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Dear members,

We are back! At the start of this academic year I would first and foremost like to welcome all new readers. In this monthly newsletter, the secretary will inform you about all upcoming activities and other cool stuff about the association. If you are already regular reader, keep it up!

I hope that everyone had an amazing summer, and that you can't wait to start this new year together. The association has been busy this summer. The two week trip to Jordan was a huge succes, and freshman weekend was also very enjoyable. The **committee applications** have opened again, and the deadline to apply is tomorrow. With 17 different committees I am sure there is something you'll love, so be sure to check out **this link!**

If you can't wait to meet or see all other members again, join our **first borrel** of the year on september 7th! From 8pm onwards at café L'esperance in Leiden. Enjoy hearing everyone's great stories about the last months and some free snacks!

On the 14th of september, the **Change of Boards GA** will take place at café Rootz in The Hague. The 42nd board will present its final report, we will nominate a new Audit Committee and Confidential Contact Persons and the new board and committees will be installed. It promises to become a fun and festive night, so don't miss it!

This month of course wouldn't be complete without some excursions. On september 12th we are therefore visiting the Dutch **Ministry of Health**. Are you more (or also) interested in foreign policy? Join us at the **Portugese Embassy** on september 22nd! We are furthermore invited by the National Coordinator against Racism and Discrimination to join a **congress** on the 28th of september. So enough educational activities to attend this month!

We are really looking forward to seeing you again soon! For example in one of our **common rooms**. In Leiden at SB03, in The Hague at the back of the wooden paviljon across the Wijnhaven entrance. You are most welcome here to relax before, between or after lectures!

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the fact that these are the last weeks of our board year. It has been an enormous honour to contribute to the association en we enjoyed it thoroughly. Thank you for the trust, your input and all the wonderful memories. We will stay involved!

One last time from here,

See you soon!

Robin Buijs

Secretary

Beste leden,

We zijn er weer! Aan de start van dit academisch jaar wil ik allereerst alle nieuwe lezers welkom heten. In deze maandelijkse nieuwsbrief informeert de secretaris je over alle aankomende activiteiten en toffe dingen van de vereniging. En mocht je nou al een vaste lezer zijn, ga zo door!

Ik hoop dat jullie allemaal een fantastische zomer hebben gehad en niet kunnen wachten om weer te beginnen. Ook de vereniging heeft deze zomer niet stilgezeten. De tweeweekse reis naar Jordanië was een gigantisch succes en ook het eerstejaarsweekend was ontzettend leuk. Verder zijn deze zomer ook de **commissies weer opengestaan**, en je hebt nog tot morgen om je aan te melden! Met 17 verschillende soorten is er voor iedereen wat leuks bij, dus twijfel niet langer en klik op **deze link!**

Kan je ook niet wachten om alle andere SPIL'ers weer te zien? Kom dan naar de **eerste borrel** van het jaar op 7 september. Vanaf 20:00 ben je van harte welkom bij Café L'esperance in Leiden, en kan je genieten van een geweldige weerzien (en gratis snacks!)

Op 14 september is ook de **Wissel-ALV** bij café Rootz in Den Haag. Hier presenteert het 42e bestuur haar eindverslag, bespreken we de nominatie van een nieuwe KasCommissie en Vertrouwenspersonen en installeren we alle commissies en het nieuwe bestuur. Het belooft een gezellige en feestelijke avond te worden, dus zorg dat je erbij bent!

Deze maand zou natuurlijk niet compleet zijn zonder een aantal excursies. Op 12 september bezoeken we het Nederlandse **Ministerie van Volksgezondheid, Welzijn en Sport**. Ben je meer (of ook) geïnteresseerd in buitenlandse politiek? Kom dan op 22 september naar de **Portugese Ambassade!** Verder zijn we door de Nationaal Coördinator tegen Racisme en Discriminatie uitgenodigd voor een **congress** op 28 september. Genoeg te doen dus deze maand!

We kijken er ook ontzettend naar uit je snel weer te zien! Bijvoorbeeld in één van de **SPIL-hokken**. In Leiden bij SB03, in Den Haag aan de achterkant van het houten huis tegenover de ingang. Hier ben je voor, na of tussen je colleges door altijd welkom!

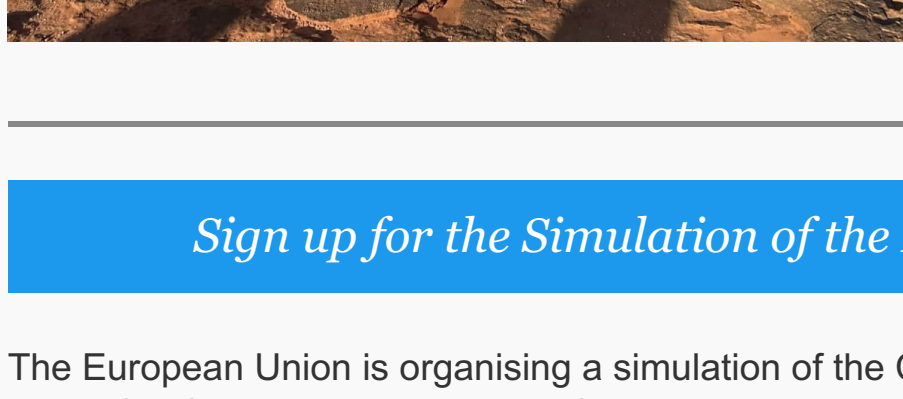
Ten slotte wil ik ook nog even stilstaan bij het feit dat dit de laatste weken van ons bestuursjaar zijn. Het was een enorme eer om ons in te mogen zetten voor de vereniging en hebben er ongelooflijk van genoten. Bedankt voor het vertrouwen, jullie inzet en alle fijne herinneringen. We blijven betrokken!

Voor de laatste keer vanaf deze plek,

Tot snel!

Robin Buijs

Secretaris



Agenda

September 7th

- Borrel Leiden (20:00 at L'esperance)

September 12th:

- Excursion to Ministry of Health (15:30-17:30)

September 14th:

- Change of Boards GA

September 22nd:

- Excursion to Portugese Embassy (09:30)

September 28th:

- Congress National Coordinator against Racism and Discrimination

Quote of the month

"We can eat and then we can make your life decisions"

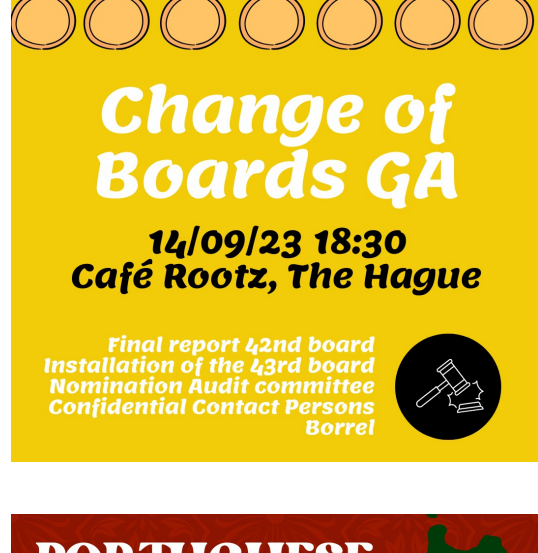
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The experience of members



Coincidentally, the day I am writing this marks the 1 year anniversary of my first SPIL experience. As a prospective first-year I joined last years freshman weekend. This weekend provided me with so many experience that ended up being a vital part of the experiences I gained in my first year. Due to the open and welcoming nature of the SPILers involved, I made new friends and acquaintances that I still hold dear. It also stimulated me to become an active member of SPIL and join committees, which turned out to be a big part of my freshman experience. As a general member of DIES and Chair of the long trip this year, SPIL has provided me with a lot of exciting opportunities and experiences. From running into the cold sea in November to dancing the macarena in a Jordanian camp in the desert. I am really curious what SPIL will bring me in the future, but looking at next years board, I am more than certain it will be an amazing year!

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Sign up for the Simulation of the EU Council of Ministers

The European Union is organising a simulation of the Council of Ministers on 18-19 April 2024: **ConSIMium**. Each Member State may send students to participate. Leiden University can select 1 student to take advantage of this instructive opportunity. The Institute of Political Science will present a candidate (and reserve candidate) from the third bachelor year (in academic year 2023-2024) to the University in mid-September. You can find more information and sign up for the selection via **this link**.

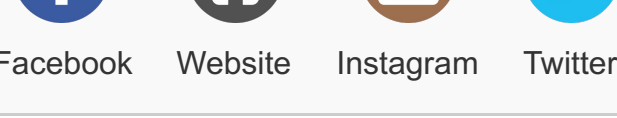
What is a General Assembly?

The General Assembly is the highest body of the association. Just like a parliament checks the government, the GA checks the board. You can ask questions about the boards' policy, come with suggestions and file motions. You don't have to be active or know everything about the association to attend, we are really looking for input from everyone. Since the GA is hosted in a bar you can also enjoy a drink or snacks, and it is even more fun together with your SPIL-friends or committee members! The GA is both in English and Dutch. Click **here for an extensive explanation of the GA**, and **here for the relevant background documents**.

Photo collage: Long Trip to Jordan!



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