



The Royal Netherlands Astronomical Society KNA-RNAS

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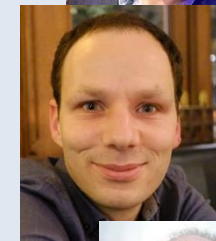
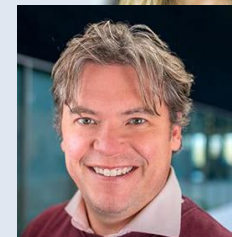
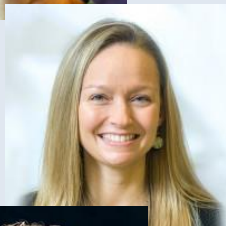
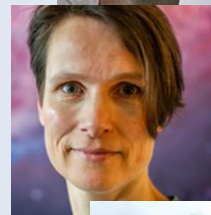
Who are we?

The KNA-RNAS is the professional organization of astronomers and space researchers in the Netherlands and Flanders.

RNAS goals are "to promote astronomy in The Netherlands and in Belgium, including in elementary and secondary education, and maintain and stimulate contacts with, and between, astronomers, both inside and outside of the profession."

The Board

- Peter Barthel (Kapteyn)
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What do we do?

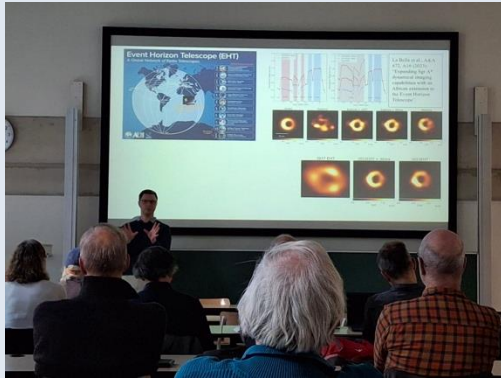
- Overseeing NAC organization; NAC grants for master students
- Representing Dutch Astronomy to the European Astronomical Society Council and among other EAS Affiliated Societies
- Awarding Prizes
- Organizing Teachers Day
- Awarding grants for project ideas
- Providing early career support (in development)

Prizes

- Willem de Graaff Prize (science communication)
- Kees de Jager Prize (astronomy education)
- Pastoor Schmeits Prize (astronomy research)
Awarded by the Pastoor Schmeits Foundation for Astronomy

Teachers Day

- Second Teachers Day held at Radboud, 5 Nov 2025
- Presentations and workshops
- 39 registrations, mostly VO teachers
- Very positive feedback
- Will be held biennially





KNA-RNAS Grant Program

KNA-RNAS members can apply for small grants in line with the Society's goals: to promote astronomy in the Netherlands and Belgium.

Annual budget is €3000.

Under development, details will be announced

Early career researchers support

More information & support for careers other than academic astronomy:

- Enabling contacts with astronomers in non-astro careers
- Gather and advertise internship possibilities
- Info on astronomy-related jobs

In collaboration with Mieke Paalvast, NOVA Community Coordinator.

Welcome, Welkom!

🇳🇱 Welcome! This is the website of the Royal Netherlands Astronomical Society, RNAS. The RNAS is the professional organization of astronomers and space researchers in the Netherlands and Flanders. The Society was founded on October 5, 1918. At the occasion of its centenary in 2018, the Society received Royal status.

The goals of the RNAS, as written in its statutes are to: *"promote astronomy in The Netherlands and in Belgium, including in elementary and secondary education, and maintain and stimulate contacts with, and between, astronomers, both inside and outside of the profession."*

News

NAC 2026 is just around the corner

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By the sea,
under the stars
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around the corner

From May 11 to 13, researchers will gather at Hotel Zuiderduin in Egmond aan Zee...

Interested to hear more?



Please come to the Annual General Meeting,
this Wednesday at 9:00.

