often comes back better than it was. One of the biggest losses of our year was the (somewhat controversial) Calslaan Storage Space, aptly named CSS. The storage was loved as a neat place to keep much of the junk we have at Inter-Actief, but it was hated because it was quite far away. But CSS was loved the most by the rain that flooded the basement, and hated the most by us because we had the unfortunate luck to clean and drain it. But, like a PhoenIX, from the ashes of the CSS remnants rose the magnificent Zilverling Basement! It not only has the benefit of being hard to flood, but it also has twice as much storage space, opening up the possibilities of storing even more junk.

Doing a board year also means leaving things behind for the upcoming boards. The boards before us noticed that, quite often, they were on their own when it came to making important decisions for the association. This regularly resulted in decisions being made with too little information and sometimes heavy discussions during GMMs. That's why an Advisory Board was set up in our year to give (unwanted) advice when we needed to make big decisions. The advisory board consists of old board members, regular members of different interests and external members coming from other associations.

Our message is to sometimes introduce fun or helpful ideas, even if their immediate need is not yet clear. Sometimes, things may go wrong, but in the end, flooding our old basement created an opportunity where we now have a larger basement in the Zilverling! We fully and sincerely hope that this encouragement will help you Open Up!

Board 44

"Zoom Out"

in. Together with the 43rd board and some of the members, we came up with a new design for the association room. This transformed the room from a packed space that did not allow for much relaxing to a place where you can hang out with your friends and play some table tennis. We also laid the groundwork for a new website design, although that is taking much longer than expected. The only thing that could douse our fire is water, as happened when our NPO-funded Christmas market was flooded with rain…

The phoenix always inevitably dies and is reborn, but in each cycle, things always remain the same. Even after almost four years of knowing each other, we experience the same cycle at our board outings: we drink beer, throw lasagna into the shower, steal Niels' pan, walk to the south of Enschede, or fall asleep in Educafé, and experience the consequences of our actions the next day. Without a doubt, these evenings will continue for another fourteen years!

As stunning as the phoenix is, each cycle must come to an end, and by the end of the year, even we were burnt out. Luckily, in the ashes of our board year, we found six cute (half tiny, half tall) candidate phoenixes prepared to lead Inter-Actief for another year! While inexperienced and undoubtedly not as wonderful as us, the phoenix teaches us to embrace changes and appreciate a different association. So, we passed the torch to Board 45, making the transformation ourselves into helpful sour old board members. "Zoom Out"

From the ashes of the pandemic, a new board rose. In this changed world, there were loads of opportunities, as everyone was eager to see each other face-to-face, instead of the online Abscint or countless Zoom (out) meetings. However, this also created challenges. For the first time in many years, the board counted seven members. This meant that our GMM pieces grew longer, our discussions more spirited, but most importantly, we were allowed more opportunities for change.

But a phoenix without flame is just a bird, and we had no intention of dimming the fire. Armed with NPO funds dedicated to post-corona social reconnection, we made sure members could recharge their social battery. A Takeshi's Castle edition that left more bruises than memories, and a Summer Sounds that left fewer memories than anything else. We also took care to Zoom Out, which is indeed our board motto, but also the goal we set for ourselves to involve more members, master's students, and faculty employees within the association.

For a bird as magnificent as a phoenix, of course, you also need a beautiful cage to reside

Oliver Davies - Chairman
Maarten Meijer - Secretary
Jochem Bleeker - Treasurer
Quiijn Hoenink - Officer of Internal Affairs
Wout Velthuis - Officer of External Affairs
Niels Rotmensen - Officer of Educational Affairs
Mariska Frelier - Vice-chairman



Board 43
"Back on Track"



Bart Leenheer - Chairman
Wouter Suidgeest - Secretary
Wesley Joosten - Treasurer
Bram van Dartel - Officer of Internal Affairs
Michel Jansen - Officer of External Affairs
Rosan Maas - Officer of Educational Affairs

One of the first tests of coordination within a board starts with choosing a slogan. Off to a great start, we chose our slogan within days based on an estimated guess that government lockdowns due to the COVID-19 pandemic would be over during our board year!

The guess was wrong.

Nevertheless, we were the last board to deal with lockdowns, and the association arose like a phoenix from the ashes of the pandemic during our board year.

Nearly five years later, we're not entirely sure how we let the association rise like that, but we have some ideas. We mainly continued this enthusiastic guesstimating, resulting in some epic activities to kickstart this new post-pandemic era. We started the year off with the BIEMt (Bijzonder Integratie Evenement Met twaarzen), making all second-year students who missed the Kick-It camp feel as famous as Conchita Wurst. Later, we formed the TakeshCie, which organised the largest Japanese game show Twente has ever seen. Last but not least, we ended our year with the first campus-wide end-of-year celebration: Summer Sounds!

As our guesstimation capabilities grew, so did our coordination capabilities as we quickly learnt which board members were up for which tasks. Some examples: Bart can be trusted with meetings, but not important ones. Wouter with calls, not with emails. Wesley with money, luckily. Bram is good at integrating, even with do-group parents. Michael with beerbenches, but not with other benches. Rosan loves baking, not bakking. You get the gist.

With these lessons learnt, the association was nearly back on track, but we still had some months to kill left. So, we set ourselves up for one last test of coordination. We burnt the association room designs to ashes and spent all summer redecorating, resulting in the association room you all know and love today. Or if you can't look past the inevitable student mess that piles up in a room like that, the association room you all know and hate today.

May you burn something to the ground to let another suboptimal thing arise this year.

Love,
Board 43
Back on Track? Track een Back!

Greeting peoples!



We, the candidate board, are very happy to be chosen by Board 47. We are currently having a blast being a candidate board. So let's talk about ourselves:

We met in our first year studying here, where we were kiddos of different do-groups. However, over the course of the following year and a half, the people we interacted with intertwined as friend groups and began to get more in contact with each other by doing projects together.

IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR WHEN ONE OF US BEGAN TALKING ABOUT WANTING TO BE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF INTER-ACTIEF AND WAS LOOKING TO GET PEOPLE TOGETHER TO FIND A SELF-PROCLAIMED CANDIDATE BOARD. AT THIS POINT, MORE OF US GOT INVOLVED, AND WE WENT TO THE BOARD INTEREST LUNCH, TALKED TO THE CURRENT BOARD AND LOOKED AT WHAT FUNCTIONS WE WANTED TO FULFIL. THEN, AT THE OFFICIAL FORMATION, WE HAD A FINAL DISCUSSION AND QUICKLY FOUND A COMPOSITION THAT EVERYONE WAS HAPPY WITH. HERE WE BECAME THE 48TH CANDIDATE BOARD!

It's funny looking back at the start of that first year, knowing almost nothing about Inter-Actief, yet signing up anyway because it might get you a discount on books (which you never use...). Then, slowly, through committee work and drinks, you start to actually understand what the association is. And somewhere along the way, you make the decision to become part of the board of an organisation you'd never even heard of just a year and a half earlier!

We hope to become a good board and give Inter-*Actief* another great year to look back at!

Best regards,
The 48th Candidate Board

Inter-Actief

Board 1 (1981)

Joop Trouwee	- Chairman
Gerard Doornink	- Vice Chairman
Ruud Bats	- Secretary
Huub van Thienen	- Treasurer
Peter de Vries	- Commisioner of Books
Martin de Groot	- General member

Board 2 (1981 - 1982)

ArnoKlomp	- Chairman
Jan-Willem van de Wal	- Secretary
Marion de Groot	- Treasurer
Peter de Vries	- Commisioner of Books and Vice Chairman
Jaap Vermeulen	- Commisioner of Drinks
Paul van Rossem	- Commisioner of Excursions
Nico Blokhuis	- Commisioner of Excursions abroad
Martin de Groot	- General Member





Board 3 (1982 - 1983)

Arno Klomp	- Chairman
Jan-Willem van de Wal	- Secretary
Peter de Vries	- Treasurer
Frank van Halteren	- Commisioner of Drinks
Paul Greven	- Commisioner of Excursions
Joost van Vroonhoven	- Commisioner of Books

Board 4 (1983 - 1984)

Peter de Vries	- Chairman
Paul Greven	- Secretary
Frank van Halteren	- Treasurer
Richard Hilhorst	- Commisioner of Drinks
Niels de Troye	- Commisioner of Excursions
Marion de Groot	- Commisioner of Books
Hans Scholten	- Department Representative





Board 5 (1984)

Jeroen Houttuin	- Chairman
Wieger de Bruin	- Vice Chairman
Eerke Boiten	- Secretary
Niels Troye	- Treasurer
Johan de Boer	- Commisioner of Activities
Richard Hilhorst	- Commisioner of Drinks
Paul Klarenberg	- Editor in Chief of I/O Vivat
Han Joosten	- Commisioner of Books
Hans Scholten	- Department Representative

Board 6 (1984 - 1985)

Jeroen Houttuin	- Chairman
Wieger de Bruin	- Vice Chairman
Eerke Boiten	- Secretary
Rogier van der Male	- Treasurer
Johan de Boer	- Commisioner of Activities
Richard Hilhorst	- Commisioner of Drinks
Paul Klarenberg	- Editor in Chief of I/O Vivat
Han Joosten	- Commisioner of Books
Hans Scholten	- Department Representative



Inter-Actief

Board 7 (1985 - 1986)

Han Joosten	- Chairman
Wieger de Bruin	- Vice Chairman and Commisioner of Excursions
Hans Bosma	- Secretary
Theo Ruys	- Treasurer
Dick van Doorn	- Commisioner of Drinks
Bart Kraan	- Commisioner of Books
Hanke Niestern	- AGI Representative
Peter Schnigter	- Editor in Chief of I/O Vivat
Hans Scholten	- Department Representative

Board 8 (1986 - 1987)

Theo Ruys	- Chairman
Peter Schnigter	- Vice Chairman and Commisioner of Excursions
Ruud Lichtenberg	- Secretary
Bart Kraan	- Treasurer
Ward Erhart	- Commisioner of Drinks
Frank Buijs	- Commisioner of Books
Ronald Beekelaar	- AGI Representative
Clazien Wezeman	- Editor in Chief of I/O Vivat





Board 9 (1987 - 1988)

Ward Erhart	- Chairman
Peter Broekroelofs	- Commisioner of Drinks
Ronald Beekelaar	- Vice Chairman
Roelof Holwerda	- Commisioner of Activities
Hans Keizer	- Commisioner of Books
Diederik de Rooij	- Editor in Chief of I/O Vivat
Theo Ruys	- Secretary
Frits Steenmeijer	- Treasurer
Mark de Weger	- Commisioner of Excursions

Board 10 (1988 - 1989)

Peter Broekoelofs	- Chairman
Ronald Beekelaar	- Vice Chairman
Mark de Weger	- Secretary
Jan Schultink	- Treasurer
Michel Pasterkamp	- Commisioner of Activities
Ron Belt	- P.R. Functionary





Board 11 (1989 - 1990)

Jan Schultink	- Chairman
Ron Belt	- Vice Chairman
Michel Pasterkamp	- Secretary
Arjen Klomp	- Treasurer
Arthur Meerwijk	- P.R. Functionary

Board 12 (1990 - 1991)

Rogier Dijk	- Chairman
Edward Stempel	- Vice Chairman
Remco de Boer	- Secretary
Matthijs Duitshof	- Treasurer
Aarnoud Hoekstra	- P.R. Functionary
Jeroen van der Schot	- P.R. Functionary





Board 13 (1991 - 1992)

Jeroen vander Schot	- Chairman
Peter van Loon	- Vice Chairman
Peter Bouwens	- Secretary
Alfred Rongen	- Treasurer
Robbert Leerkens	- P.R. Functionary
Marnix Klooster	- General Member

Board 14 (1992 - 1993)

André Olthof	- Chairman
Arjan Bulthuis	- Vice Chairman
Gerben Soepenberg	- Secretary
Gaston Aussems	- Treasurer
Stefan Deisz	- P.R. Functionary
Brenda Dolleman	- Internal Affairs





Board 15 (1993 - 1994)

Gerben Soepenberg	- Chairman
Brenda Dolleman	- Secretary
Martin Wibbels	- Treasurer
Bob Corman	- P.R. Functionary and Vice Chairman
Kim Schrijvers	- Internal Affairs

Board 16 (1994 - 1995)

Petra Hoekstra	- Chairman
Emiel Voskuilen	- Secretary
Ad Gaasbeek	- Treasurer
Tarek van der Linden	- P.R. Functionary
Michiel Schutler	- Internal Affairs





Board 17 (1995 - 1996)

Theo Wijers	- Chairman
Leon Boerrigter	- Vice Chairman
Jorrit Harssema	- Secretary
Jeroen Pouwels	- Treasurer
Bert Kamper	- P.R. Functionary
Oscar ter Meer	- Internal Affairs

Board 18 (1996 - 1997)

Joost Reuzel	- Chairman
Dea Dekker	- Secretary
Edwin van der Wal	- Treasurer
Anita Moskate	- P.R. Functionary
Kristel de Haas	- Internal Affairs





Board 19 (1997 - 1998)

David Beentjes	- Chairman
Job Ulfman	- Vice Chairman
Michiel Bom	- Secretary
Erik Groenheiden	- Treasurer
Michel Pasman	- P.R. Functionary
Erik Hoeksema	- Internal Affairs

Board 20 (1998 - 1999)

Alexander Smeitz	- Chairman
Niels Wensink	- Vice Chairman
Marcel Baarslag	- Secretary
Martijn Ramaekers	- Treasurer
Renate Speet	- P.R. Functionary
Coen Giesberts	- Internal Affairs





Board 21 (1999 - 2000)

Suzanne Verlijsdonk	- Chairwoman
Frederik Hulleman	- Secretary
Rico van Houten	- Treasurer and Vice Chairman
Albert Brand	- P.R. Functionary
Arthur van Bunning	- Internal Affairs

Board 22 (2000 - 2001)

FleurAalsberg	- Chairman
Henrik Nijkamp	- Vice Chairman
Sander van Knippenberg	- Secretary
Han Horlins	- Treasurer
Jorne Grolleman	- P.R. Functionary
Rob Audenaerde	- Internal Affairs





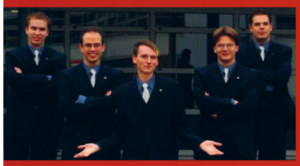
Board 23 (2001 - 2002)

Maarten Donders	- Chairman
Jasper Visser	- Secretary
Erik van der Sluis	- Treasurer
Matthijs Punter	- P.R. Functionary
Claudia Steghuis	- Internal Affairs and Vice Chairman

Board 24 (2002 - 2003)

Ruben Smelik	- Chairman
Edwin van der Ham	- Secretary
Ivo Grondman	- Treasurer
Wouter Wiegmans	- External Affairs
Ilse Fokker	- Internal Affairs





Board 25 (2003 - 2004)

Achiel van der Mandele	- Chairman
Stefan Teijgeler	- Secretary and Educational Affairs
Jan-Willem Beusink	- Treasurer
Wouter Tesink	- External Affairs
Bas Peschier	- Internal Affairs

Board 26 (2004 - 2005)

Eelco Eerenberg	- Chairman
Tim van Eijndhoven	- Secretary
Matthijs Kooijman	- Treasurer
Jeroen ter Heerdt	- External Affairs and Vice Chairman
Tin de Zeeuw	- Internal Affairs
Floor de Jong	- Educational Affairs





Board 27 (2005 - 2006)

Michel Jansen	- Chairman
Carmen de Schutter	- Secretary
Erik Slomp	- Treasurer
Mark Timmer	- External Affairs
Wim Bos	- Internal Affairs
Remko Nolten	- Educational Affairs

Board 28 (2006 - 2007)

Sjoerd van der Speol	- Chairman
Johan Noltes	- Secretary and Educational Affairs
Bert Perloy	- Treasurer
Tom Palsma	- External Affairs
Erwin Starke	- Internal Affairs





Board 29 (2007 - 2008)

Rick Leunissen	- Chairman
Mattijs Ugen	- Seretary and Internal Affairs
Pim van der Toolen	- Treasurer
Joep Peeters	- External Affairs
Elger van der Wel	- Educational Affairs

Board 30 (2008 - 2009)

Chris Aukema	- Chairman
Bernard van der Wees	- Secretary and Internal Affairs
Ruud Oude Maatman	- Treasurer
Ruud Verbij	- External Affairs
Mark Steunenberg	- Educational Affairs





Board 31 (2009 - 2010)

Rickvan Galen	- Chairman
Jarmo van Lenthe	- Secretary
Sandra Drenthen	- Treasurer
Jurriën Wagenaar	- Internal Affairs
Niek Tax	- External Affairs
Ralph Broenink	- Educational Affairs

Board 32 (2010 - 2011)

Jacco Roest	- Chairman
Niels Witte	- Secretary
Sander van den Bosch	- Treasurer
Bas Stottelaar	- Internal Affairs
Marco Jutten	- External Affairs
Floris van Nee	- Educational Affairs





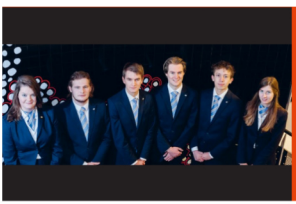
Board 33 (2011 - 2012)

Marc Hulsebosch	- Chairman
Michel Brinkhuis	- Secretary
Jelte Zeilstra	- Treasurer
Stephen Geerlings	- Internal Affairs
Stijn van Winsen	- External Affairs
Marije de Heus	- Educational Affairs

Board 34 (2012 - 2013)

Pim Jager	- Chairman and Internal Affairs
Bas Janssen	- Secretary and Educational Affairs
Regie Mocking	- Treasurer
Joost van Doorn	- External Affairs





Board 35 (2013 - 2014)

Martijn Hoogesteger	- Chairman
Nick Schot	- Secretary
Twan Coenraad	- Treasurer
Jochem Schutte	- Internal Affairs
Lisa de Wilde	- External Affairs
Eva van den Eijnden	- Educational Affairs

Board 36 (2014 - 2015)

Rien Heuver	- Chairman
Dennis Aanstoot	- Secretary
Wybren Kortstra	- Treasurer
Sytse Hartvelt	- Internal Affairs
Matthijs Koridon	- External Affairs
Meike Nauta	- Educational Affairs





Board 37 (2015 - 2016)

Sander Bakkum	- Chairman
Arnold Averink	- Secretary
Antoine Veenstra	- Treasurer
Ruben Groot Roessink	- Internal Affairs
Thijs Hoefnagel	- External Affairs
Josje van 't Padje	- Educational Affairs

Board 38 (2016 - 2017)

Iris Heerlien	- Chairwoman
Jeroen Waals	- Secretary
Dennis Cai Pieter	- Treasurer
Bos Kimberly	- Internal Affairs
Hengst Kyra de	- External Affairs
Lange	- Educational Affairs





Board 39 (2017 - 2018)

Wouter Kobes	- Chairman
Jotte Sonneveld	- Secretary and Internal Affairs
Joanne Spijker	- Treasurer
Florian Mansvelder	- External Affairs
Lindsay Kempen	- Educational Affairs

Board 40 (2018 - 2019)

Jelle van den Wijngaard	- Chairman
Niels de Groot	- Secretary
Yoeri Otten	- Treasurer
Jeffrey Bakker	- Internal Affairs
Egbert Dijkstra	- External Affairs
Wessel Ammerlaan	- Educational Affairs





Board 41 (2019 - 2020)

Kevin Witlox	- Chairman
Reinier Stribos	- Seretary
Gerrit-Willem Smit	- Treasurer
Denise den Hartog	- Internal Affairs
Patrick van Oerle	- External Affairs
Danique Lummen	- Educational Affairs

Board 42 (2020 - 2021)

Jelle Maas	- Chairman
Willem Schooltink	- Secretary and Educational Affairs
Tom Grooters Lars	- Treasurer
van Arkel Gilian	- Internal Affairs
Schrijver	- External Affairs





Board 43 (2021- 2022)

Bart Leenheer	- Chairman
Wouter Suidgeest	- Secretary
Wesley Joosten	- Treasurer
Bram van Dartel	- Internal Affairs
Michael Janssen	- External Affairs
Rosan Maas	- Educational Affairs

Board 44 (2022- 2023)

Oliver Davies	- Chairwoman
Maarten Meijer	- Secretary
Jochem Bleeker	- Treasurer
Quirijn Hoenink	- Internal Affairs
Wout Velthuis	- External Affairs
Niels Rotmensen	- Educational Affairs
Mariska Frelier	- Vice-chairman





Board 45 (2023- 2024)

Twan Weerdenburg	- Chairman
Wander Stribos	- Secretary
Tristan van Beurden	- Treasurer
Mathijs Vogelezang	- Internal Affairs
Sander Timmer	- External Affairs
Daniël Jonker	- Educational Affairs

Board 46 (2024- 2025)

Thijs Krosman	- Chairman and Internal Affairs
Daniël van Andel	- Secretary and Educational Affairs
Jarek Wiedemeijer	- Treasurer
Anne van Esch	- External Affairs





Board 47 (2025- 2026)

Jeske van Hijum	- Chairman
Pepijn Meijer	- Secretary
Lars Kruitwagen	- Treasurer
Conner Hof	- Internal Affairs
Guusje van Leersum	- External Affairs
Matthijs Kedde	- Educational Affairs

And more to follow!

Change GMMs never truly change!











COMMITTEES

aXi
Activity committee



Jarek Wiedemeijer - Chairman
Nienke van de Hoef - Secretary
Thore Koopmans - Treasurer
Gaius Leuning - External
Noud Betke - General Member
Lucas Daams - General member
Daan Zonnenberg - General Member
Mathijs Kedde - Board Representative

We are the aXi! The general purpose of this committee is organising non-specific activities. Where most committees specialise, we diversify! With lots of fun and random activities like eating pancakes and golfing in the dark.

One of our most recent fun activities is the pancake cantus, where we organised a cantus, but instead of drinking beer in seven seconds, people ate a pancake! We had lots of powdered sugar and pancake syrup to spruce up the pancakes.

And at the start of every year, we organise a Lego night. We rent LEGO sets, and people can just build their hearts out. This activity is a big hit with first years!



Our most recent activity was the Bob Ross painting. Here we put on a Bob Ross painting tutorial on a big screen for everyone to see. We provided people with a canvas, brushes and lots of paint. (Almost) everyone painted a beautiful Bob Ross, but some painted something different, like chickens. There were also lots of snacks for people to enjoy, which were a big hit.
One of our signature events is the Beagle. Here, every team gets a PC that they need to protect from a fall, and every round we go up higher. Like an egg drop challenge, but now you can protect something that is closer to your heart. Let your creativity roam free, come up with ingenious ideas and watch as computers explode when falling from 28 meters high! So, if you like the sound of these types of activities, definitely drop by at one of our upcoming activities!

Committee for Lectures and excursions
CoLeX to friends

While the CoLeX is officially the committee for lunch lectures and excursions, we mainly organise lunch lectures. These are always very interesting opportunities to learn how we could apply our (future) knowledge and skills to make an actual difference and create something awesome. Some partners return with a new story every year, while others only organise a lunch lecture with us once every few years. This means that we get to learn something new each week, while also preparing to spread our wings and start our careers!

We look forward to organising more events in the upcoming years and wish Inter-Actief a happy and glowing ninth lustrum!

The CoLeX has now existed for almost 25 years, and we've seen many changes over the years! We've adapted to the growth and internationalisation of Inter-Actief and recovered from the lockdowns during COVID. Sometimes we serve Subway sandwiches, and our dear audience will complain about the lack of SPAR sandwiches. Other times, we serve SPAR sandwiches, and the lovely lunchgoers cry for the loss of Subway sandwiches.

A very fulfilling part of our duty as CoLeX members is chatting with lecturers, who are sometimes former members of the association! It's always fun to learn about the changes within the association from the perspective of an old (active) member who has long since joined the workforce and accomplished much in their new field.

Gustav Alexander Chong - Chairman
Iris Borgonjen - Secretary
Rik Smits - Logistics
Adomas Daudaraviciu - General Member
Hasan Japanwala - General Member
Eric Pei - General Member



Cooking Club

Eat Up!

Yoran Vierbergen - Chefretary
Tim Brands - Treasurer
Manon Kamphuis - Chief Chef
Lenka Troiakova - Chief Chef
Noa Lukassen - Core Chef
And many more chefs and cooks...



Would you like to eat some delicious, scrumptious food at your IA activities? Well, lucky you! We are the Cooking Club, a small group of students who love making food for our fellow students. Our mission is to cook delicious, affordable meals for everyone to enjoy at IA Drinks and activities. We are the best committee; we supply the food. Hard to compete with that.

Despite always delivering on the promise of good food, something usually goes wrong. Take, for example, the pumpkin soup we made for the Lustrum Opening Drink. None of us remembered that we should probably have brought a hand mixer, so, instead, we used a tiny food chopper.



Needless to say, the elbow grease from tirelessly chopping really did add to the taste. There are plenty of other examples, like how some of our dishes are modern Shakespeare renditions: to be or not to be spicy. In the end, we can always have a laugh about these things.

Aside from these mishaps, we have also had a bunch of great successes. For example, during the Top 100 Drink, we were serving oliebollen, hot chocolate and even glühwein. So despite the usual mishaps in the kitchen, we are (usually) still able to deliver good meals to hungry students who don't want to cook or eat junk food that evening.

Education Committee

Learn Stuff!

Most of us know teachers only from the lecture halls, but there's much more to them than their academic roles. Behind every professor is a real person—often very friendly and approachable! The EC has always aimed to show students the lighter, more fun side of teachers by organising activities that bring everyone together. For instance, the pizza workshop hosted by Italian teacher Lorenzo Gatti was a hit, even though, due to his gluten intolerance, he couldn't taste the pizzas himself. Another memorable event is the annual kickboxing workshop with Rom Langerak, which has become a lustrum tradition. Many other teachers joined in the fun too—one year, Vadim even acted as a boxing ball!

At our most recent teacher dinner—another beloved yearly tradition—Arend Rensink paid little attention to the two small drinks limit and quickly polished off three large weizens, much to the amusement of both teachers and students.

To thank teachers for their efforts in class, we have been handing out cakes at the end of each module. Often, we were invited to share the cake with them afterwards. In some research teams, the atmosphere around cake-eating is rather interesting, but it is always great to see the teachers' happiness when they receive the cake. After multiple people pointed out that the name "Educational Bou-cake" sounded like a certain sexual term, we had to rename it 'Educational Cake'. The Bou-cake lives on in the committee's memory and will not be forgotten.

Rick de Vries - Chairman
Marie Vanessa Wolter - Secretary
Marijn de Haan - Treasurer
Lucas Kloos - General Member
Thore Koopmans - General Member
Liv Pouderoyen - General Member



Freshman Committee

The Freshest

We entered the new school year full of energy and excitement, eager to experience everything that university life has to offer, and decided to join the FreshCo, the freshmen committee of Inter-Actief. We are thrilled to be the ones helping you make the most of your first year in TCS or BIT. We are with seven passionate first-years who are dedicated to making your freshman year as fun and memorable as possible.

Our goal is simple: to make sure that every freshman gets the chance to meet new people, build lasting friendships, and truly enjoy student life. We organise a wide variety of activities, from jigsaw competitions to ice skating.



Lisette Folkers - Chairwoman
Jip Schutte - Secretary
Shambhavi Bhosale - Treasurer
Reola D'Souza - Public Relations
Tygo Kramer - Logistics
Arnold Varekamp - External Affairs
Roy Schimmel - Freshest Member



To keep everything running smoothly, we come together every week to plan and fine-tune our upcoming activities, always looking for new ways to make your freshman experience unforgettable. Because we believe that the friendships and memories you make in your first year will stay with you throughout your entire time as a student.

So get involved, show up, and make the most of it, because being a freshman (hopefully) only happens once. We hope to see you at our upcoming activities and that you'll look back on this year with nothing but great memories!

hEROs

Heroic Emergency Response Officers



Anamaria, Wander, Pepijn, Thijs, Barry, Daniël, Jetse, Niels, Anne, Mathijs, Sander, Mariska, Emile, Joris, Minke, Naut, Anna, Sophie, Lars K., Bram, Barys, Gregory, Nienke, Manon, Lars S., Dian, Matthijs, Noa, Gustav, Liliia

Over the past 5 years, Inter-Actief has gone through a lot of changes, and the ERO pool changed right alongside it. People came and went, old hEROs retired, new ones stepped in, and somehow we all collectively survived committee reshuffles, activities, drinks, and whatever else our members managed to come up with. But through all of that, one thing stayed the same: our job was, and still is, to protect our members.

Now, luckily, "protecting" usually does not mean dramatically saving lives. Most of the time, it is more along the lines of cuts, bruises, someone having one drink too many, or stopping people from making decisions that sounded a lot smarter 10 seconds earlier. Although over the years, we have definitely had moments where things got more serious than we would have liked. Those moments forced us to look at how things were done and improve where needed. And like the PhoenIX, every time something burned down slightly, metaphorically speaking, we came back stronger and made sure the same mistakes would not happen again.

We do realise that, to some people, we are probably the buzzkills at activities. The people telling you to get off tables, stop climbing things, drink some water, or maybe not press the giant emergency button because "it looked funny." But believe it or not, everything we do is for your safety. Think of us like overly concerned parents, except usually younger, more sleep-deprived, and significantly worse at setting a good example ourselves.

Because honestly, we do know how to have fun too. We get to watch our amazingly creative members do the funniest, dumbest, and sometimes mildly concerning things imaginable at activities, and every now and then, we have to "save" people from the consequences of their own actions. Naturally, like the massive hypocrites we are, we then proceed to test some of those exact same actions during our own committee outings: the one day a year where Inter-Actief is left temporarily without protection, and we become the people that might require assistance ourselves.

To Inter-Actief: we hope there will be many more years full of activities, questionable decisions, unforgettable moments, and, of course, many more hEROs ready to keep our members safe. Or at least safe enough.

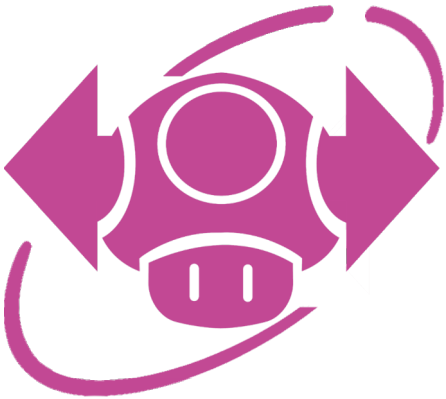
Hyper-Actief
Sports!

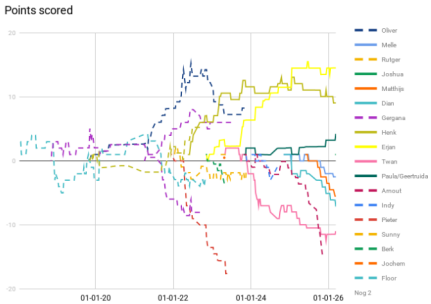
Daniël van Andel - Chairman
Dian Schrotenboer - Secretary
Melle Ploeg - Treasurer
Twan Weerdenburg - Chief Bata
Minke Bohlmeijer - Promotion
Erjan Steenbergen - Flying Keeper
Joshua Vennegoor op Nijhuis - Flying Keeper



With over 40 sports associations in Enschede, you would think that it would be easy for even Computer Science students to get started with sports. However, reality is often disappointing. That is why Hyper-Actief tries to get the members of Inter-Actief excited for sports

We have organised activities such as Table Tennis, Spikeball, and Jiu Jitsu, but also some more unorthodox 'sports' like Trampoline Jumping and Bunker Dodgeball. We always try to make sure our sports are accessible to anyone trying it for the first time, but still unique enough for everyone to want to try, no matter their sports experience level.





As a committee, we also try to keep ourselves motivated. We have been tracking the trajectory of our Kudostand since 2018. The Kudostand keeps track of the amount of Kudos everyone receives. Do something really well? You get a kudo! Forget to do an action point completely? That's a minkudo. Everyone respects the Kudostand, and kudos are paramount to our performance, maybe definitely even to our lives.

As a committee that organises sporting events for lazy bums, we aim to revive the love for sports in Computer Science, like a Phoenix.

I/O Vivat

Editorial Committee



Reading and writing are things that everyone does. We take it a little step further, however. The I/O VIVAT gives anyone a podium to show others a topic or issue they are passionate about. These topics can range from computer science-related themes like Cybersecurity to student activities or even video games. We also interview companies that are interested in getting recognition from the members of Inter-Actief. Additionally, committees are also welcome to write a column about themselves to hopefully interest new members!

You may have seen some of our magazines lying around the Inter-Actief room. Every year, we print one of our magazines and send it to every IA member and to ENIAC, the alumni association of Inter-Actief. All of our editions are free to read on the IA website as well, under 'publications'.

A few years ago, we started a website to publish all of our articles so that they could also be enjoyed individually. Currently, we are busy revamping it to accommodate a more online version of the VIVAT. Care to check it out? Head to ioviv.at to enjoy the expertise and passion of our writers!

Anamaria Ceban & Erjan Steenbergen - Chief Editors
Lars, Hanna, Sanzania, Ruben, Filip, Maas, Florian, Sander, Daan - Editors



IBCc

International Business Course Committee

To most people, the story of the phoenix starts with an aging phoenix bursting into flames and ends with it rising from the ashes again. But if you really think about it, that is not actually where the story ends. Because eventually the phoenix gets old again. And burns again. And rises again. It is basically just one endless cycle of falling apart and getting back up again.

Now, if you are one of the people who never thought about this before, honestly, I do not blame you. We grew up in a world where Harry Potter exists, and Hollywood has absolutely no respect for the realities of life. They always conveniently leave out the "and then it all caught fire again later" part.

But why am I suddenly getting philosophical about life, death, and spontaneous combustion in an IBC piece?

Anamaria Ceban - Chairwoman
Anne van Esch - Secretary & Treasurer
Koppány Heizer - Logistics
Shalini Macharla - Excursions
Sander Timmer - Excursions



Because honestly, I think the IBC committee has followed that exact same cycle over the past five years.

In 2021, IBC Inspire was supposed to go to Copenhagen, but thanks to the lingering effects of COVID, the trip never really got the chance to spread its wings. Afterwards, there was a genuine question of whether IBC would continue being an Inter-Actief tradition at all. Thankfully, in 2023, a brave group of people brought the committee back to life with IBC Illuminate to Portugal, followed by IBC Saga to Stockholm in 2024. Then, like every good phoenix story, things crashed a little again, and there was no trip in 2025.

And now it is our turn: IBC Lumière to Paris. Another group of brave people, some already familiar with the committee, trying to keep the tradition alive. And while organising this trip definitely did not come without obstacles, we hope this cycle continues for many years to come. Even if every now and then our phoenix has to burn down a little before it can come back stronger again.

So if you are reading this and thinking that this whole "keeping the cycle alive" thing sounds fun, we would really encourage you to join a future trip. Or maybe even become part of the next committee yourself.

Kick-It
RIP the Camp



Mart Spil - Chairman & Activists
Wander Stribos - Secretary
Twan Weerdenburg - Treasurer
Jeske van Hijum - Logistics & BBQ
Guusje van Leersum - Do-groups & Bachelor Days

Over the past five years, the Kick-IT period has undergone multiple variations. We started in the ashes of Covid, from which the semi-camp rose, which was all the fun of a camp but without having to sleep in those cold tents. With the final few remaining restrictions, we could have a normal evening as long as everyone could present the right bill of health (QR code). However, spending the night wasn't allowed, and both nights, all the poor freshmen had to cycle home in the dark for forty minutes to campus after having spent the entire evening partying. We had prepared a van to deliver the kiddos deemed less able to cycle home to their beds, but we did not expect to have to use it to bring some parents home as well…
Then came the good times, with three years of a return to form! Sleep-deprived activists, even more sleep-deprived and burnt-out committee members, but the kiddos have no idea what's happening behind the scenes and what plans got scrapped, so as long as they had fun, the camp is a success! Just be sure to shower for an hour and then sleep for twelve more the moment you've returned, and don't expect to have energy for the final concert. We even managed to survive the great camp-purge of '24!



However, then came the big budget cut of the UT. While we had managed to convince the faculty to let us have a final camp (partly because too many contracts had already been signed), last year, we had finally had to face the music and move everything back to campus. This meant that we had to follow the Kick-In's alcohol policy and many other restrictive rules. It did save the committee a lot of work and effort, which meant we could focus on claiming parts of campus for ourselves and organising fun activities to replace the camp to the best of our ability.
We faced many setbacks and hurdles, but managed to give the kiddos a great time in the end! From the ashes of our old Kick-IT structure, new traditions and ideas can rise on fertile ground. We're looking forward to what the next committees will think of with their newfound freedom.

LANCie
LAN Parties

Floris Buijnsters - Chairman
Jochem Ormel - Secretary
Valyn Tyler - Treasurer
Guido de Hart - Logistics
Emiel Tempelman - Competition
Lars Schepers - Technical





The LANCie has played an essential part in Inter-Actief for many years, giving the opportunity for hardcore gamers to make real and true connections twice a year through LAN parties. At every party, a new theme is presented, and participants will abide by this theme by playing games and competing to win unimaginably incredible prizes ;) In 2026, the committee had successfully organised the first LAN party of the year, themed Friendship SurvIvAl, where participants had grouped up with their dear friends to play potentially anger-inducing team-centric games and try not to break their friendship by the end of 48 hours.

We can confirm that despite some close calls, all friendships remained intact! From the opening Friday filled with aggressive mouse clicks, to the quiet Saturday night that a few brave participants had attempted to survive the all-nighter, and finally ending on the exciting Sunday with the widely anticipated prizes and endless fries, we can happily call Friendship SurvIvAl LAN a success. We hope that the LANCie's traditions and parties continue for another 45 years :)



LuCie

Lustrum Committee



We are the Lustrum Committee of lustrum: Enter the Matrix, and this year we got the honour of organising the 9th lustrum, celebrating the 45th year of Inter-Actief's existence. We started the year with a nice lustrum opening drink. This was followed by bringing back an old activity that Inter-Actief always used to do, but which sadly died out: the Inter-Actief Top100. We asked Twan Weerdenburg, Daniël Jonker and Bram Rutgers to help, and together with Mathijs Vogelezang, they hosted a great event to close out the calendar year.

We followed up this great event with a fancy lustrum dinner at the Happy Italy. In addition to the food, there was a ball pit there. A lot of attendees enjoyed that, although some maybe a bit too much 😉. Then the lustrum week started on Monday with a nice round of paintball. On Tuesday, we organised the blind beer tasting, where we tasted 9 beers. Then on Wednesday, we had a massive party in the RGB, where we played a lot of great songs on the red channel, with maybe a little bit of voting fraud. On Thursday, we needed a bit of time to wake up, so we had a nice hangover brunch with shoarma, while watching The Matrix.

After that nice day of rest, we continued with the Lustrum Beagle, where we had a big beagle on Hogekamp Square, with a great DJ! And after that was the great VVV'day, where we invited all our friends from back home and showed them around the campus. Now we are only waiting for the final lustrum event on the 3rd of July, the lustrum closing party, where we will host a Summer Sounds-inspired event together with Scintilla, who also has their lustrum year, and we hope to see you there!

Anne van Esch - Chairwoman
Cas van Dijk - Secretary
Koen de Jong - Treasurer & Website
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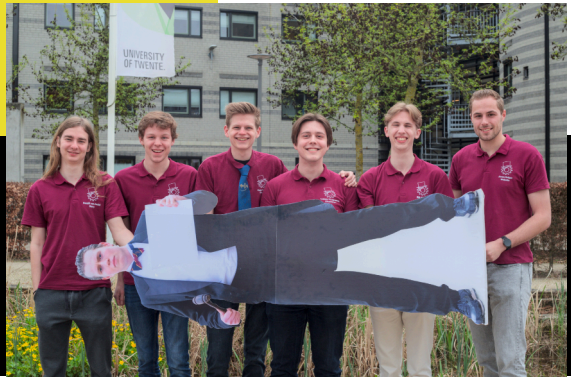
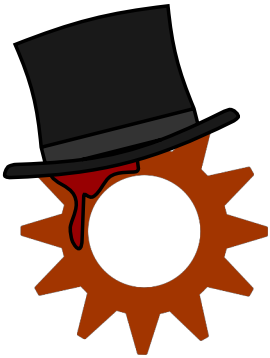
Mathijs Vogelezang - Logistics
Jarek Wiedemeijer - PR



Pandora
Puzzles!

Lucas Pruijsers - Chairman
Rik Smits - Secretary
Cas van Dijk - Treasurer
Daniël van Andel - Story
Guido de Hart - Logistics
Joran Kuijper - Website





Pandora is one of the biggest recurring events that Inter-Actief has every year. And it's certainly also entertaining for the people watching a bunch of students frantically search for a puzzle, armed with pool noodles, (PVC) blowpipes, and this year, umbrellas. Organising Pandora is quite a bit of work, and staying secret until the theme reveal is even harder. It is quite difficult to come up with excuses for why you, as a group, are together or have a meeting sometimes, or come up with a believable group chat name (it was “NK Klonkiebal” this year). But it is also so much fun to see people struggling to figure out who the committee members are and to see them accusing the wrong people of being on the Pandora committee.

The theme this year was “Vindicators of Victoria”, set in the Victorian era, players were tasked with solving the murder of Mr Paperburg, who was viciously slain in the Inter-Actief room. Over the 4 days Pandora was going on, the participants tried finding pieces of the puzzle for catching the killer, by finding the murder weapon, questioning witnesses, and finding a motive, and then of course catching him, after the detective carelessly let him escape confinement. And who would have thought that our own Guido was the killer?

Organising Pandora was a great pleasure, and we already look forward to what theme and twist the next committee will give to the event!



ParentCie
Parent's Day



Guusje van Leersum - Chairwoman
Shalini Macharla - Secretary
Jeske van Hijum - Treasurer
Guido de Hart - Logistics

The ParentCie had quite a task ahead of them in 2025. The previous year, no Parents' Day was organised. This year we thought out a completely new schedule, for twice as many parents! All parents of the first- and second-year students got invited, and we even left some room for siblings to come along. Everything was pointing to a great event, and even the weather was perfect to get lost on a long campus walk.

The day started out with a fascinating lecture by Tom van Dijk, taking everyone from the roots of AI right up to the cutting edge. After this, it was time for a quick lunch, followed by a Python tutorial. It was brilliant to see students trying to explain for-loops to their family members, who suddenly experienced the pure frustration of a missing colon. Despite the occasional syntax error, many proudly ran their very first lines of code.

To give their brains a rest, everyone headed outside for the campus tour. Guided by the committee, parents explored the iconic spots of the University of Twente. We wrapped up the day with some well-deserved drinks at the AbScInt, where parents could finally experience our beloved borrel culture. Looking back, seeing the campus buzzing with so many enthusiastic family members made all the hard work completely worth it!





RIAlly

Puzzles! With Cars!

Although we really like participating in Pandora, there is this one rule that keeps bothering us. “It is forbidden to use motorised vehicles while playing Pandora.” How fun would it be if Pandora was a road trip across Twente? Solving puzzles pointing you to different towns you never thought you would ever visit, while racing other teams. An Inter-Actief rally of some sort. That’s exactly what the RIAlly is!

The RIAlly is a puzzle hunt by car. Starting from Enschede, you get three puzzles per location. One for the wind direction from where you are now, one for the town, and, lastly, one for the exact location. This is often an interesting landmark to also entertain your cultural side. Once there, you can of course head directly for the next location to get as high a speed bonus as you can (or start the after-drink early), but if you want to win, you will probably need to gather points by doing the challenges as well.

Tim Brands	- r
Gustav Alexander Chong	- i
Jeske van Hijum	- a
Niels Rotmensen	- l
Naut de Vroome	- l
Daan Wensink	- y



At the finish, it’s the team with the most points who wins an awesome prize and, of course, eternal fame.

So gather your friends, find a car and participate in a puzzling road trip. We unfortunately stay Down to Earth, as cars don’t fly yet like that one flying DeLorean that can Blast to the Past. But maybe you can use your own FantasIA to imagine your car flying down a Rainbow Road. In 2025, there was unfortunately no RIAlly. But in 2026, it will rise back from the ashes like a PhoenIX.

SNiC

IT Conference



In November 2025, the nineteenth edition of SNiC (Stichting Nationaal informatica Congres) with the theme AvailabilIT took place. During this event, the focus was on open-source software, privacy-enhancing technologies, and information retrieval. The end talk of this event was about how CERN uses open source in their projects and what benefits they found. CERN uses a Large Hadron Collider (LHC), which is the world's largest and most powerful particle accelerator. This LHC uses superconducting magnets that are being cooled to around 1.9 degrees Kelvin to keep them available to work. This temperature is even colder than outer space! Pretty awesome, right?!

At this point, you might be wondering if this piece has any correlation with the theme of this Almanac or with Inter-Actief in general. Well, here is a fun fact: this nineteenth edition of SNiC was made available by members of Inter-Actief. These members made time available to organise this beautiful congress. And for the reference to the theme of this Almanac, as mentioned above, open-source can help an abandoned project rise from the ashes back to being available for people to use again.

With available regards,

Stichting Nationaal Informatica Congres - AvailabilIT

Matthias Wensink - Chairman & PR
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Arda Koç - External Affairs
Mariska Frelier - External Affairs
Bram Rutgers - Speakers
Hayel Akel - Speakers



SocCie

Let's grab a drink!

Since 2011, the SocCie has been a major committee within I.C.T.S.V. Inter-Actief. Every member of this committee puts their blood, sweat and tears into ensuring that members of our beautiful association have access to refreshing beverages, including, but not limited to, our precious Grolsch beer. This effort is reflected in all the activities organised by the SocCie, such as our Cantus and the multiple Tuesday Afternoon Drinks, or TueAD for short.

Anne van Esch - Chairwoman
Bram Rutgers - Secretary
Twan Weerdenburg - Treasurer
Tristan van Beurden - External
Quirijn Hoenink - Innovation
Thijs Krosman - Internal
Jarek Wiedemeijer - Bartenders



All of the above is great for during your studies, but if you're lucky enough, at some point you will be done studying and receive a diploma. This is a moment you want to celebrate, and this is also where the SocCie comes in. We organise a lot of external events, such as graduation drinks for members, but also the faculty bachelor drinks. Next to this, a lot of other organs, like Overleg Studieverenigingen and the Kick-In, see the SocCie as a key partner when organising an activity. All of this makes the SocCie very influential across the university, and that is not without reason.

In the past few years, beer prices have increased substantially. Until 3 years ago, we paid around 40 cents for a pint. This has since then increased to the 70 cents that we pay as of today. Looking at the future, the SocCie is very hopeful that this will go back to 40 cents, for which we are fighting very hard. Stay tuned.

In cervisiam confidimus!



Study Tour

Ascend & Evolve



Like a phoenix, study tours keep rising again with every new committee, destination, and group of participants. Over the past five years, Inter-Actief has seen two study tours take flight: Evolve in 2022 and Ascend in 2024.

Study Tour Evolve travelled to Singapore and South Korea, where students and teachers spent three weeks visiting companies, universities, and cultural landmarks. The tour focused on “Cities of the Future” and combined academic research, international work experience, and cultural exploration.

Two years later, Study Tour Ascend continued this tradition by travelling to Australia and Japan. Once again, participants had the chance to discover new cultures, visit inspiring organisations, and experience what studying and working abroad can look like.

Behind every study tour is a committee that spends months preparing the journey: arranging visits, contacting companies, planning the programme, and making sure everything fits together. It takes effort, creativity, and teamwork, but the result is an unforgettable experience for both the participants and the organisers.



Ascend (2024)
Lynn van der Horst - Chairwoman
Anna He - Treasurer
Quirijn Hoenink - External Affairs
Robin Kreuger - External Affairs
Mihai Pop - Travel Coordinator
Maarten Meijer - Travel Coordinator

Evolve (2022)
Steven Tazelaar - Chairman
Victor Dibbels - Secretary
Martijn Sikking - Treasurer
Jelle Maas - External Affairs
Niek Pennings - Travel Coordinator

Symposium Sentinel

2025

It has already been more than a year since Symposium Sentinel was organized. Albeit in a slightly different form than some members were used to, it was a very educational and fun day in the theme of public safety. Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, the topic of public safety has had a big upcoming over the last few years. It seems like it's the only thing on the news as of right now: global threats, constant attacks and careless leaders weigh heavily on the minds of people all around the world. This growing sense of uncertainty has made conversations around safety and preparedness all the more relevant and a growing topic everywhere around us.

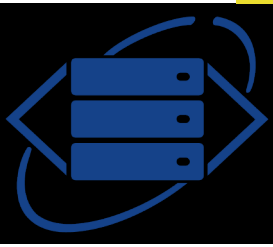
At the same time, public safety has also taken a new dimension within the field of computer science. As many aspects of our society start to move from the physical world to the digital, it is important to start considering the threats that cyber attacks and data breaches form for our wellbeing as a society, and what we can do to mitigate them.

Gustav Alexander Chong - Chairman
Sander Timmer - Secretary & Speakers
Erjan Steenbergen - Treasurer
Jeske van Hijum - External & Website
Pepijn Meijer - Logistics

Our symposium aimed to give a hopeful perspective on these issues. Even though we might feel desperate in these times and feel like there is not much we as a single person can do, at Symposium Sentinel we wanted to show the different fields your help is needed and can make a positive impact in making our world a safer place. Whether it was applying your knowledge of machine learning to make the life of doctors easier or using your knowledge of the backdoors of the internet to target hacker groups, our symposium aimed to show what you can mean in shaping a safer and more resilient future. So even though we live in turbulent times and the phoenix is still soaring menacingly, we are well in our power to make a difference in how fortified our digital world becomes.



SysCom
System Admin



Kevin, Jeffrey, Tom, Guido, Niels, Bart, Koen, Mihai, Anna, Mykolas, Thomas & Ľubomír

The System Administration Committee is a part of Inter-Actief, which might not be very visible at first glance, but is essential to the association. Every time the cookie corner doesn't work as expected, the printer fails to cooperate, or the bartenders cannot scan the card for your beer, we are the ones asked to help out. On top of that, we manage the association's servers and help committees with their websites and infrastructure. In the last couple of years, we managed to migrate our services to Kubernetes only, which allows us to scale our services based on demand, offering a better experience for members.

To improve security and give an additional boost to our computers, we began migrating our managed computers to Linux, and the reception has been overwhelmingly positive. Like the theme of the Almanac itself, the committee rose like a phoenix recently after a quieter period; a passionate new influx of members has breathed new life into our systems. In this recent period, we focused our attention on creating a Matrix server for the association, giving committees a space to communicate and collaborate in a private and safe environment.

TAPC

Twents Algorithm Programming Contest

The TAPC or Twents Programming Contest is, you guessed it, a programming contest organised by Inter-Actief for all students from UTwente and Saxion Enschede. During the contest, which usually takes place on a Saturday in September, participants form groups of three and dive into a booklet full of algorithmic and mathematical puzzles.

During the five-hour competition, teams get a number of challenges, and for every challenge a team successfully solves, a “balloon runner” attaches a different coloured helium balloon to their workstation. Not only does this let everyone see who is in the lead, but it also results in a very colourful end to the event! Luckily, you do not need to be a coding wizard to join! Since the challenges range greatly in difficulty, everyone should be able to complete at least a few of them. Whether you just wrote your first line of code or you are an algorithmic master, there is a puzzle for you.

If teams enjoyed the TAPC, they might get the option to continue to the Benelux version: the BAPC. This is the direct successor of the TAPC, with even more teams and harder challenges. Both the TAPC and BAPC serve as preliminary stepping stones for the International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC), a prestigious global pipeline that hosts the World Finals, which, for 2026, takes place in Dubai!

Guido de Hart - Chairman
Sophie Rijkers - Secretary
Rik Smits - Treasurer
Shalini Macharia - Promotion
Tim Brands - Domjudge

>TAPC_ 2025



Theme Drink Committee
Borrelelen!



Lucas Pruijsers - Chairman
Iris Borgonjen - Secretary
Melle Ploeg - Treasurer
Liliia Varlamova - Logistics
Rik Smits - General Member
Nomi Vitner - General Member

We are the Theme Drink Committee, or TDC, to put it nice and short. This does not only mean that we organise the most awesome drinks, but we also have the craziest brainstorm sessions. We love a nice and chaotic drink and try to organise 6 of them throughout the year. You might know us from the classics, such as the "Wall Street" drink or the widely known "Bring your own container" drink. However, in the past few years, you might also have seen us during the Kick-In, gambling with the casino drink, dressing up for Halloween or spreading love for Valentine's Day.





Even though this committee has been around for a few years, the ever-expanding list of future ideas never seems to finish. Some of them are quite feasible, some are a bit crazier, and well, some ideas might actually be a bit controversial. Some may never see the light of day; other ideas definitely will. Either way, there is only one way to find out. We look forward to seeing which ideas do make it out of the documents and into the open. And, of course, we hope many of you will be there to see them as well!

WWW Committee

Website

The WWW has been watching over the Inter-Actief website for more than 24 years now. At this time, the website has seen many iterations, some of which are viewable on inter-archief.net. Especially the current iteration, which we call Amélie (after the movie), is very much like a Phoenix. With its 8,150 commits since its start in June 2007, it has seen 85 contributors, 3 different version control systems, (at least) 3 frontends with a fourth on the way, 2 source code licenses, 2 Python major versions, and all 6 of Django's (our web framework) major versions. It has endured the rise and fall of Twitter and MSDNAA, for both of which we had modules on the site, which have since been removed. At some point, we were even making designs to split it into microservices (good thing that never happened!)

In the past 5 years, the WWW has slowly been chipping away at a new frontend redesign. In 2023, this resulted in the first drafts from the design company we enlisted, and we held an input session for the association. Currently, we are implementing this design, and we are confident we can get something released this academic year! And through it all, our trusty phoenix-like backend is still being updated and expanded with ever-useful features, like a full GraphQL API and easier printing at Inter-Actief. We are very much looking forward to this new resurrection, and we hope you are too!

Kevin, Lars, Tijmen, Bram, Adomas, Guido, Bram, Michael, Daniël, Lars, Zhanbo, Tom, Bart, Mihai, Niels, Eli & Ľubomír





XMasCie
Christmas

Nienke van de Hoef - Father Christmas
Carl van Rossum - Ms. Claus
Maurits Pals - Gingerbread man
Guido de Hart - Bernard the Head Elf
Noa Lukassen - Rudolph the Reindeer
Marie Wolter - Blitzen the Reindeer

The Christmas committee 2025 was formed right on time to be able to organise a total of 4 (!) activities. We started out early, on December third, and we organised the Decorating Christmas Ornaments activity, where some very creative participants painted some previously transparent balls to decorate the Inter-Actief Christmas tree! According to some of our members, this tree was set up a bit too early, but we thought the first of December was a perfectly good time to start the Christmas spirit. Next to our beautiful tree, we also made sure there was more than enough hot chocolate in the coffee machines. We also organised a "Child alone at home on Christmas movie night", during which we definitely did not watch Home Alone in the VB Amphitheatre.





On the last Tuesday before the holiday break, it was finally time for the much-expected Christmas dinner. With lots of food and wine, an appearance from Santa himself and even some snow, the Christmas spirit was complete. Unfortunately, though, Christmas does not last forever. That is why the first DiMiBo of the new year was dedicated to closing off the holiday season. With one last moment to drink Glühwein and hot chocolate, the season had truly come to an end.











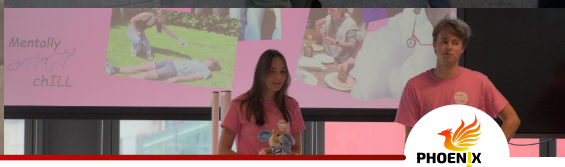












The Kick-IT activities, a nice time of relaxing, having fun with your do-group, and having little sleep.









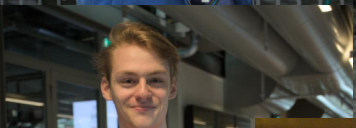


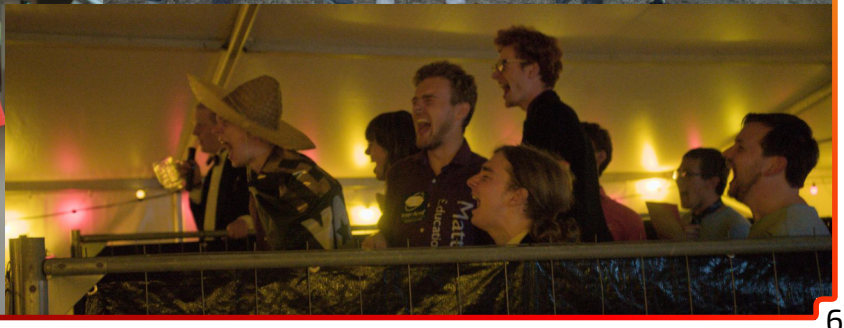












Unless you're on the organisational side, in which case it is a week of hard work and even less sleep.









Don't forget to thank your nearest active member!



(But it's okay to forget to thank the candidate board)

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The honorary members and special guests

Roelof Bleker
Mayor of Enschede



Building the digital future of Enschede together

In Enschede, we are proud of our university, our vibrant student life, and the talents who work here every day on the world of tomorrow. Student associations like Inter-Actief play an important role in this. As mayor of the municipality of Enschede, it is therefore an honor for me to contribute to this jubilee almanac, Phoenix.

For decades, Inter-Actief has been providing study support to talents in Technical Computer Science and Business Information Technology. The members form a generation of thinkers and doers who enthusiastically commit themselves to their association and their fellow students. Enschede needs such innovators: people who see digital possibilities and come up with solutions that make society better.

The collaboration between the municipality and the University of Twente is intensive, particularly on themes such as digitalization, cybersecurity, entrepreneurship, and data-driven work. ICT students - members of Inter-Actief - regularly play a role in this. As interns, young professionals, researchers, or entrepreneurs with an innovative idea. In this way, we are building together a smart, social, and sustainable Enschede.

An anniversary is not only a moment to look back, but also to look forward. With associations like Inter-Actief, where a passion for technology is combined with a strong community, we know that the city can continue to count on talent that makes a difference in the years to come.

On behalf of the municipality of Enschede, we warmly congratulate Inter-Actief on this special anniversary. May the anniversary almanac Phoenix be a source of inspiration for all members, now and in the future.

With kind regards,
Roelof Bleker, mayor of Enschede

Tom Veldkamp
Rector Magnificus

Not a day goes by without a newspaper, TV programme or website covering AI, Big Tech and asking how dependent we are becoming on them. Or rather, how dependent we have already become. Whether our sensitive data is in safe hands, whether an age limit should be introduced for social media, or whether our labour market is such that we are no longer actually educating young people for the jobs of the future. These are major, complex issues with no easy solution.

Almost immediately after seeing the news, life seems to carry on as normal. We ask ChatGPT to check our text for errors, we rely on a search engine's algorithm to find the perfect holiday destination, or we watch a funny social media video that's been forwarded to us yet again on WhatsApp, apparently because we're all in the same bubble receiving the same content. It's all so damn easy. The tools are handy, fast and often remarkably useful.

They seem like two separate worlds, yet they are inextricably linked. One is visible and pleasant, the other lies outside our field of vision, but gives us an uncomfortable feeling when we think about it.

Universities are the place where we must bridge these two worlds: where we understand convenience and comfort, yet also dare to ask the uncomfortable questions, in search of a shared answer. Shutting ourselves off from technology does not seem to be an option, and the question is whether we should even want to.

For a responsible future of technology, we need, above all, your intellectual capacity, ethics, and curiosity. We must keep asking questions, even when the answers make us feel uncomfortable.

Tom Veldkamp,
Rector Magnificus University of Twente



Vadim Zaytsev

TCS Programme Director



Greetings, human! Studying computer science in 2026? Congratulations, you've played yourself! You have more languages, tools, libraries, frameworks, assistants, videos, tutorials, docs and specs than anyone before you. Great, right?

Nah. Shortcuts are boring.

Do things the hard way, I say, whenever you can. Get your hands dirty! Not saying suffering is noble, or efficiency is bad… Doing things the hard way challenges and changes you. That difficulty teaches you where dark corners are, where the limits are of your computer, of your method, of yourself.

Take the bike instead of a bus. Or better yet, walk. Read the source code. Implement the algorithm yourself instead of importing a package. Debug that ugly memory leak step by step. Write a parser. Build the tool you wish existed.

Old folks will always tell stories about how hard computer science used to be. Punchcards, building-size slow mainframes, tight memory limits, no ChatGPT, no cloud. Whatever, their nostalgia is not your hardship. Let the bygones be bygones.

What you need is to find the hard problems in the present. Push the technology until it pushes back. Use the model until it gives you wrong answers. Scale the system up until it breaks. Design until the abstractions leak. Formalise until intuition fails. Keep going until an existing answer is no longer enough. Now you've reached the point where learning begins!

A shortcut gets you to the destination. Does anyone care? The hard way teaches you not even the path, but the entire landscape. It gives you strength, taste, patience, and judgment. It makes life less smooth, but more interesting.

Choose to go the hard way, make the task heavier than necessary. Take the long route, get stuck. Not everywhere, just often enough to learn some and become dangerous. Then, get out of this garden.

Faizan Ahmed

BIT Programme Director



Back in 2008, when I was a master's student in Applied Mathematics at the University of Twente, I often wondered what the "EduCafé" was and why students spent entire days in rooms decorated with blue logos everywhere. At the time, I did not fully realise the important role student associations played in university life.

Only after returning to the university in 2020 as a lecturer in Computer Science did I truly come to know Inter-Actief. I then realised that, as a student myself, I had missed an interesting and valuable part of student life: being part of a student association.

Student associations create much more than social activities alone. They provide a place where students can meet, collaborate, learn from one another, and build friendships and professional networks that often last well beyond their studies. In this regard, Inter-Actief has done an excellent job over the years in fostering a strong and welcoming community for students.

As Program Director of the Business Information Technology program, I would still like to see even stronger representation from BIT students within the association. However, I am happy to see that this has already been moving in a positive direction over the past few years.

I would like to congratulate Inter-Actief on its 45th anniversary and wish the association, its members, and its alumni all the very best for the future.

Eelco Eerenberg

Honorary Member



Eelco Eerenberg, Staatssecretaris van Financiën

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It's been a while since I was a student. I graduated with a Master's degree in Computer Science in 2011. A lot has changed in our field since then. Algorithms, for instance, have come to play a much greater role in society – think of social media, for example. But these days we're also much more aware of the negative consequences of algorithms.

So a lot has changed over the past fifteen years. That goes for me, too. I can still remember visiting the Belastingdienst (the Tax and Customs Administration) as a student with Inter-Actief. They invited students at the time, asking: wouldn't you like to work for us? I hesitated but ultimately decided against it. A mistake, I now realise.

Because in the end, I ended up there anyway – via a detour. In my current role – as State Secretary – I see what I didn't see back then: for IT nerds, like myself and many of you, the Belastingdienst is a fantastic place to work!

I was recently at the data centre in Apeldoorn – the digital backbone of the Belastingdienst. Here, €1.3 billion worth of tax returns are processed every day; at peak times, 100,000 returns pass through simultaneously, and they ensure that 125 million blue envelopes are sent to the correct address every year.

Not only is this interesting from a professional perspective, it is also socially relevant. If you dream of a job where you can use your knowledge and skills to make a real difference, then the Belastingdienst is well worth considering. Here, you're not just working on systems – you're helping to build the digital future of the Netherlands. Because without the Belastingdienst's IT, we wouldn't have care workers on the front line, teachers in the classroom or police officers on the streets.

And what makes it particularly interesting is that the Belastingdienst is in the midst of a digital transformation. You'll be working on smart algorithms that make tax returns more efficient and fairer, or designing secure systems that protect the privacy of millions of citizens. Innovation and social impact go hand in hand here.

When I was faced with the choice, I didn't know this yet. And perhaps it wasn't as appealing back then as it is now, but if I were you, I'd know what to do…

Han Joosten
Honorary Member

Forty-five years of Inter-Actief. It is a strange thought that during the first lustrum we still believed that five years already counted as an impressive history. In the mid-1980s, I was part of the very first lustrum committee, at a time when computer science still felt like a pioneering field. The theme of that first lustrum was computer graphics. The movie Tron had just been released and was screened during the lustrum week. PCs were still rare; Apple provided two computers on which students could experiment themselves, and there was even an exhibition of digital art. Looking back, it felt like a small glimpse into the future.

Not everything turned out to be a success, however. During the lustrum week we also organized a large live performance in the Bastille. It was supposed to be a lively evening, but unfortunately far fewer people attended than we had hoped. Apparently, that too was part of organizing a student lustrum.

Even back then, Inter-Actief was already one of the larger student associations of the Technical University of Twente, as the University of Twente was still called at the time. Nearly all lectures were taught in Dutch, and practically every student became a member of the association. The discount on study books alone made membership worthwhile.

The association had a small room in the old TW building, what is now the Kubicus building. It contained two desks, many chairs, and a few cabinets. Later, a PC was added as well, which we had received from the faculty thanks to the efforts of honorary member Arie Duijvestijn. It was used for the bookkeeping — something that felt quite modern at the time. Communication with members mainly happened through posters on the door of the association room and in the hallway.

Together with a fellow student, I formed the book committee. We visited lecturers to ask which books were required, put up registration lists, and sold the books from the association room. Each time it was a huge logistical operation, involving cash payments and giro payment cards.

Much has changed since then, but I suspect that the combination of enthusiasm, friendship, and curiosity about technology within Inter-Actief has remained exactly the same. The fact that I was able to be a small part of that as a student remains a wonderful memory.

Pictures

From the personal archive of Han Joosten









Karel de Jonge

Honorary Member In Memoriam



Honorary member Karel de Jonge passed away on July 5, 2025, at the age of 88. Karel worked for the University of Twente for more than forty years and was even awarded the distinction of Officer in the Order of Orange-Nassau for his work both within and outside the university. In the 1980s, Karel played an integral role in the development of the Computer Science program and served as director of education during the founding of Inter-Actief, in which he was also closely involved. In the 1990s, he was appointed honorary member. Later, he also became dean of education for the faculty.

In addition to his work for the university and the association, Karel was known as an exceptionally warm and student-friendly person. Karel remained involved with Inter-Actief for the rest of his life, for which we are very grateful.

Theo Ruys
Honorary Member

Forty-five years. That is a long time. Long enough that there are now members whose parents were members as well.

What started as a small group of students who wanted to buy their study books together and enjoy cheap drinks has grown into the largest, most active, and most sociable ICT student association in the Netherlands, with more than 1,400 members. No one in 1981 would have dared to predict that.

This year, the almanac revolves around the theme of the Phoenix. A striking choice for such a vibrant association that fortunately has never had to rise from its ashes. On the contrary, Inter-Actief has been alive and kicking for 45 years already. But apparently it is about IX, the ninth lustrum.

Although "elixir", "pixel", "matrix", "remix" and of course "Unix" would perhaps have been more fitting themes for an ICT student association. Or is it about the capital of Arizona, where it gets so hot in summer that you would not voluntarily go there? Or about the Phoenix family with the sisters Rain, Liberty and Summer and the brothers Joaquin and River, of whom one won an Oscar while the other tragically died far too young? Or did it have to be something Greek because it fits nicely alongside Pandora, Hephaestus, and Zephyros? Or ... does Starbix simply need to rise from its ashes?

I do not know, but after reading this almanac, the theme will undoubtedly become clear.

Theo Ruys
Inter-Actief Board VII, VIII and IX

Kevin Alberts

Member of Merit



The past 5 years have obviously had their ups and downs. During the last lustrum, we were still dealing with COVID, activism keeps getting less popular, and the “rules of the world” have been turned upside down multiple times. But through it all, here we are. Another 5 years further, still doing our regular Inter-Activities. And even though I left the university to start my civilian life some time around the previous lustrum, I still regularly visit Inter-Actief and its many activities. For one reason or another, it’s hard to leave it all behind, it seems!

I still really enjoy helping out where I can, but I do notice that over the years, I know way fewer faces around the IA room and the drinks. The time when I knew almost all of the active members has definitely gone. This also means a lot of new perspectives and ideas. That can lead to friction, too, but ultimately it’s really good that our association is always growing and changing!

In the committees where I'm still active, things also change; at SysCom, we have reworked our entire digital infrastructure to be more modern and automated, and the WWW is making rapid progress developing the new frontend of our website. In the association as a whole, some old staple activities like the Wizard staff drink, Derailment (train) drink and Analog Gaming (board game) Nights have disappeared, making place for new fun ideas like the Boiler Rooms and BYOC-drinks.

However, the more things change, the more they stay the same. The Beagle, Pandora, Cantus and the Epic Member Activities are still organised regularly, and even the Top 100 and the Café-IT drinks have made successful comebacks! In the drink rooms, the beer price seems to always find a way to inch closer and closer to the classic 50 cents, while other associations are having to reach out to different suppliers to even keep it under a euro (which is still cheap)!

So, even though deadlines are always too tight, that next exam is really getting close, and those action points never seem to solve themselves, I hope that Inter-Actief and its members will keep growing and changing, and finding new crazy ideas for activities, as well as organising the timeless classics for years to come!

Di Stephano



One-man Orchestra Di Stephano since 1987
Former director of Circus Tijdgeest
Honorary citizen of the Municipality of Enschede
Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Netherlands
Winner of De Gouden Roos 2019

Di Stephano at Inter-Actief

Years ago, the first performances by Di Stephano.

Wake-up service at the camping farmhouse, with horns and bells at

7 in the morning through the sour air of the sleeping halls

The reactions were very diverse ;<)

But I found it amazing to do

After a few years of wake-up service, the concert was moved to the afternoon,

With the juggling show to advertise Catch Up, the student

Juggling association of the UT.

Delightful to do the last years, usually with the text in

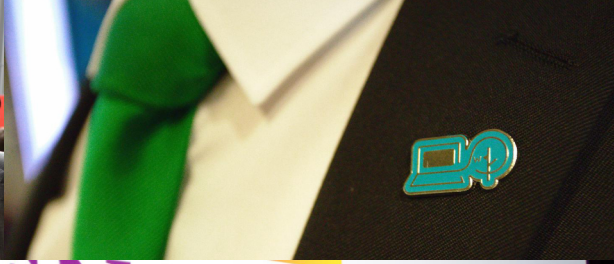
Twenglish by Di Stephano.

Delightful such a tradition, that has now continued for years with still

A motivated one-man orchestra.

With honking greetings, Hans Rutjes
Di Stephano

















We still have not figured out the actual difference between a symposium and a congress



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Board 58



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Firstly, congratulations on turning 45 years old already!

It seems like not that long ago when we were still sharing an association room.

When I saw the theme Phoenix, the first thing I thought of was how Abacus rose from the ashes of Cubicus after the fire back in 2002, just like a phoenix.

The upside to this tragic event is that our association moved to be in the same building as you again, and now we can easily walk by at any time of the day. Nowadays, we even share a balcony, and each week we have a very nice Friday afternoon drink together.

But a phoenix can represent a lot of different things. In our association room, Abacus has over a hundred different games. A very popular game in our association is of course the game Taipan.

Almost never does a day go by without some Abacus people playing Taipan in Educafé, and we have a yearly tournament for this great game. In this game, one of the strongest cards is called the phoenix, as it can replace any other card in a combination.

However, if you play the phoenix on its own, it is the lowest card in the game. I think this is a great representation of how you can't do everything on your own, and you are much stronger when you work together.

I hope that in the coming years we can continue to work well together and have many nice activities together, either with the whole of EEMCS or just the two of us.

Kind regards,

The 58th board of W.S.G. Abacus

C.T.S.G. Alembic
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Nina Geurtsen - Commissioner of Internal Affairs

Dear Inter-Actief,

From our world of bubbling reactors, mysterious mass balances, and safety goggles that fog up at the worst possible moments, we send you our warmest congratulations for your 9th Lustrum. Warmer than a runaway reaction, but hopefully as controlled as a Phoenix rising from the ashes.

Your theme, Phoenix, actually fits Computer Science surprisingly well. Because if there is one study program that: crashes repeatedly, reboots without shame, and then insists it was all intended behaviour it's definitely yours.

We Chemical Engineers recognize this pattern as well. Things occasionally blow up for us too, but we just call it "a slight temperature increase according to the model."

Where your Python scripts resurrect themselves after segmentation faults, our coffee cups rise from the piles of old lab reports. And let's be honest: in both fields, the final result is often something that nobody fully understands anyway, yet somehow still works.

We hope you embody the phoenix for both your studies and committee work: some fiery motivation, a bit of smoke to hide those deadlines, and plenty of resilience to survive yet another all-nighter.

May your lustrum shine as brightly as a freshly compiled script with no errors, a mythical phenomenon we've heard about only in legends, just like the phoenix.

With Glorious regards,

Gerben de Vries
Secretary
62nd Board of C.T.S.G. Alembic

S.V. Arago
Board 99

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Jonas Hop - Secretary & Commissioner of Internal Affairs
Daan Leussink - Treasurer
David van Urk - Commissioner of External Affairs
Quirijn de Groen - Commissioner of Educational Affairs



Dear Inter-Actief,

Congratulations on your 9th lustrum! Hopefully, all of you will remember this time as a busy, fun, and magical time. I love your almanac theme, PhoenIX, as it makes me think of the magical bird from the Harry Potter stories.

In the theme of magical, I personally think physics can show a hint of sorcery sometimes; whenever I'm trying to solve my new set of calculus homework, and they perform some witchcraft hocus pocus simsalabim to get to the answer. I can imagine some programming errors can result in a similar feeling of frustration. As if someone put a new-learned-spell on your laptop, that forces it to give the weird errors you don't understand. If hopeless, you can try the old black magic of turning your computer on and off again.

Or if the situation really, really gets out of control, you can try some other wizardry. In the Harry Potter stories, the Phoenix's tears have a fascinating healing power. So release your inner phoenix, think about your last failed calculus or programming exam, drop some magical tears on your laptop or PC, and watch the errors disappear.

And if even that does not work, try to alohomora your way into the teachers' database, extract some of the finished code work and paste it into your own assignment (with a few very subtle changes of course), and enjoy your high grades :).

But most importantly, enjoy your lustrum year!

Gijs Frijters
Chairman of S.V. Arago

S.A. Astatine
Board 21



Niek Spriensma – Chairman
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Bob van Steijnen – Treasurer
Luca Plat – Commissioner of Educational Affairs & Commissioner of External Affairs
Maria Roșu – Commissioner of Internal Affairs

Dear Inter-Actief,

First of all, I want to congratulate you on turning 45 this year. Keeping an association running for that long is no small feat!

A Lustrum is, of course, a great cause for celebration, gathering everyone involved with the association and looking back at everything that happened in the past 5 years. And there is a lot that took place; CoViD, Trump got re-elected, ChatGPT was launched, Barbenheimer was a thing, and many more events. They are all behind you now, and it is time to celebrate, maybe with a nice cold Grolsch Weizen? After having enjoyed the first beer, you might feel like drinking another, and another, and another, and possibly even another. Then just one or two more, and it's almost time to go home, maybe just one more.

When the morning comes, it is possible you feel less great than you did the previous evening. Luckily, to revive yourself and arise again like a Phoenix, all you need to do is reach the "litergrens". This is a wonderful phenomenon that allows you to heal your throbbing head and rid you of any regrets you might have about drinking that last weizen. After drinking two half liters of this wonderful drink that I hear you talk about a lot, you will feel like you have risen again from the ashes! It works especially well when combined with your breakfast, so you'll be cured almost as soon as you've woken up from your sleep!

May the coming five years be even better than the last!

On behalf of the Board of S.A. Astatine,

Niek Spriensma

S.A. Atlantis
Board 13

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Ilse Snijders - Treasurer
Jochem Meeuse - Commissioner of Internal Affairs
Stefan Calvert - Commissioner of External Affairs and Vice-Treasurer



Dearest Printer-Actief,

First of all, we would like to congratulate you on your 9th lustrum! That milestone alone represents a long journey filled with history—one marked by both highs and lows. Everyone experiences moments of rise and fall, much like a phoenix. And while Atlantis now finds itself in its final descent, slowly sinking beneath the waves, who knows… perhaps one day we too will rise again, when the time is right.

When we heard the theme of your almanac, we found ourselves wondering: what story could we tell about a phoenix? Should we share a lighthearted tale featuring one? Reflect on all that has happened between our associations. Or perhaps write something only loosely connected. In the end, we chose a path somewhere in between—and the result lies before you.

Fire and water are natural opposites. The blazing flames of a phoenix stand in stark contrast to the waters that surround our beloved Atlantis. It reminds us that the world is full of such opposites, coexisting everywhere. Just like how you arrive at university entirely by choice, only to complain endlessly about it afterward: too many exams, too many deadlines, boring lectures. You tell your parents you're here to learn and grow, while we all know that your true priority is never missing a Tuesday drink at the Abscint.

In the end, just have fun during your lustrum and beyond

Best Fishes,

Board XIII - S.A. Atlantis
"Atlantis is sinking, let's keep drinking!"

S.A. Communique
Board 31



Lia Reitsma - Chairwoman & Officer of Educational Affairs
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Temi Salami - Officer of Internal Affairs

Dear Inter-Actief,

We at S.A. Communiqué would like to congratulate you on your 9th Lustrum, 45 years strong.

At one point in mid 2025, Communiqué came close to an existential crisis. Unable to find a full board, we were almost forced to reduce our forces and greatly diminish our workforce, ready to go down in orange flames. However, much like the phoenix, we rose from our ashes with a new, shining board for the 2025-2026 academic year, stronger and more determined than ever.

Despite the grand differences in studies, in the age where technology has become ingrained in our lives, communication science, technical computer science, and business information science have never been closer. It is through communication that we improve our working spaces, and it is through technology that we share our word to the world. Together, we can make it a prosperous place for the newly born phoenix, beautiful and powerful.

S.A. Communiqué
The 31st Board 'Thirty first, quench your thirst'

ConcepT
Board 38

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Dear beautiful members of Inter-Actief,

On behalf of the 38th Board of Study Association ConcepT, we extend our warmest congratulations to everyone at Inter-Actief on your 9th Lustrum! This milestone is a true testament to the strength, resilience, and dedication of your association, and we're proud to celebrate alongside you.

At ConcepT, we cherish the bond we share with our friends at Inter-Actief. Our collaboration and friendship have always been built on mutual respect and shared goals, and this moment of celebration is a reminder of just how far we've come together. As a wise man once said, "The phoenix does not regret the fire that forged dawn." Just does not regret the fire that forged its wings; it only soars higher in the sky with each new height. We look forward to the many more years of friendship, growth, and success that lie ahead. Together, we'll continue to support each other, build lasting memories, and make even greater strides as student associations. Your 9th Lustrum is not just a celebration of the past, but a hopeful gaze toward the bright future we will continue to shape together.

Here's to soaring higher, and to many more milestones ahead.

Warm regards,

The 38th Board of Study Association ConcepT

S.G. Daedalus
Board 25



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Fenna Melenhorst - Officer of Educational Affairs

Dear Inter-Actief,

When hearing the word 'Phoenix', most people will think of a mythical bird that rises from the ashes. After seemingly coming to the end of its lifespan, it makes a comeback as its life is renewed. Another aspect one can look at, however, is the characteristic appearance of the Phoenix; a fiery plumage of various shades of red, orange, gold, and purple.

As seen in the RGB colour wheel, a circular diagram whose origin dates back to 1666, red is a primary colour, meaning it cannot be created by mixing any other colours. It is usually associated with feelings such as passion and danger. Orange and purple are secondary colours, made by mixing the colours red and yellow and blue and red, respectively. Whereas orange is generally considered a warm and optimistic colour, purple has more of a mysterious and luxurious feel. Gold is a tertiary colour, both yellow and orange, and is commonly associated with wealth and divinity.

Although red, orange, and gold are warm colours, close to each other in the colour wheel, purple is a cool colour. It is a contrast to the warm and complementary to yellow. Although intuitively this might feel out of synch, using opposite colours together can actually result in a very harmonious scene, as can be seen in the iconic Phoenix. It's a celebration of colours, harmony, transformation, hope, and life. We hope your Lustrum year will be like this as well!

Kind regards,
The 25th Board of S.G. Daedalus

S.V. Dimensie

Board 24

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Liam Beld - Treasurer & Commissioner of External Affairs & Commissioner of Books
Jessie Joy Dickson - Commissioner of Internal Affairs & Commissioner of Internationalisation



In our study, a phoenix can relate to Jungian archetypes - a symbol of rebirth & resilience. Jung would say, "What you were cannot continue, but something truer can emerge - if you endure the fire". Much the same can be said for each board year an association undertakes. Similar to the fire that rebirths the phoenix, the torch is passed from member to member. From Galas together to seeing you at each other's TuADs, our board passes the torch between each other. Our phoenix perseveres through connection and collaboration. While we differ in our studies, you analyse computer brains, we analyse human brains, we still connect, somehow! You could say that we ask how it feels, while you ask how it compiles? Together, we rise from the ashes with better coping mechanisms and cleaner code. We, the 24th Board of S.V. Dimensie, would like to congratulate you, Inter-Actief, on your 9th Lustrum! In the face of fire, you are reborn stronger and better each time! We look forward to furthering our wonderful collaborations together.

Komma



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PhoenIX

When everything seems to be falling apart, deadlines piling up, energy fading, doubts quietly growing, it feels like you are standing in the middle of a fire. University life can be intense. There are moments of pressure, setbacks, and uncertainty that make you question how you can keep going. Perhaps this is exactly where the phoenix is born.

A study association is more than a collection of events and meetings. It is a space where laughter interrupts stress, conversations soften disappointments, and shared experiences remind you that you are not struggling alone. In other words, the fire does not disappear; instead, you gain power and learn how to rise from it.

A couple of times, when I walked out of Ravelijn in the evening, I heard voices and laughter coming from your association. There is something powerful in that energy. It feels like resilience, like students choosing connection over isolation, growth over stagnation.

A phoenix does not avoid the flames; it transforms through them. It is not the absence or the destruction of the fire, but the courage to rise together. Creating a safe and welcoming community is what builds that phoenix-like spirit. Year after year, new members arrive, others move on, and yet the association continues, renewed, reshaped, and alive.

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Komma – Study Association of the Educational Science and Technology Program

S.V. Paradoks
Board 47

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Karlijn Lankheet - Secretaris & Commissaris Onderwijszaken BMT
Tom Hoepelman - Penningmeester
Anjali Dijkstra - Commissaris Interne Betrekkingen & Commissaris Externe Betrekkingen



Dear Inter-Actief,

On behalf of S.A. Paradoks, we would like to congratulate Inter-Actief on reaching their 9th Lustrum!! When we think of your theme, “PhoenIX”, our minds don’t just fly to Dumbledore’s office or the majestic feathers of Fawkes. We think of the kindred spirit in the Phoenix. After all, the creature is a living paradox: it must cease to exist in order to begin, and its end is its only means of survival. It represents the beautiful contradiction that to stay the same, one must constantly change.

For forty-five years, Inter-Actief has mastered this cycle. Every five years, a new Lustrum marks a “Burning Day”. This is a perfect moment where the old feathers of previous boards and finished modules are shed. Yet, the association does not disappear into the ash; it emerges with the same heart, but a brighter fire.

In the wizarding world, this transformation is magical, but for the average student, it is a daily reality. We’ve all seen it: the library all-nighters where the only thing keeping the flame alive is too much caffeine. Usually, your personal “Burning Day” happens right around the third attempt at a particularly nasty Programming or Calculus exam. But just as the Phoenix rises, so do you. Especially, when you finally reach the Abscint and have a lovely beer in your left hand.

May that cold drink be the fuel for a legendary Lustrum year. We wish you an incredible time during all the festivities. Make it a year that truly burns bright!

47th board of S.V. Paradoks

S.A. Proto

Lustrum Committee



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Sancha van Spil - Board Responsible

Resurrecting from the ashes is a tiny bird called Inter-Actief, during its lifetime, it becomes a beloved and strong member of the EEMCS venture. After 30 years full of experiences, a new tiny bird joins their group, a small, weird, rainbow colored Phoenix called Proto. Baby bird Proto is still very shy as it stands next to the full grown Inter-Actief, and compares its teeny tiny feathers to the big blue ones of their neighbour. Therefore, Proto hides somewhere in the back of the Zilverling to quietly grow up over the years, learning a lot from the big Phoenixes while also creating their own path. The bigger birds have always seen Proto as a weird-looking creature, but have welcomed it over the years during their yearly flight on ascension weekend, their celebratory drink with weird outfits in October (which often seems to happen somewhere in February or March), their sunny dinner on the Bordes with grilling tongs in the right wing and a weizen in the left wing, their fancy ball with sometimes a bit too many alcoholic beverages, and many more activities. With the help of the bigger birds, Proto has grown up as a Radiating, Glowing, and Bright Phoenix already celebrating their 15th birthday this year. Even though Inter-Actief is three times Proto's age, they have become very good friends and are excited to celebrate their Lustra together!

Much love, The 3rd Lustrum Committee of S.A. Proto

E.T.S.V. Scintilla

Board 96

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Dear Printer-Actief,

Congratulations on your 9th lustrum. What a big achievement that you made it so far, and we could really say that you, as an association, have risen as a Phoenix.

However, there are still some developments going on that concern us, and that is about your knowledge on computers. These days, we see you guys struggling more and more with them. Also, sometimes people from IA come to the Scintilla room to use our printer. This is very weird, and we are really wondering why this is happening all the time. Is it because of Artificial Intelligence, do computer science students use this so much that they do not know how to think anymore, or is it that you guys are just getting lazy? To be honest, we have no clue, but at least it is nice that members of IA still know where to find the right people who also know how computers work. At the end of the day, we as balcony associations are always on standby to help each other if needed. If we struggle to open our file explorer, there is always an IA member to help us out.

It is a pleasure to work together on all the things we do, and of course, the drinks that we have together. Hopefully, we will continue doing this for many years to come.

Dames en Heren
Op de Koningin, op Scintilla!

Quinn van der Schaar
Commissioner of Educational Affairs
96th board of E.T.S.V. Scintilla

Sirius
Board 52



Yorinde Hulshof - Chair & Commissioner Educational Affairs GZW & Commissioner PR
Bram Willemsen -Secretary & Commissioner Educational Affairs MS&T & Commissioner Internationalisation
Thiemo Tenhage - Treasurer & Commissioner IT & Commissioner PR
Taila Drenthen - Commissioner Internal Affairs & Commissioner External Affairs

At the start of the year, we visited a CoBo that was... well, truly unique. It was a CoBo where not only the vibe was great, but the singing was on a whole other level.

The singing itself was an experience on its own. You see, the song featured lyrics of Olympic proportions: way too long, way too complicated, and absolutely impossible for the average student to memorize (let alone after a few drinks). So, while some bravely tried to keep up, most of us really only heard one thing being belted out with full conviction, over and over again:

Computers, computers,
computers, computers,
computers, computers,
computers, computers,
computers, computers,
computers, computers,
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computers, computers,
computers, computers,
computers...

And let's be honest: since then, that is just about the only thing we remember about Inter-Actief and that CoBo. But hey, the message got across and touched us deeply.

Met groene groeten,
The 52nd board of Sirius

S.A. Stress

Board 51

Natalia Bielecka - Chairwoman
Lennard Köhne - Secretary
Joost Op 't Veld - Treasurer
Maud Punte- Commissioner of Internal Affairs
Tristan Ettema - Commissioner of External Affairs
Kirvy Avila - Commissioner of Educational Affairs



Study associations Stress and Inter-Actief have always been connected through Business Information Technology (BIT). And are still connected as both associations represent two studies, while noticing a clear imbalance: within both associations, one study tends to dominate when it comes to active members and event participation. For Stress, this is visible in the stronger presence of IEM students. For Inter-Actief, this is the higher participation of TCS students. Even though BIT could be seen as TCS-light.

This raises the question of what BIT actually is today in the context of associations. In a way, BIT can be seen as a phoenix. Over time, it has disappeared and reappeared in different forms. Even when it seems less visible, it never fully disappears. Like a phoenix, it keeps coming back in new forms.

The same idea applies to Inter-Actief itself. For 45 years, the association has continued to organise events, bring students together, and most importantly, find new boards to carry it forward. That kind of continuity is not accidental, it reflects a strong and active community. There are still many years ahead. For BIT, TCS and IA, a Phoenix never dies.

Stress would therefore like to congratulate Inter-Actief on her 9th lustrum and wish continued success in the years ahead.

51st Board of S.A Stress
„Keep Rising“

SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

W.I.S.V. Christiaan Huygens
Board 69

Luca Wachters - Public Relations
Julien Laguette - Applied Mathematics Education Affairs
Benthe van der Burg - Secretary
Sanne Versluis - Chair
Hannah-Mae Judd - Treasurer
Vic Vansteelant - Computer Science Education Affairs
Jaari van der Knaap - Career Affairs



Dear reader,

In many ways, a study association functions much like a phoenix. Every year, a new generation of first-year students rises from the ashes of high school and begins their student life. Their first encounter with the association often takes place during the Freshmen Weekend, when they are introduced to its traditions, people, and spirit.

There, they are enthusiastically persuaded to join committees and attend activities. Some members discover a passion they wish to continue, dedicating another year to organising events or working on projects such as the yearbook. Others spread their wings in different directions, exploring new interests.

A select few feel the call to rise higher. They envision a board year. During this intense and unforgettable period, they learn, grow, and experience the association from within its very core. They carry responsibility, shape the future, and keep the fire burning.

At the end of their year, they pass the torch to new members, who begin the same journey. In time, board members graduate and bid farewell to the association. Yet the cycle never truly ends; it simply begins anew.

And every so often, like a phoenix appearing in moments of significance, former members return at special activities, reminding us that though they may have left the nest, the flame of the association still burns within them. Like Christiaan Huygens' pendulum, the association keeps moving through time, always returning, never standing still.

On behalf of the 69 th Board of W.I.S.V. 'Christiaan Huygens'.

Benthe van der Burg
Secretary

Cover

Board 34



Jerno Beuker - Chairman
Joanna Pęgiel - Secretary & Commissioner of Internal Affairs
Jia Hao Zhang - Treasurer
Stefano Musumeci - Commissioner of External Affairs & Commissioner of Educational Affairs

A phoenix is a mystical creature breathing fire and ashes, brighter than the sun, melting every substance in its proximity.

Coincidentally, every attribute I just mentioned exactly describes me after my 25th borrel of the most lovely Ketel 1 Ambachtelijke Jonge Graanjenever.

I don't think I need to explain the fire after taking a borrel. As we all know, your brain functionality improves after alcohol, so you can imagine I was radiating wisdom. As for the melting, honestly, the only thing I was melting was the patience of my friends and the hearts of anyone who felt pity for what my next morning would look like.

So why do I think of drinking when I hear "phoenix"? Don't ask, just blame my questionable decision-making.

The second thought shooting to mind is BTD6. This nostalgic game was raging about a year ago in our association. The phoenix makes me reminisce about the good times when all I did was spam Druids and Wizards. For the less educated, BTD6 is a great game; you should give it a try.

At the end of the day, PhoenIX is about rising again. And from a high performance evening, to falling down so far that you start playing BTD6 again, rising up from whatever you are going through is all that is important!

Yours magically,
Cover Board XXXIV - Virtus Unita

De Leidsche Flesch

Board 103



Tessa van Velzen - President & Commissioner of IT
Femke Deurwaarder - Secretary
Anneloes Heimerikx - Treasurer
Duco Mensink - Commissioner of Internal Affairs
Amber Badloe - Commissioner of External Affairs
Ian van Dijk - Commissioner of Education

Dear sister,

We, as computer science students, are just like phoenixes. With every error we encounter, we grow older, wiser, and slightly more sleep deprived. Each mistake is part of our journey. Just like the legendary phoenix, every time we crash and burn, we (somehow) rise again, stronger than before.

In our field, failure is not a rare occurrence; it is practically part of the workflow. A missing semicolon can bring an entire system to its knees. A single typo can cause hours of existential questioning. And when your partner in crime, ChatGPT, is using its last premium question, the response is still buggy.

As the Commissioner of IT, my daily responsibilities mainly consist of fixing the things I broke earlier that day. This raises the age-old philosophical question of our discipline: if you break something and then manage to fix it, are you smart or dumb?

Yet every crash, every bug, and every "Why does this even work?" moment teaches us something. Slowly but surely, through trial, error, and an unhealthy number of Stack Overflow tabs, we become stronger programmers.

May you rise from the ashes,

From the 103rd board 'Robuust' of De Leidsche Flesch,

Tessa van Velzen
h.t. President and Commissioner of IT

W.S.V. Desda
Board 59



Naomi van den Boorn - Chair
Jan Schobers - Secretary
Allart de Kroon - Treasurer & Vice-Chair
Klaas Wonders - Internal Affairs Officer
Nils Peters - External Affairs Officer

Dear Inter-Actief,

Congratulations on your 9th lustrum. I hope you are going to have a great 45th birthday this year. I think your theme is really great, and I predict a party of fire.

A Phoenix can be related to many things, such as your age now. The first thing I thought about was a roller coaster, called Fēnix, in Toverland, a theme park in Limburg. The name is a bit of a mix and match of English and Dutch, because “phoenix” in Dutch is “feniks”. It is my favorite roller coaster in the Netherlands. It has twists and turns, but it doesn’t have a free fall, and I am happy with that. I don’t like free falls because I can’t breathe due to the amount of air rushing into my face. On the Toverland website, it is said that the Fēnix feels like you are flying, and I completely agree with this.

Later, I thought about Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix. I must be honest with you: I really am a fish and just can’t remember what happens in movies and series. I watched all Harry Potter movies last year, and already now I wouldn’t be able to tell you what happens in all of them or how everything ends. This is a bit sad, but in general, the endings are not the most important-just like a phoenix, you can be reborn and start things over. So I should probably just watch Harry Potter once more.

Now I wish you an amazing lustrum on fire!

On behalf of the LIXth board of W.S.V. DESDA,
Naomi van den Boorn, Chair

FMF
Board 67

Remco de Jong - Chair
Annika Kristin Hirsch - Secretary & Officer of Internal Affairs
Kara van der Meulen - Treasurer
Ioana-Alexandra Branut - Officer of External Affairs
Ilinca Antonache - Officer of Educational Affairs



Dearest Inter-Actief,

We are extremely happy to get our own spot in your Almanac! Sharing our memories with all the other associations is perhaps a remote version of the members' rooms, with conversations and jokes exchanged, without a fear in sight. For years, FMF lived in its familiar old building; not glamorous or fancy in any way, but nevertheless full of improvised study sessions and late-night discussions. We could say we'd never see ourselves in a different place. And yet, across the horizon (well, actually in the basement), the smoke of a taciturn fire was sneaking towards us, in the form of asbestos. Suddenly, what once was a safe nest became the opposite, and we found ourselves surrounded by uncertainty. FMF was moved to a different room in the same building, but the feeling was like never before.

The hallways constrained us in a liminal space, a waiting area, functional but lacking substance. It truly tells you how much things can change overnight! And so again, almost a year later, the real transformation happened! We moved to a completely new building, a larger, cleaner, future lying ahead of us. Once again, there were boxes to unpack, cables to reconnect, and new routes to learn. Slowly, whiteboards were covered in formulas again, music blasting through the speaker, and the smell of coffee was stronger than ever. The FMF adapted, from inconvenience to blossoming, but carefully staying curious and powering through.

On behalf of the 67th Board of the FMF,
Ilinca.

GEWIS



Ciska de Greef - Chair
Stijn Schroijen - Secretary
Hiske Kolner - Treasurer
Kim van Alphen - Internal Affairs Officer
Sandor van Wieringen - Educational Officer
Inge Schermer - External Affairs Officer
Arend Roijakkers - Community Development Officer

Of course, a phoenix is known to be a fantastical bird from Greek mythology. When it dies, it burns up in a fiery blaze, and from the ashes it is born again, effectively making the bird immortal. It also has a very distinct look. It is often described as a bird clad in fire, leaving a trail of flames wherever it flies.

Every year, near the end of the calendar, a similar situation occurs “in het zuiden des lands” , at the end of the old year and the start of the Christmas break, with our very own Christmas gala borrel. During this borrel everyone dresses up in their suits and dresses to impress the camera in the (in)famous photo booth.

As the evening goes along and the “never-ending” supply of prosecco steadily shrinks, the photos get more exciting, and the sparks start flowing. Members queue for the camera, and as the bubbles have started to settle in their bloodstream, the photos get more fiery. All different types of combinations of friend groups, committees, fraternities, and old boards. And, of course, the current board also takes pictures. But my favourite pictures are those from the photo committee. Where everyone who took the picture gets pulled into the frame for the next picture, and so on. It is really nice to see everyone come together to get the most fun and exciting pictures.

If you happen to be in Eindhoven around that time of year, I would heavily advice you to come and visit this amazing borrel or just come by to say hi. We are happy to bond with you as members of our sister association and would love to share some bubbles with you.

NSA
Board 50



Gijsbert Grotenhuis - Chairman
Willemijn Colijn - Secretary
Alexandra van Etten - Treasurer
Hugo Schutz - Vice-Chairman
Rebecca Rethans - Activity Coordinator
Max Bosma - Officer of Educational Affairs

Dear Inter-Actief,

I am no biologist, but I firmly believe a phoenix is a bird that drank a Fireball. Following this logic, a crow has had a LOT of Salmari, a robin bird dipped itself in Aperol Spritz, and the blue-footed booby (what an iconic name) stepped into a Blue Lagoon. I'm unsure about ducks: they are like aerodynamic chickens with water resistant layers and a brass instrument for vocal cords. (Yess I know, ducks don't have vocal cords, but let's pretend I did not say that ssssthh...)

Let's get back to the plot: I'm glad that phoenixes don't exist in real life. We have already managed to set more than enough things on fire without flaming birds that go "nyoooom" through the air. It would generate prime excuses, though! "We sincerely apologise for missing the deadline, a phoenix went all pyromaniac and set fire to the NSA mailbox! The audacity."

All jokes aside, your almanac theme sounds so fun. A phoenix is the perfect symbol for chaos and emerging from the ashes stronger than before, which, coincidentally, also describes most students after exam week.

On behalf of the 51st board of the NSA, I wish you all the best in your coming years!

Alexandra van Etten
Treasurer

S.V. Sticky
Board 20



Iris van der Zwart - Chair
Bram de Haas - Secretary
Chion Craane - Treasurer
Rens van Moorsel - Commissioner of Internal Affairs
Isabelle Wittebols - Commissioner of External Affairs
Jari van Polen - Commissioner of Educational Affairs

Dear members of Inter-Actief,

Congratulations on your 9th lustrum! Forty-five years is impressive, especially for an association that seems to recover from every deadline, exam week, and all-nighter faster than most of our students recover from sprinting the last meters of the Batavierenrace. If that isn't phoenix-like, we don't know what is.

For us at Sticky, the Batavierenrace has become one of our favourite returning traditions. Every year, we make the journey to Enschede, cheer our runners across the finish line, and most importantly, join Inter-Actief (and Abacus) at your legendary BBQ. Between the smoky grills, liters and liters of beer, and people pretending they "totally trained for this," it's a perfect mix of chaos and celebration. We always leave with full stomachs, sore legs, a small headache, and great stories to bring home!

We honestly hope the BBQ phoenix rises again this year. We'll gladly cycle, sprint, or crawl our way back to Enschede for it.

So cheers to Inter-Actief: to 45 years of failing, retrying, improving, and celebrating together. Whether you're rising from exam ashes or dragging yourself across the bata finish line. We hope the next lustrum is filled with new memories, new challenges, and just enough energy/alcoholic drinks to survive them.

Kind regards from Utrecht,

Bram de Haas
Secretary of the 20th Board of Study Association Sticky

Thalia
Board 35

Kim de Waal - Chair
Emily Koppers - Secretary
Luuk Schukkink - Commissioner of Education
Floris van Schagen - Treasurer
Vince van Diermen - Commisioner of Internal Affairs
Omar Soliman - Commissioner of External Affairs



The theme 'phoenix' makes me think about fire, obviously, and how much of a dumpster fire a board year can be. Inevitably, things go wrong in a study association: locations cannot be booked, committees go over budget, there is too little motivation within committees, and events go wrong. You know the drill. Luckily, there is always the board that will fix it for everyone! The thing that I have noticed the most since starting my board year is that things don't just 'happen' anymore. Before, when I was just a committee member, whenever I needed, for example, more budget for something, I could just ask the board, and they made it happen. But you're telling me that I have to do that myself now?? Insane. And I also notice that everyone else thinks this way, too.

I'll just be in a committee meeting, and something about the board would come up, and I see everyone already turning their head to sneakily imply that I can fix whatever they need fixing, so they don't have to ask us formally. The good thing is that you never do a board year alone, and I'm very happy to always have some extra firefighters behind me to extinguish any dumpster fires that may arise throughout the year.

We wish you all lots of fun with your lustrum year!

On behalf of the 35th board of Thalia,

Kim de Waal
Chair

via
Board 27



Maya Dorresteijn - Chair
Mina Ruiten - Secretary
Paul Elsinghorst - Treasurer
Nolan Hilbers García - Vice Chair
Josephine (Fien) de Boer - Commissioner of Acquisition
Nolan Hilbers García - Commissioner of Education

In its twenty-five years of existence, via has risen from the ashes more than once. Yet one story captures the spirit of a phoenix better than any other. Let me tell you the tale of our association room.

Our association room is located in Amsterdam's Science Park. But we haven't always resided here. In the olden days, our association inhabited a room on the lower level of the Roeterseiland campus, therefore gaining its name: de kelder (the basement). De kelder was a big and cosy room with a bar, where it was permitted to party into the late hours of the night.

Then, in 2009, disaster struck. The university announced that via was to move to the newly developed Science Park. The new building was further away from the city centre, and would close at 22:00, meaning no more endless nights in de kelder. Naturally, our members gave a great amount of resistance to this move, but to no avail. Worst of all, this new room was no longer situated in the basement!

But like every good phoenix story, these ashes are not where it ends. Slowly, this new building didn't seem all too bad. It had a new and improved bar, and being surrounded by our brother associations brought us closer together than ever before. And even now, despite being located on the ground floor, our association room still proudly carries the title of de kelder!











We do exercise! (Sometimes...)

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

Business Days
Board 42

Wendy Sanders - Chairman
Maria van Spaandonk - Treasurer
Élodie Thomas - Logistics Official
Michelle Haksel - Officer of Acquisition
Emy van Eldik - Public Relations Official
Evelien van Houweling - Content Developer



The 42nd board of the Business Days Twente looks back on a year best described as chaotic, educational, and with lots of fun! While the outside world mostly sees enthusiastic companies, curious students, and a packed programme, we mainly saw our calendars fill up, group chats explode, and the coffee machine working overtime.

We started this board year full of plans, ideas, and the slightly naïve confidence that everything would work out somehow. Spoiler alert: it did! Just not without last minute changes, schedules being rewritten five times, and discussions about whether Applestrudel or stroopwafels were the superior choice. But hey, that's also the Business Days! Performing under pressure, switching fast, and meanwhile pretending everything is completely under control.

Maybe the Phoenix theme fits after all. Not because everything was constantly on fire (okay, sometimes it was), but because every challenge pushed us to come back stronger. From small setbacks to big decisions, we learned, adapted, and moved on. With humor, plenty of inside jokes, and a good amount of well-deserved drinks.

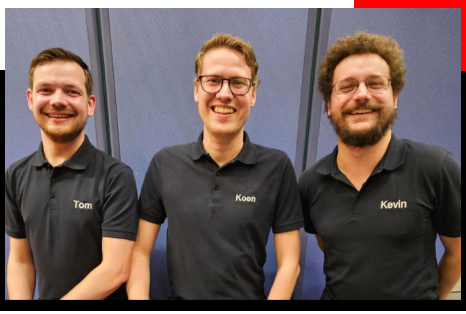
What did this year really give us? A close team, countless stories we'll be telling for years, and the confidence that we can handle more than we ever expected. The 42nd board reinvented itself, not perfectly, but with full commitment!

And that, to us, is exactly what a Business Days Twente board year is all about.

With kind regards,
The 42nd board of the Business Days Twente

ENIAC
Enschedese Informatica Alumni Club

ENIAC
Board 26



Koen Braham - Chairman
Tom Grooters - Secretary
Kevin Alberts - Treasurer
Josje van 't Padje - General Member

Rise Like a Phoenix, is that the feeling when you return to the campus after graduation?

Roaming around an ever changing university whilst you're away from daily courses. Fragments of your previous life as a student flash past as you walk around and peek into lecture rooms. You let go of the daily stress of work, the need to complete tasks, and just reminisce about when you were a student. All that matters is the completion of course assignments at the last minute and having fun with your peers. Everything is planned for the days to come. You're free to shuffle what fits. Want to work out in the sports centre? You can! Want to have some fun in the Inter-Actief room? You can!

One thing that never changes is being a student. Friday afternoon drinks are something you continue to enjoy during your working life, although you may take a bigger hit after having a couple of drinks. In your work environment, setting it might be more civilised? Is alcohol still allowed in a work office? Sometimes, the everlonging dream of returning to the AbScInt is too strong to ignore. That is when you visit the ENIAC regional drink organised with Inter-Actief on the campus in the AbScInt. You rise like a Phoenix and will be a student with your friends once more for one evening. On this evening when you are back, that is all that matters to you.

As the alumni association of the primary studies of Inter-Actief, ENIAC tries to organise a lot of these 'reunite with (former) students' type of events for our ~870 members. Like the regional drinks and trips to fun locations across the country, but we also organise graduation speeddates where students can find an assignment at a company where our alumni work, and we review students' theses to award our yearly Thesis Award! When you finish your studies, remember to join us so you can Rise Like a Phoenix as well!

Integrand Twente
Board 2026

Joris Jacobs - Chairman
Lotte Oosterhuis - HR & Finance
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Charlotte Dragt - Senior Sales & Acquisition
Roos IJzerman - Events Manager
Stijn Spoelman - Junior Sales & Acquisition Manager
Roos Kuper - Junior Events Manager
Emil Balk - Operations Manager
Fleur van der Weide - Marketing & Students PR



Dear Inter-Actief members,

At some point in your student life, you will encounter it: the moment where everything seems slightly on fire. An exam that didn't go as planned, a project that grew more complex than expected, or a week where sleep became optional. And yet, this is exactly where the phoenix in you appears. Not as a mythical bird, but as a student who keeps going. Someone who fails an exam and shows up anyway. Who pulls an all-nighter, learns the hard way, and then surprises themselves by doing better next time. Student life isn't about avoiding the ashes. It's about learning how to rise from them, preferably with friends, humor, and maybe a good story for later.

At Integrand Twente, we see this process up close. Students often come to us unsure of their next step, wondering how all those courses and projects fit into something tangible. And then something clicks. An internship that suddenly makes theory practical. A graduation assignment that feels like a challenge instead of an obligation. A company that sees potential where you only saw stress.

Inter-Actief has always been a place where curiosity, initiative, and perseverance thrive. Those qualities are invaluable outside the university walls as well. Our role is simply to help you translate them into real-world experience, without unnecessary complications. Signing up with Integrand Twente is free and without obligation. See an assignment that suits you? We send your CV to the company, and within a few days, you'll know whether you're invited for an interview. It is easy to rise again as a stronger and wiser version of yourself, just like a phoenix.

Curious? Send an email to twente@integrand.nl and browse our internship database at www.integrand.nl.

With kind regards,
Integrand Twente Board '26

Kick-In Committee
Board 2026



Hannah Vennekens - Chair
Bart Griepsma - Secretary
Evi Beers - Treasurer
Mattis Witte - Publications
Axel Frankema - Logistics
Kim Hartemink - External Affairs

Dear Members of Inter-Actief,

First of all, we want to congratulate you on your 9th lustrum!

For 45 years now, we have had the pleasure of welcoming the new Inter-Actief members during the Kick-In. These new members arrive at the beginning of their studies here at the University of Twente, and for most of them, it is also the start of their student life.

This all can be exciting, but it can also be a little confusing. With all the possibilities this start of this new life has to offer. They meet new people, discover new places, and find a way with their new study. This is also the first time they get in contact with your association, where the possibilities are also endless. You can have a drink with your peers, join a committee, do a board year, or even help during the next Kick-In together.

All of this can be compared to a phoenix, who has risen from its ashes, ready to start their new life. Because whenever I picture a phoenix, I always think of a creature ready to live their dream to the fullest and with fresh energy to tackle every challenge given to them. Just like the Inter-Actief members at the start of their study.

So we are looking forward to even more years of welcoming and working together with Inter-Actief members during the Kick-In, to see how they rise like a phoenix.

OS
Board 2026-1

Bram Hoernig - Chairman
Nathan Roussel - Secretary & Treasurer
Tom Snelder - Faculty Representative ET
Ceyda Çelebi - Faculty Representative EEMCS
Victor Barkey - Faculty Representative BMS
Elin van den Bout - Faculty Representative S&T



How great it is that it's already the 9th lustrum of Inter-Actief, congratulations! It is great that we, as Overleg Studievereniging, are invited to write a piece for your Almanac. You are, of course, a member association of ours, so we have quite a bit of contact with you, but even a bit more than average for you. Did you know that in the past 5 years, OS has had 4 Inter-Actief board members? With 20 member associations, you'd expect an average of just 2. You have really put in a lot of good work for us, and we hope to continue this good bond in the future.

We would like to contribute a small and hopeful 'story' with regards to the lustrum theme. Over the past few years, student engagement has had a few dips. What the exact reasons for this are is not clear, of course, but we have all felt it in every study association. Together, we are trying to find solutions to increase this activism and make sure the associations can continue to do the good work they have been doing, just like you have been doing for the past 45 years. We are hopeful that the activism will have the opportunity to rise again like a phoenix in the coming years. We look forward to the coming 5 years and are going to keep going strong with our head held high, ready to spread our wings.

SBZ
Board 2026



Emile van der Veer - Chair
Pepijn Schreurs - Secretary & Acquisition
Toby Vreman - Treasurer
Gregor den Herder - Hygiene

When I think about a phoenix, many ideas come to mind. Most of these ideas are connected to the phoenix in one way or another. The phoenix is often seen as a symbol of life, death and rebirth. It is known for rising again after it seems to be gone. This idea of coming back to life is what makes the phoenix special and memorable.

There are also some things that come to mind that I wish were more like a phoenix. Two examples are beer and soda. These drinks may not seem related at first, but they share an important feature. Both beer and soda contain carbonation. Carbonation is what gives these drinks their bubbles and fresh taste. It is a key part of what makes them enjoyable.

The problem with carbonation is that it does not last forever. Over time the bubbles escape from the drink. When this happens, the drink becomes flat. A flat drink often tastes dull and lifeless. In a way, it feels like the drink has lost its life. Once the carbonation is gone, it usually cannot be brought back.

This is why I wish beer and soda were more like a phoenix. I would like them to be able to come back to life after going flat. If they could rise again like a phoenix, they would always be fresh and full of bubbles. This would allow people to enjoy a perfectly carbonated drink every time. It would make beer, soda, and other carbonated drinks much more enjoyable.

Kind regards,

Pepijn Schreurs
on behalf of the 10th Daily Board
Stichting Borrelbeheer Zilverling

SNiC
Board 2025

SNiC Presents AvailabilIT
The Reach of Technology

Matthias Wentink - Chairman & PR
Danil Aliforenko - Secretary
Dilan van Oosten - Logistics
Arda Koç - External Affairs
Mariska Frelier - External Affairs
Bram Rutgers - Speakers
Hayel Akel - Speakers



In November 2025, the nineteenth edition of SNiC (Stichting Nationaal Informatica Congres) with the theme AvailabilIT took place. During this event, the focus was on open-source software, privacy-enhancing technologies, and information retrieval. The end talk of this event was about how CERN uses open source in their projects and what they found the benefits of it. CERN uses a Large Hadron Collider (LHC), which is the world's largest and most powerful particle accelerator. This LHC uses superconducting magnets that are being cooled to around 1.9 degrees Kelvin to keep them available to work. This temperature is even colder than outer space! Pretty awesome, right?!

At this point, you might be wondering if this piece has any correlation with the theme of this Almanac or with Inter-Actief in general. Well, here is a fun fact: this nineteenth edition of SNiC was made available by members of Inter-Actief. These members made time available to organise this beautiful congress. And for the reference to the theme of this Almanac, as mentioned above, open-source can help an abandoned project rise from the ashes, back into making it available for people to use again.

With available regards,

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Student Union
Board 2026



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Dear members of I.C.T.S.V. Inter-Actief,

Student life is full of moments where everything seems to catch fire at once. Deadlines flare up, projects expand unexpectedly, and sometimes even the most carefully crafted code collapses in a burst of digital smoke. Yet amid those challenges, something remarkable happens: you find a way to rise again, renewed, determined, and stronger than before. Much like a phoenix emerging from the ashes of yesterday's chaos.

Such a rebirth never happens overnight. It takes perseverance, time, and the courage to stand up after each failed exam attempt, each ambitious committee project, or each late-night debugging session that turned into a sunrise. It is about learning from what went wrong, celebrating what went right, and discovering what drives you within a community that supports you whenever the fire burns a little too brightly. For some, that spark reignites during a board year; for others, in a committee, a project group, or simply during an unexpected evening in the Abscint.

For 45 years, Inter-Actief has been a place where students find the space to rebuild, to explore, and to grow. It is where curiosity is rekindled, where friendships form, and where members learn to rise, time and time again, no matter how challenging the journey becomes.

As Inter-Actief celebrates its 9th lustrum, we wish all members a warm and inspiring year. May you continue to rediscover your flame, rise to new heights, and brighten the path for those around you.

Greetings,
The Student Union Board

S.V. Syntaxis

Board 46

Davin Meijerink - Chair
Renee Zwolle - Secretary
Senna Veldhuizen - Treasurer
Clara ter Keurst - Officer of Internal Affairs
Sander Brilman - Officer of External Affairs



Here at Syntaxis we've had our encounters with a Phoenix, in the form of a sandwich maker. A few years ago, it struck our boardroom when we least expected it and took half our boardroom in flames. What started as an ordinary afternoon turned into a scene worthy of mythology. But just like the Phoenix, we rose from the ashes. One of our honorary members rose after this incident and built up our boardroom again. That renewal also symbolizes a Phoenix.

Since that fiery episode, we've decided not to put our faith in sandwich makers anymore. Instead, we place our trust in something far more reliable: coffee. Some risks simply aren't worth repeating. But that's another thing that connects us: coffee! At Syntaxis, coffee is more than just a drink; it's a ritual, a lifeline, and arguably the greatest perk of membership: unlimited free refills. So, while your lustrum celebrates the Phoenix as a symbol of rebirth and strength, we recognize that same spirit in our own story. We learned that even after setbacks, even fiery ones, you can rebuild, grow stronger, and create something new.

We hope, and strongly believe, the connection between Syntaxis and Inter-Actief will be strong and immortal, just like the Phoenix.

Everything and everybody has setbacks and phases, but we all eventually rise again. If not alone, together, and rebirth as something new, something better.

We congratulate you with your 9th lustrum and await and enjoy many more years with Inter-Actief.

Vestingbar
Board 2026



Bart Batenburg - Chair
Mara Adam - Chair
Daan Wensink - Secretary
Sijmen Schoon - Treasurer
Ryan Cooijmans - General Manager
Naut de Vroome - General Manager

Congratulations Inter-Actief on your ninth lustrum! We always like having you come over after your weekly TuAd. Sometimes we even see people leaving early, just to make it in time to join the pub quiz. It's maybe because of this that there are a number of IA-ers who are also active at VB, whether it is behind the scenes, behind the bar, or behind the decks. Even two of your board members can find the time to still do some shifts during their busy board life.

This connection goes both ways, because vice versa, half of our current board is a member of Inter-Actief! Or maybe it is just because we have Ketel 1 in our assortment... It is one of our top-selling products, mostly because of (old) Inter-Actief members who keep ordering it. We are sure that after a few of them, you feel like a phoenix yourself the next day, slowly rising again from your own ashes.

We wish you a great lustrum and see you soon for a drink!

Moo,
The 2026 Board of Vestingbar

S.V. Watt
Board 24



Kjell Zandman - Chair & Officer of Educational Affairs
Douwe Jansen - Secretary
Martijn Haverkort - Treasurer
Niek Scholten - Officer of Internal Affairs & Officer of Educational Affairs
Thijs Wentink - Officer of External Affairs

Greetings I.C.T.S.V. Inter-Actief,

On behalf of the 24th board of Study Association Watt, congratulations on your lustrum! Reaching 45 years is no small achievement. Most of us already struggle to survive a few years, let alone 45 years of boards and members.

The Phoenix theme fits a student association perfectly. Every year starts full of motivation, fresh ideas, and bold plans. And every year, somewhere around mid-semester, things are on fire. Events, emails, and sleep schedules all seem to collapse at once. But somehow, usually fueled by coffee, last-minute teamwork, and maybe a drink or two, you rise from the ashes again.

We wish Inter-Actief many more years of legendary events and unforgettable memories. May you keep rising, glowing, and occasionally burning—because honestly, that is half the fun.

Cheers to 45 years!

Greetings from the 24th Board of Study Association Watt

















We still have not figured out the actual difference between a symposium and a congress

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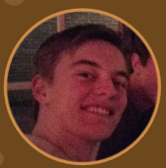
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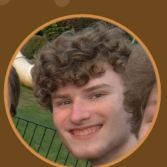
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Ryan Cooijmans

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Our own creations

ECHOES

Interview with a teacher

The Teacher Who Claims He Was "Just Standing on the Sidelines"



Some people leave an impression by always being in the middle of everything. Others somehow become part of the identity of a study association while insisting they were barely involved at all.

Tom van Dijk firmly belongs in the second category.

Although he describes his connection to Inter-Actief as "mostly passive," his history with the association stretches back over two decades, starting in 2003 when he first arrived at the University of Twente as a student himself. Back then, he was part of the NoiziA committee which was responsible for spreading announcements from programme management, while apparently inventing content around them to make things more interesting.

Even now, one thing still immediately comes to mind when he thinks about Inter-Actief:

> "Actief must be spelled with italics or people will throw a fit."

Some traditions never die.

Over the years, Tom says he mostly remained on the sidelines of the association itself. Nowadays, he occasionally drops by the IA room for conversations, Module 2 discussions, "cheap chocolate," and, in his own words, to "bully people into buying more yellow M&Ms."

But maybe that is exactly what makes associations like Inter-Actief work in the first place. Not just the boards or committees, but the people orbiting around them — the teachers who stop by for chats, the familiar faces who become part of the atmosphere without ever formally trying to.

And despite calling himself a passive member, his answers reveal someone who clearly cares deeply about student life and community.

When asked what keeps Inter-Actief coming back stronger every year, his answer was simple:

> "The ability to keep enough people engaged to organise fun social activities as well as facilitate some study related events."

Some of his favourite memories are tied to the chaotic late-night energy surrounding Module 2 Discord servers during the COVID years:

> "That was just great fun. I'm still slightly sad that the 'wear programming socks in your house colors during the tournament' didn't take off at all."

Frankly, history was robbed.

What stands out most, though, is his perspective on traditions. While many people talk about preserving them forever, Tom takes almost the opposite stance:

> "Traditions should last maybe a few years and be replaced by something new. Invent new traditions and go with the times."

And then, naturally, he proceeds to list increasingly unhinged examples: boards dressed as Easter bunnies hiding eggs in the Zilverling, Sinterklaas assaults with kruidnoten, dystopian AI movie nights becoming less fictional every year, coding competitions, end-of-module parties, and programming drones equipped with water squirt guns.

Which, honestly, sounds exactly like the kind of Events our members might come up with in the future 😊.

At the core of it all, however, is teaching.

For Tom, the most rewarding part of teaching our students is seeing the transformation between the beginning and the end of a course — not just academically, but personally too.

> "I like it most when people recall that they learned a lot, even if it was difficult or intensive, that there is a very clear difference between what they can and know now,compared to when they started out."

He describes himself not as a teacher focused on constant direct interaction, but as "a system builder" — someone who designs courses like intricate machines filled with "little gears and levers" that together create an environment where learning naturally happens.

Honestly? That might also describe Inter-Actief itself rather well.

A giant machine made up of people, traditions, chaos, chocolate, strange ideas, and just enough passionate students to keep rebuilding it every year.



Tom receiving the Educational Cake.

If you have a favorite teacher you'd like to nominate for this award, you can do so at inter-actief.utwente.nl/education/bouquet/


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Bread and meat drowned in sauce. But there's 2 slices of tomato and a faint echo of a pickle, so it's healthy!
4 Frosty's
Taste ★★★★
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For student standards the healthiest option on campus, with a good price as well.
5 Vestingbar
Taste ★★★★
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Out late? Don't wanna go home to make a proper meal? Try 30-40 bitterballen. You will certainly not regret eating 30-40 bitterballen.

Your campus dinner options

Forgot to enrol for dinner?

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6 Pizza Machine

Taste ★
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Technically an option, but only if everything is closed and you're sufficiently drunk and desperate.

7 Vrijhof

Taste ★★
Service ★★★
Price ★★★½
Vibe ★★★½
Toilet ★★★★

All you can eat potato, meat, and vegetables on Thursdays, a relatively unseen concept for a reason.

8 UPark

Taste ★★★★½
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Toilet ★★★★½

The classiest and fanciest option of campus, which is a very, very low bar.

9 Waaier

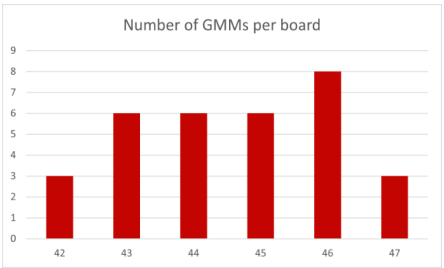
Taste ★★
Service ★★½
Price ★★
Vibe ★★
Toilet ★★★★

With an average rating of 2.5, we officially crown the Waaier the *okay*-est option of campus.

GMMs
Statistics!

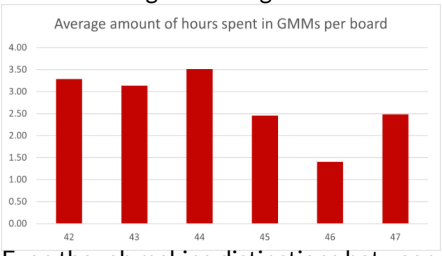
As an association, we need to have a meeting every now and then to talk about the current state of affairs and make sure that the board is doing their job well. This isn't always a very exciting process, and these meetings can take very long. But what meetings were the longest? Which board had the most meetings, and where were the meetings held? Let's dive into the statistics of Inter-Actief's GMMs and see if there is anything interesting we can find!

Over the past couple of years, Inter-Actief has known quite a few General Member Meetings. But some years have known more meetings than others. Over the past five years, there have been a total of 27* GMMs. And we all know that the boards from those years are solely to blame for the number of meetings that are organised. Board 46 organised by far the most GMMs, totalling 8, with the other boards following with 6 meetings for boards 43-45, and 3 for boards 42 and 47, though 47 can of course still organise more meetings.



But the number of meetings isn't necessarily an indication of the amount of time wasted on spent in a GMM. Some GMMs take a little bit longer than others. The longest GMM Inter-Actief has had in the past 5 years is GMM 234, lasting a soul-crushing 6 hours and 46 minutes. The next longest GMM is GMM 224, lasting (only) 4 hours and 52 minutes.

Right after this GMM, we had our shortest GMM of the past five years, lasting only 10 minutes, being GMM 225. The runner-up for shortest GMM is a lot closer, as this is GMM 253, lasting only 11 minutes. On average, a GMM lasted 2 hours and 13 minutes, but this also differed per year. Since it is fun to put boards on blast, a chart can be found below showing the average GMM



Even though making distinctions between boards is a whole lot of fun, more people are present during GMMs, like you (maybe, if you are a member)! Unfortunately, the number of members participating in GMMs seems to be declining slightly. This is quite sad, as this is the point where a regular member can have a say in how the association is run, and it's quite important to have as many members informed and voting on proposals as possible! On the next page, the average number of participants over the years is shown.

*Data from January 2021, some GMMs of board 42 have been left out.

GMM Statistics
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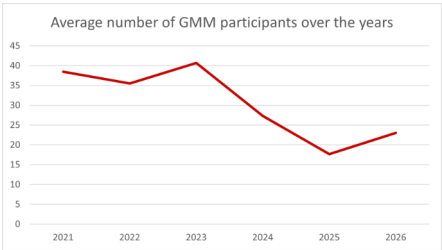
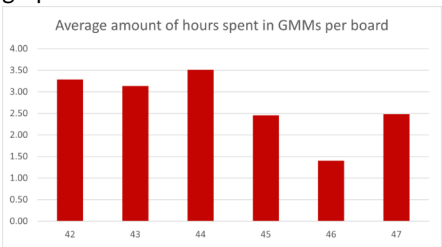
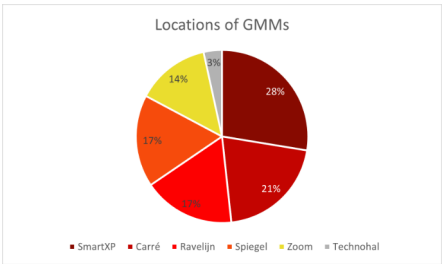
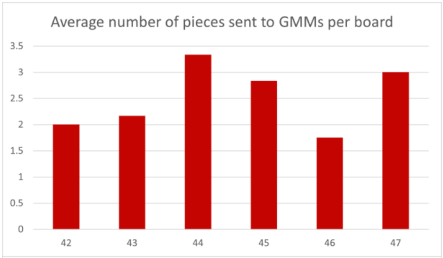


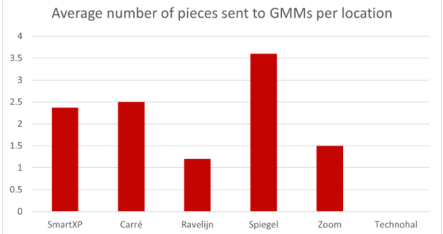
This gives us one nice final statistic to pin to specific boards: the total amount of participant hours spent in a GMM! This graph can be found below!



That's probably enough words for a statistics page. Just look at the rest for some more information.







Overall Statistics	
Total meetings	27.00
Total meeting hours	60.03
Average meeting length (hours)	2.22
Average participants	30.90
Total participant-hours	2347.90
Total sent in pieces	61.00
Favorite building	SmartXP

Hopefully, these charts and graphs give some insight into what GMMs at Inter-Actief are like, and maybe in five years' time we will have a nice new set of data to compare everything to!

Board combination	Meetings	Avg participants	Avg length	Avg sent
42&43	1	49.00	4.62	3.00
42	2	35.50	2.62	1.50
43&44	1	54.00	4.87	4.00
43	4	30.50	2.34	1.50
44&45	1	61.00	6.77	3.00
44	4	37.75	2.36	3.25
45&46	1	42.00	3.13	3.00
45	4	29.50	1.21	2.75
46&47	1	37.00	3.73	5.00
46	6	14.67	0.73	1.00
47	2	20.00	1.86	2.00

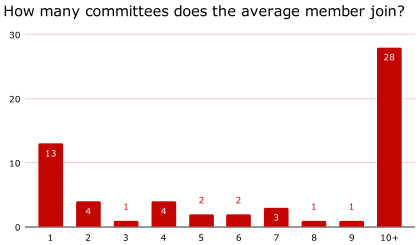
Inter-Actief Member survey results

As you might have guessed from the title, a survey has been making the rounds among our members, asking the truly earth-shattering questions such as ‘Coffee or Tea?’, and ‘What is your favourite number?’. We have gathered all the answers and compiled them into a few fun pages of meaningful insights into our association.

Active Members

One of the first questions asked if you are an active member, meaning you are part of a committee of Inter-Actief. The results show that almost 90% of respondents are active members. Of those, nearly half have done at least 10 committees, although this number might be slightly inflated by board members who also count all committees they were board responsible for.

Interestingly, almost half of our active members are also active in other associations. The most popular one is D.R.V. Euros, followed by Pro Deo, NEST, and IAPC, which all share second place.



Our average member

Based on the survey, we can sketch a picture of the “average” Inter-Actief member. This person is Dutch, from Overijssel, has done around 4.9 committees, started their study in 2021, and is still working on their Bachelor's. They prefer coffee over tea, equally like dogs and cats, and like night more than day, yet somehow still prefer summer over winter despite the longer daylight hours. They use Android, prefer partying at the Vestingbar over going into the city, think dinosaurs are cooler than dragons, and choose mayonnaise over ketchup with their fries. Their all-time favourite activity is the Top 100, and their favourite food is a Cooking Club meal, and above all, they are very happy that the Starbucks is finally gone.



Favourite number

We asked what your favourite number is, expecting plenty of 69s, 420s, and maybe the occasional phone number. Instead, we received a lot of numbers between 42 and 48, many 67s, and, of course, the answer to the question of life, the universe, and everything: 42.

Naturally, this allowed for some insightful statistical analysis. The average favourite number initially came out to a modest 123240. However, this turned out to be slightly misleading as one respondent answered 8008135, skewing the results just a bit. After removing this outlier, we get an average number of 38,83. The median is 41,50, the standard deviation 52,53, and the most common answers are 42 and 47. Interestingly, the most popular numbers turned out to be below 100.

Average	246442,39
Median	42
Standard Deviation	1393695,36

This or That?

Many of the survey questions followed a simple 'This or That' format, forcing respondents to think about the difficult things in life. Unsurprisingly, some of these questions were clear-cut. Android comfortably beats iOS, and the same holds true for partying at the Vestingbar rather than in the city.



Other questions were far more divided. Coffee beat tea by a single vote, and cats and dogs ended in a perfect tie, proving that some topics are just too divisive to ever reach a consensus on.

Your names for the Almanac

Although we believe we have chosen the perfect name for this Almanac, our last question was asking our members how they would have called it. A few kind members answered PhoenIX, clearly agreeing with us, but the others gave more original input. Some of the highlights were sIXseven, Viral 2: Electric Boogaloo, and Brawlmanac.



After reviewing all submissions, we can confidently say that it is for the best that naming the Almanac was not left to a democratic vote.

News from the past five years

What were we doing?

2022

20th of May: Most COVID measures in the Netherlands are lifted, which means that no more facemasks are required anywhere. A few months earlier, it was already possible to open the Inter-Actief room again, and other requirements, such as the CoronaCheck QR code, have already been phased out.

23rd of June: After many years of the same layout in the Inter-Actief room, it was decided during the General Members Meeting on the 23rd of June that the room setup will be updated. After an input session on the 30th of June, the room was transformed into what we know now during the summer holiday

8th of July: The first edition of Summer Sounds takes place! To end the year with a fun party, Summer Sounds included a stage with multiple artists, food trucks for dinner, and many activities and chill spots on the O&O square.





8th of September: Queen Elizabeth II passes away aged 96 after her reign of over 70 years. This is the longest reign of any British monarch, and the longest reign of any queen regent anywhere.

2023

21st of July: Barbie and Oppenheimer both release in cinemas worldwide on the 21st of July, generating the 'Barbenheimer' phenomenon.



24th of July: While Elon Musk already bought Twitter in October of 2022, it was only officially rebranded to X in 2023. However, it would not be until 2024 that the domain name would also be changed



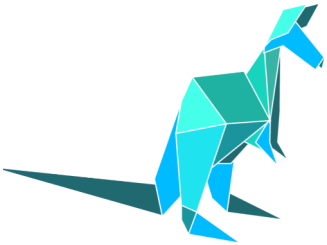
3rd of June: Inspired by the classic Japanese gameshow 'Takeshi's Castle', Inter-Actief organises Turing's Tower. People all participated in silly and fun challenges such as being real-life bowling pins, trying to escape a maze while being chased, and even a finale with skelter racing.

5th of September: Frank van Mourik becomes a Member of Merit of Inter-Actief! He has been an invaluable part of many committees and has always shared his experience and expertise with the other members.

2024

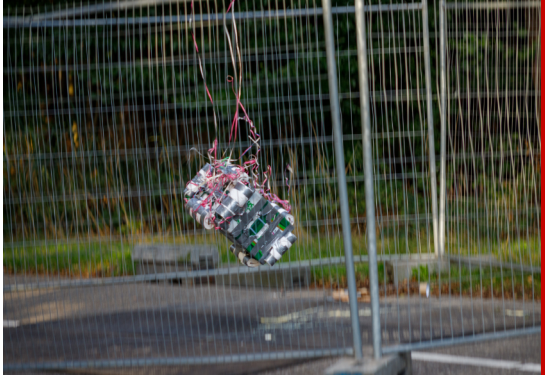
31st of July: After participating in the triathlon event at the Olympic Games in Paris, many athletes get sick. It is confirmed later that the Seine is too dirty to be used for the marathon swimming events later that week





24th of September: The participants of Study Tour Ascend depart for Australia and Japan. A trip full of company and university visits awaits them, and the Inter-Actief room is just a little quieter for the next 5 weeks

17th of October: After skipping a year, the aXi organises the Beagle! The Beagle is somewhat like an egg drop, but instead of a ladder, there is a crane, and instead of eggs, there are computers.



6th of November: Donald Trump is confirmed as the winner of the 2024 USA presidential election. This is his second term as president, and he is now known as the 45th and 47th president of the United States.

2025



8th of May: After the passing of Pope Francis in April, Pope Leo XIV was appointed as his successor. Leo XIV is the first pope to be born in the United States, and he is currently 70 years old.

5th of July: Honorary member of Inter-Actief Karel de Jonge passes away at age 88. Karel was the director of education when Inter-Actief was founded in 1981 and was heavily involved in its founding.

19th of October: Pieces of the French Crown Jewels are stolen from the Louvre in the infamous 'Louvre heist'. Online discussions arise about how this could happen and how easy the thieves have made it seem. Even now, the location of the stolen pieces is still unknown.

19th of December: The IA Top 100 is brought back for the 9th Lustrum! The Top 100 is like the Top 2000, but then mostly decided by Inter-Actief members and other students. And, of course, it includes a Top 100 Café, where people can listen and enjoy drinks

2026

30th of January: The Epstein files are fully released to the public, which leads people to check exactly who of their favourite celebrities are in the files. Luckily, Inter-Actief is safe.

12th of March: Inter-Actief turns 45 years old!

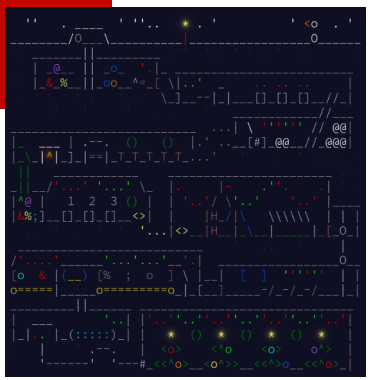
3rd of July: Almanac PhoenIX is released! We hope this news overview has made you reflect on the past 5 years a bit, and are now ready to leave it, burn it, and rise from the ashes.



PHOENIX

Advent of Code

Save Christmas with puzzles!



Advent calendars come in all shapes and sizes. A classic is the one with the little chocolates you want to finish in a day, but there are also escape rooms, jewellery, and even jigsaw puzzle Advent calendars. But for programmers, we have Advent of Code, often abbreviated as AoC.

Like any other Advent calendar, there is something new to open every day. In this case, there is a new programming puzzle and input. You write some clever code, or simply brute-force if you have the time and processing power, to solve the first part of the puzzle, which then unlocks the second part. Part two of AoC puzzles uses the same input, but changes how you have to use it, often making you rethink your approach to part one. Each day the difficulty increases a little. While the early puzzles see the leaderboard fill up within minutes, the later ones can take over an hour for most to solve. From 2015 to 2024, each year featured 25 days with 2 puzzles each, though last year only 12 days were created due to time constraints on the creator

While the concept is simple and fun, the real charm lies in the presentation. Every year, the puzzle explanations are part of a bigger story on how we have to help save Christmas. For example, in 2022, you needed to collect 50 stars, two for each day, to feed Santa's reindeer, as stars are their favourite snack. Together with the elves, you set out on an expedition to gather these stars, and the puzzles help you solve setbacks during the expedition, meaning every solve brings you one step closer to saving Christmas.

As a programming Advent calendar, it is naturally popular among the programmers at Inter-Actief. In the past 5 years, there have been two separate Inter-Actief leaderboards, as the first leaderboard reached its 200-participant limit. There is also a WhatsApp group with nearly 100 members, where each year during AoC, people share their fast solutions, their elegant one-liners, or their implementation in unusual programming languages such as Scratch or APL. AoC is a great way to learn a new language, to push yourself to write the most efficient code, or to just procrastinate in a fun way during December, so we hope you will give it a try if you haven't participated before!



Batavieren-race

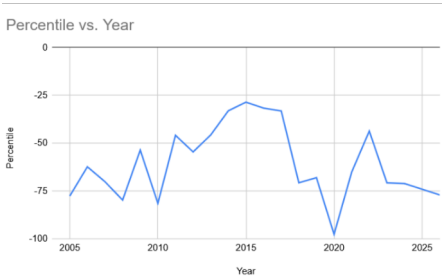
Inter-Actief has a years-long history of participating in the Batavierenrace. Unfortunately, we don't know exactly how many years, as the online records of the Batavierenrace only go back to the 26th edition in 1998. So, for the purposes of this section, we will pretend that the Batavierenrace started in 1998, and instead of starting the count from 0 or 1, they started at 26.

Our wonderful association has participated in 1999, then in every Batavierenrace from 2004, with the exception of 2025. That's 23 in total, if you're keeping count. In unfortunate affirmation of the stereotypes surrounding computer scientists, we usually do not perform particularly well. On average, we end up in the 61st percentile. That's nearly not below average!



In those many years, we had some peaks and troughs. In 2015, at the 43rd Batavierenrace, we were ranked at position 89 out of 312, our best result ever! In that year, we had a team member finish their segment in 8th place, covering the 8.8 kilometres in just 32 minutes and 41 seconds. However, in some years, we were not as blazingly fast. Clearly affected by the Covid lockdowns, we finished in position 166 out of 170. One is left to wonder whether all team members understood that the Batavierenrace is meant to be run, not crawled.

After taking a break for one year, we once again entered the race in 2026 for the 54th Batavierenrace, finishing in an almost respectable 208th place. Of course, as always, it's not the finishing time that matters, it's the ~~beers drunk~~ friends made along the way.

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12-3-2026
"It's world animal day? Let's go BBQ!" 00:42
"Why is the cookie corner still full of stock?" "Because people assume it's empty" 00:42
"I will not be your guy's mommy" 00:42
"Which month is April?" 00:42 AM
"The board wasn't here, so I could show up later for my room duty shift" 00:42
"This cheese is so young, it's pratically still milk" 00:42
"60% is not more then half" 00:42
"Rather ice cold then cold ice" 00:42 AM
"Do you not know a single Elvis Presley song?" "Isn't that Bohemian Rhapsody?" 00:42 AM
"Don't draft beer in my car" 00:42 AM
"You look like a shaved sheep and no one thinks a shaved sheep is good looking" 00:42 AM
Type a message


Inter-Actief Quotes
4 people Online
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"I just got a 5.2 on the practice test, but I still have an hour"
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"Bambi, that's a goat right?"
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"Isn't all beer drinking just taphangen with extra steps?"
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"I am 1.63% frikandel"
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"I am not going to drink during the day, or well, maybe I will, but still"
00:42 AM
"We are the cupboard, you have to go to the Muur"
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"I hope Scintilla is enjoying themselves at the drink", "I don't"
00:42
"This is what inspires me, teabagging myself"
00:42 AM
"I'm half human, half beer"
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"We were playing drink jenga but without the drinks"
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"Helicopter discount", "You mean hecto litre discount"
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"The numbers of the alphabet"
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"Headline: Hardworking board member's day ruined by bike maffia"
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"Bounce bounce" "Let's go ballers"
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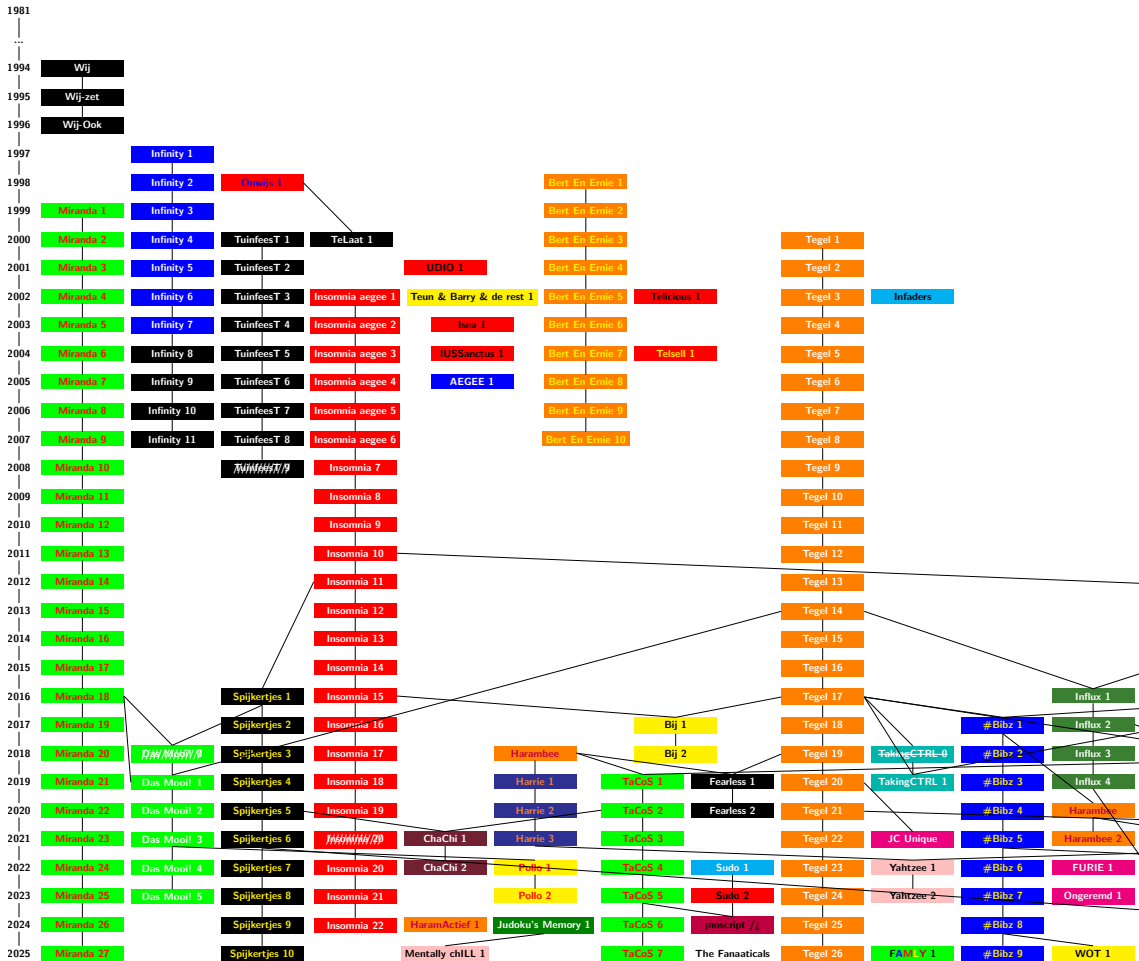
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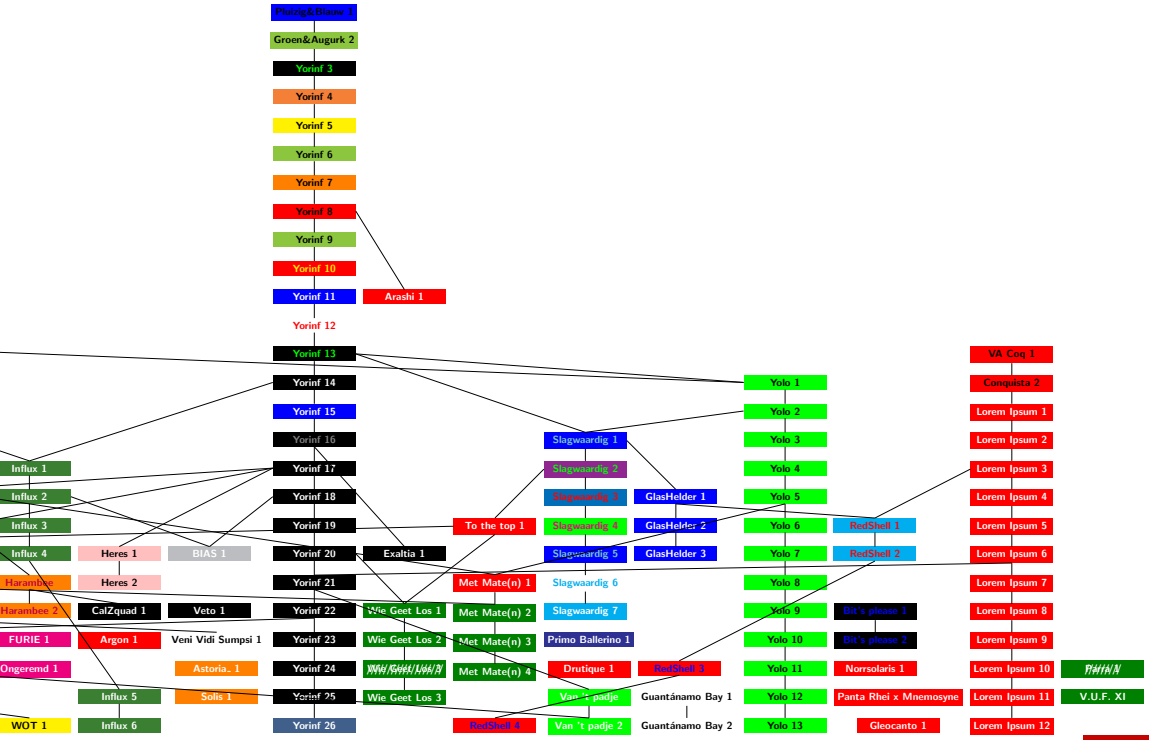
Do-Group Tree Technical Computer Science & Telematica (1994-2025)

Over 65 do-groups have participated in Inter-Actief over the past 30 years. Maybe you joined when the Kick-In Committee was still called the Introductie Kommissie, or when you still had to crawl through the small lakes during the Storming of the Bastille.
Let this do-group tree take you back to your first year. Maybe your do-group still exists after all these years, and maybe you even have a collector's item at home from when it was still a young do-group.
We hope you enjoy this little piece of history. We also hope we did not miss your do-group, because gathering all this information was quite difficult. If we did, you can always add your do-group in pencil ;)



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The Skippies

A brief history



Have you ever looked at the cowlike figures on top of closets in the Inter-*Actief* room and wondered what are they, how did they get there, or what secret lives they lead?

Every association has traditions. Some have songs. Some have ceremonies. Some have symbols with great meaning that have been passed on from generation to generation.

Inter-Actief has skippies.

Over the years, our herd of plastic cow-like figurines has grown into something of a family tree, a chronicle, and maybe even a potential hazard to public safety. Some were born during constitution drinks, some were gifted by other associations, and some unfortunately, met tragic fates somewhere along the way. A few were even brassed, replaced, decapitated, or lynched. As one does with tradition.

The first skippy, Skippy, was acquired in 2010 and presented to board 32 by board 31. Since then, more skippies joined the family: Skuppy, Skyppy, Sköppy, Skoeppy, Skäpie, and many others. Some of them also earned secondary names over time, often during WISOs or through association lore. While newer members may know Pilsie as "Skäpie" or Feetje as "Sküppy", our historians will insist that these are simply titles earned in due time, not the real names our skippies were given at birth.

But how could any story about the great skippy family be without tragedy? While serving their duties with boards 41 and 45, Skippy was brassed and replaced by via with some fake versions who would later be named Skoppy and Skoppy the Second, demonstrating to everyone that, indeed, identity is a very elastic notion in the realm of skippy culture.

As of today, the skippies are continuing to guard the Inter-Actief room from their places on shelves and on closets. Some are best friends, others are survivors, while others might be cursed. Nevertheless, in their entirety, they are an integral part of Inter-Actief history and the demonstration of the fact that persistence is what transforms jokes into culture.

A full overview of the currently documented skippies can be requested from the board.

StAf Tournament
2021-2026



Over the past five years, the StAf Tournament of vv Drienerlo has become much more than just a yearly football event for a few people within Inter-Actief. Personally, as a former coach of both 7vs7 and the StAf tournament team, I have seen a group grow that may not always be the fastest, strongest, or most technically gifted side on the pitch, but has developed something that is just as valuable: true chemistry. Growing from a small team during a covid drink on the Vrijhof terrace to a big friend group where everyone likes football, and a beer and a chat afterwards.

Of course, results are part of the story. In 2022, we finished third in our group, which meant we narrowly missed out on the knockout stage. In 2023, we returned with the same spirit and determination, once again showing that we were a team nobody could underestimate. We may not have been favourites on paper, but we did make it into the quarter finals and more people joined in the regular 7vs7 games.



Then came 2024, which felt like a genuine step forward. We finished second in the group stage and qualified for the knockouts, only to be eliminated in the first knockout round after penalties. Even so, it was a sign that the team was growing, not just in terms of results, but in confidence as well. By that point, we were no longer just a collection of players turning up for a fun evening of football and drinking beer, we were becoming a team that expected something from itself.

In 2025, all of that progress came together in our best run yet. We reached the final and finished in second place after a strong knockout phase. Along the way, we beat Stress, after penalties, in a spectacular match and then defeated Newton 3–2 in the semi-final, before eventually losing 2–1 to Communiqué in the final. Of course, coming second always leaves you wondering what might have been. But if there was one small consolation, it was that we did not have to take home the infamous office chair filled with concrete and all kinds of attachments from previous StAf winners. As much as every team dreams of lifting silverware, some trophies come with slightly more responsibility than prestige.



And now, with the 2026 edition already underway, there is once again a sense of excitement and belief surrounding the team. Inter-Actief finished first in the group phase out of 24 teams, a remarkable achievement that shows the strength and spirit of this year's squad. Yet the story is not over. With the knock-out phase still ahead, and hopefully three more matches to come, the final chapter of this tournament has yet to be written. But whatever happens next, the real story of these five years cannot be told through standings alone.

What defines this team is not a single spectacular result, but the way we have grown together. Over the years, we have become increasingly familiar with each other's strengths, habits, and instincts. We know when someone will make the run, when someone needs support, and when a simple Dunglish Louis van Gaal statement can change the game. That understanding does not come overnight. It comes from years of playing together, competing together, and, most importantly, enjoying it together.

That is why this team is so much fun to be part of. We play with pleasure, passion, and yes, also with a healthy focus on performance. We want to do well. Nobody steps onto the pitch just to make up the numbers. But we also know that the tournament is about more than winning matches. It is about having fun together, showing what we can do (on the field and in the sports canteen) which lasts much longer than any final score.

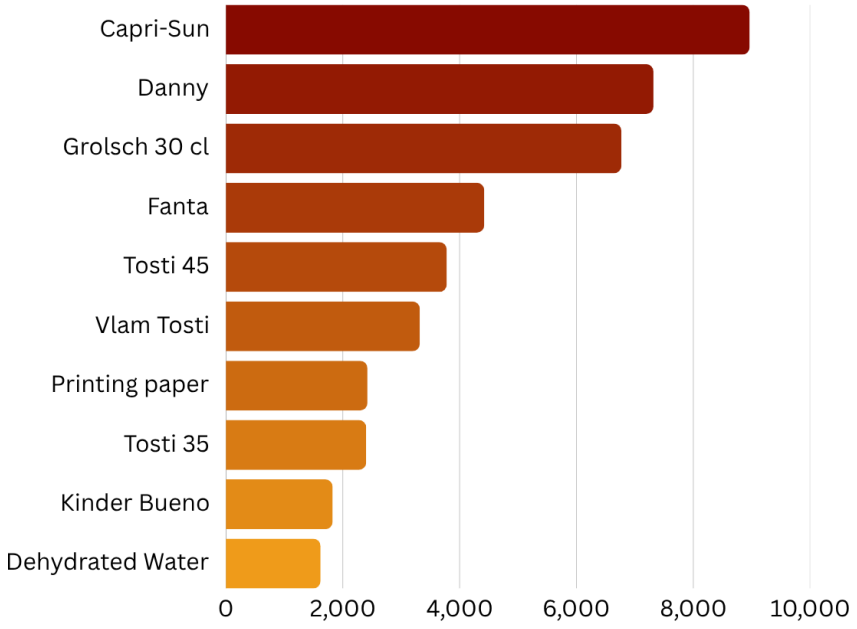
Perhaps that is where our greatest strength lies. By now, everyone knows each other well during the first half, the second half, and of course the third half, which is the one we always win. That mix of competitiveness and camaraderie has become our trademark. We fight for every ball, celebrate every goal, and laugh about every mistake, both on and off the field.

So when we look back on the past five years of the StAf Tournament, we do not just see results. We see a team that has become more united, more experienced, and more confident every year. We may not be the quickest team, the best team, or the strongest team, but we are a team that plays for each other. And in the end, that is what makes this the best team at the university!



The anatomy of Inter-Actief in Snacks & Chaos

The Cookie-corner Hall of Fame



Would you like to know what your Top Snacks of this year are? Scan the QR code!

What your TOP SNACK says about you...

A highly unscientific behavioural analysis by your fellow snack-a-holics

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You've probably burnt more tostis than you'll admit, and still refuse to learn. Maybe it's time to buy some groceries and pretend your diet has range.

Capri-Sun



You're running on childhood nostalgia and questionable hydration choices. Go outside, see real sunlight, drink some water like a functioning organism.

Beer



You either have a day drinking problem or just need to become more social. Either way, we recommend visiting the Abscint to consume your beers there.

Printing paper



We really hope this isn't literal. If it is... at least you're staying high in fiber. If not, we have questions.

Energy/ coffee



Life is too short for you to get 8 hours of sleep. Caffeine is the real main character. Just... maybe don't test how far you can push that before you start glitching in public.

Sweets/ Cookies



Your brain demands sustenance! Sugar is basically your emotional support system at this point—and honestly, fair.



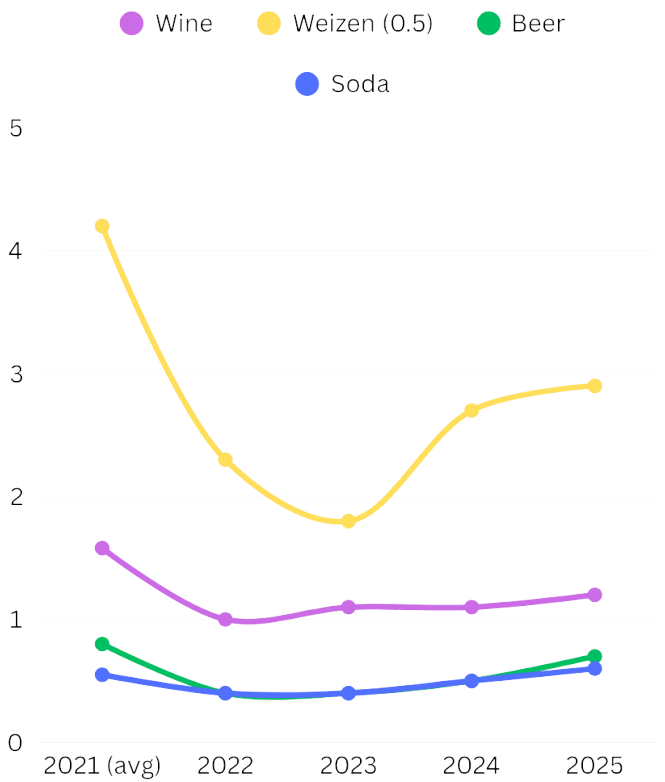
You have too much time on your hands. Please use that energy to join a committee or plan a fun event for your fellow members before it gets worse.

SNACK RESPONSIBLY

The Bar Economy

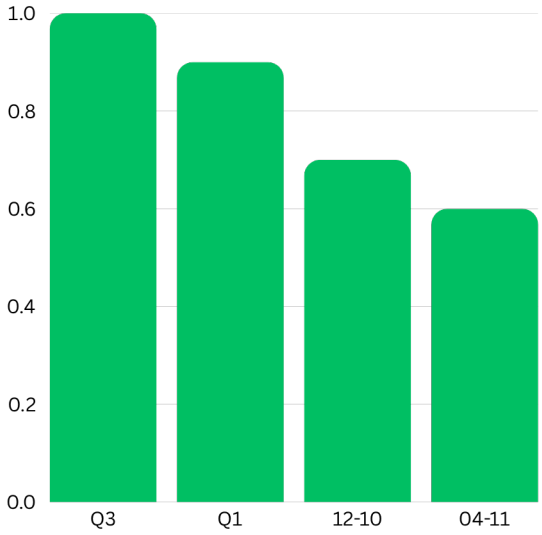
We are a very social association, and of course, we, like every respectable student, do our socialising in a drinking room. That might be dangerous for your wallet, so if you're wondering how the prices have fluctuated over the years, we've got you covered.

The price of social life



The year prices forgot stability

In 2021 we were still recovering from "the 'Vid" and it seems so were our drink prices.



Our sources say that these fluctuations are due to several factors like: Covid, Appèl being greedy, our own fears we wouldn't drink enough that year, and SU compensations.

In 5 years, we have paid 83125,42 euros at Drinks.

Our most profitable activity (Drink) is by far the Kick-It camp.

Honourable Mentions:
Sinterklaas
Study Tour Goodbye Drink
Vibing with Viper 1 & 2
IA Top 100
The Christmas Dinner

Committee Flowchart
(A Parody)















LOREM IPSUM

Semi-structured group of friends since 2014







Dispuut Hamers zonder Sikkel

The phoenix that rises from the ashes. It is a powerful metaphor, that captures the essenceof determination and fighting spirit. Throughout ou lives we all can imagine the moments where all hope seemed lost, but somehow we rose to the occasion and endured. An association that continued on despite dwindling members, a team that relegated and go back up or a student that drank too much yesterday but still gets out o bed.

Maybe you can imagine your own phoenix story, where you could not imagine that things would get better, but you still soldiered on. Maybe y were the lone member of a committee that continued through your effo or you were the only person that ensured an activity got organized. Mayb you had to resit all your exams in a module and managed to pass them a

As Hamers zonder Sikkel we also had our ups and downs, with covid hampering our closeness. Luckily for us the last five years we look to be o a steady rise. Growing membership and a lot of activities let us spread ou wings across the city, during our 'Gangendiners' for example.

A high point of this was the holiday to Nicaragua during our own anniversary, where we toured the country and where most of us even skied on a volcano!

Because not only do we rise like a phoenix from the ashes, we soar above it!







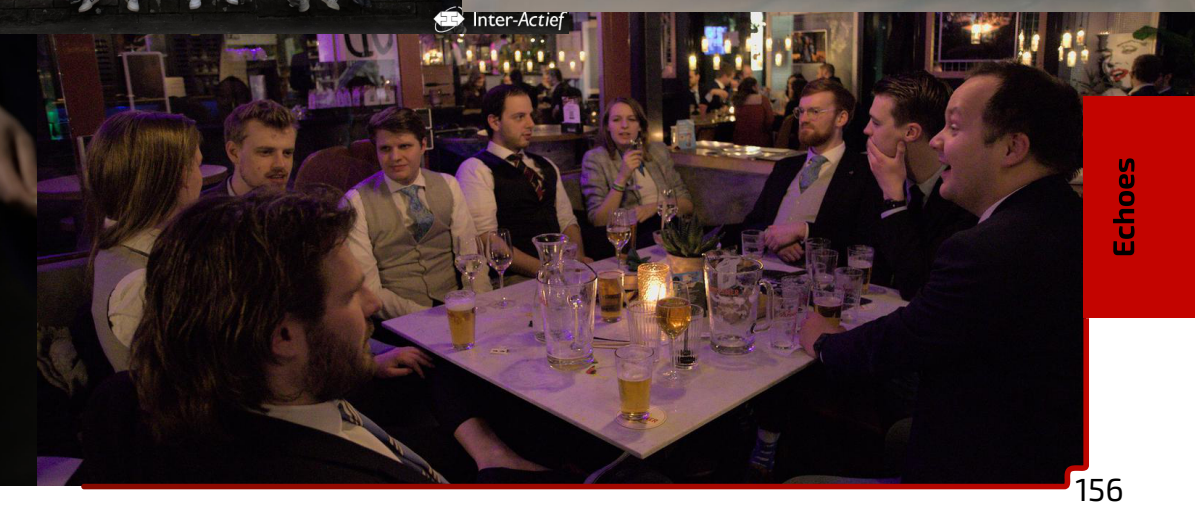












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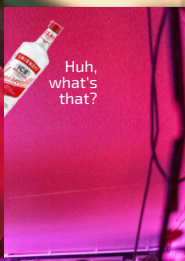






And sometimes the less casual drinks















The AMWs, a very sweet and normal time during which we all behave

















and play volleyball in the sun. There definitely were no weird tournaments.

Semi-Gestructureerde Vriendengroep Tegel







Wij zijn geen dispuut











SPAR

SPARCampus Enschede


"Vandaag bier drinken kan alleen vandaag nog!"

We are an eloquent, independent gentlemen's fraternity, consisting of members of Inter-Actief. Since April 1st, 2010, we can be found every Monday evening at the San Remo in Enschede. Over all that time, many students have gone through our wonderful initiation journey, after which they rose like a phoenix from the ashes to become full members.

Curious how to get more out of your student life? Take a look at our website or instagram or simply come by the San Remo on a monday evening!

Website

dispuutyorinf.nl

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Appendix
An Afterword

Dear reader of Almanac Phoenix,

And so, after many pages of boards, committees, activities, quotes, memories, old photos, strange traditions, and probably a few familiar faces, you have reached the end of this almanac. Or, as we like to call it: the Appendix. Because even at the very end, the 9th lustrum finds a way to rise from the ashes one last time.

Over the past year, we have worked hard to create an almanac that captures Inter-Actief as it is now: 45 years old, full of history, still slightly chaotic, but very much alive. Just like the phoenix, this book was not created without a few flames along the way. Deadlines were missed, pages were changed, texts arrived late, layouts were rebuilt, and some ideas had to be burned down before better ones could rise in their place.

But in the end, something appeared from the ashes: the almanac you are holding now.

Of course, we could not have made this book alone. An association is not made by a single committee, and neither is an almanac. We want to thank the boards, committees, former members, sister associations, brother associations, staff members, and everyone else who contributed their stories, photos, memories, and time. Without you, these pages would have been a lot emptier and probably a lot less fun.

We hope that, many years from now, you will open this almanac again. Maybe you will have graduated by then. Maybe you will have forgotten some of the names, inside jokes, and activities. Maybe you will wonder why certain things were ever considered funny. But hopefully, you will also remember the time you spent at Inter-Actief, the people you met, and the moments that made this association feel like home.

And who knows? Perhaps in another five years, a new Almanac Committee will once again dig through the archives, chase people for texts, fight with deadlines, and let a new book rise from the ashes.

Kind regards,

The Almanac Committee Phoenix
Anamaria Ceban
Wander Stribos
Naut de Vroome
Jelle Maas
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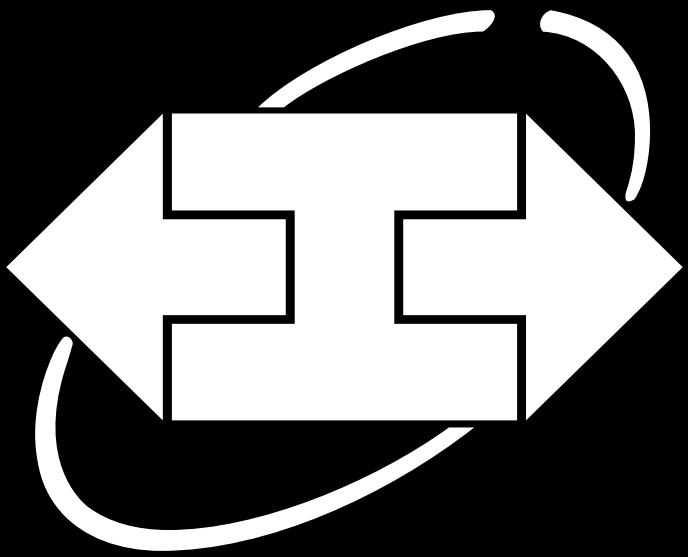

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