

# Final Mailing NAC 2019

Dear participant.

Next week we will have the 74<sup>th</sup> Netherlands Astronomer's Conference, in Paterswolde near Groningen. We have about 220 participants from all over the Netherlands, together with several foreign invited speakers and participants. There will be talks, discussion and celebrations, we hope that you will enjoy the meeting.

To make sure that everything goes according to plan, here you receive some **last moment information**. Although most information is available on the conference website [www.astro.rug.nl/nac2019](http://www.astro.rug.nl/nac2019), please take a moment to read this information, since it might still be useful.

## 1. Venue

The conference will be held at the Familiehotel Paterswolde, on the Groningerweg 19, in Paterswolde, 10 km South of Groningen. You can reach this hotel by bus from the Central Station in Groningen (this is Qbuzz line 9, see [ov9292.nl](http://ov9292.nl)). There is plenty of parking space for people who come by car.

## 2. Public Transport Strike

On the Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, there **will probably be a public transport strike in the whole of the Netherlands**. It will not affect us much, but people who only want to come for the Tuesday will have a problem. If there are people that need transport on that day, they can mail us before the end of Tuesday May 21. We will then try to match people coming from the same city and see if there are cars available for them to come. If you are interested in this, please mail the SOC ([nac2019@astro.rug.nl](mailto:nac2019@astro.rug.nl)) before the end of Wednesday May 22.

## 3. Presentations and Posters

The conference programme can be found on-line. There are plenary sessions, and some parallel sessions. People can upload their talks at <https://unishare.nl/index.php/s/5e2rjQI4y3LoPbZ>.

The presentation will be shown from MS Windows based computers. **We would like everyone who gives a talk to upload it to our server at the latest on the day before you are giving a talk.** Presentations are accepted in MS power point, .pptx, .ppt format or in Adobe Acrobat .pdf format. They can be uploaded using the following write-only link: <https://unishare.nl/index.php/s/5e2rjQI4y3LoPbZ> It is important that your filename contains your first and last name and is clearly understandable. It will also be possible to use your own USB memory sticks (flash drives) to upload your presentation. In exceptional cases, for example if you use movies, you can use your own laptop to give the presentation. The beamer will have HDMI and SVGA connections. Please note, that switching laptops requires extra time, which will go at the expense of the time of your presentation. Please let your session chairman know that you intend to use your own laptop for the presentation in advance and try your beamer connection before your session.

For the **poster presentations** poster boards will be available in two separate rooms. Poster boards will have a size of 1x1.2 m suitable for a portrait oriented A0 posters. Please consult your own poster number which will be posted at the conference website and attached to your poster board. The list of posters will also be available in each room. **Posters can be put up from 9.00h on Monday May 27 and they will be removed at 15.00h on Wednesday 29.** Please make sure you remove your poster in time.

#### **4. Business Meeting of the NAC**

On Monday afternoon from 17.30-18.30h there will be the **Business Meeting of the Nederlandse Astronomen Club (NAC)**. This is for all members of the NAC.

#### **5. Dinners on 27 and 28 May**

**Dinner** on Monday May 27 in the hotel is included in the conference fee, and is served between 6 and 8 PM. On the 28<sup>th</sup> there will be the **conference dinner**, which is also included. The conference dinner will be held in restaurant 'De Rietschans', on the South side of the lake, at about 2 km from the hotel. There will be transport provided to De Rietschans in a water taxi (see the Social Activities). The dinner will start at 19.30h (people are welcome from 19.00h). After dinner people can either walk back to the hotel or take the transport we provide.

#### **6. Social Activities**

About the **social activities**, please have a look at <https://www.astro.rug.nl/nac2019/socialactivities.php>. On Monday there will be an excursion to the DOT, the Groningen planetarium, with a show especially made for the NAC. On Tuesday there are activities with dragon boats on the Lake of Paterswolde.

#### **7. Early Career Researcher lunch**

On Wednesday May 29, there will be an **Early Career Researcher lunch**, between 12.40 and 1.20 PM. The main objective of this event is to give the early career astronomers an opportunity to discuss topics of their choice related to careers and research organization in astronomy with more experienced astronomers in a small informal setting. The event will involve roundtable discussions between one to two senior astronomers with around five early career astronomers. This will allow more involved discussions to encourage further networking between the astronomers in the future. For more information and registration, please see [this website](#).

#### **8. Outreach**

On Tuesday May 28 we will have several parallel sessions, about interdisciplinary science, and science in the 3 NOVA networks. In the afternoon one of the parallel sessions will be on **outreach**. This will be a followup of the NOVA outreach meeting that took place on October 19 in Utrecht. Everyone is welcome to this session.

Hoping to see you soon in Paterswolde,  
the organising committee.