Ibn Battuta

Policy 2021 - 2022

61st Board of Faculty Association Ibn Battuta

Focus Points
- ❖ Reconnecting members to the Association
- ❖ Strengthening the alumni community
- ❖ Enhancing the internal communication

The Association

Faculty Association Ibn Battuta has a welcoming atmosphere and an innovative attitude. To owe up to these characteristics, we will provide opportunities to join Ibn Battuta through new activities and initiatives. These aim to reconnect the community and offer possibilities for interaction and inclusion of members regardless of their year of study. Additionally, we give members more occasions to network with alumni of the Faculty of Spatial Sciences to strengthen their interconnectedness.

Projectgroup Dies

To recognize the Dies Natalis of the Association, a Projectgroup Dies will be appointed. They will organize a Dies Day to celebrate the birthday of the Association with members and friends. The spectacular celebration will consist of multiple activities throughout the day.

Introduction Period

Ibn Battuta will offer multiple occasions for students to get to know the Association and each other in the first two weeks of the Academic Year. Additionally, we focus on reintegrating all members during the Introduction Period due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, Projectgroup Introduction Period provides introductory activities for first-year students, as well as older students.

Introduction Day Bachelor Students

The afternoon planning of the Introduction Day will be adapted to give first-year students a better impression of what Ibn Battuta has to offer. The City Tour will be shortened and a social afternoon activity will be hosted by Projectgroup Introduction Period. Besides first-year students, all members are also welcome at the afternoon activity to increase interaction.

Introduction Day (Pre-)Master Students

A separate Introduction Day will be organized for (pre-)master students. This day is organized by a task force consisting of members from different Faculty bodies. The program will begin with an introduction to the Faculty of Spatial Sciences and the Zernike Campus for new (pre-)master students. Afterward, all incoming (pre-)master students are welcome at an interactive event to introduce the students to each other.

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Committee Plaza

A Committee Plaza will be organized in Groningen, which provides students with a more in-depth view of what committees have to offer. This is in addition to a casual introduction of committees on Ameland. The Committee Plaza takes place twice a year: once during the Introduction Period for the committees opening in September and once for the committees opening in February and May.

Career Orientation Symposium

A Career Orientation Symposium will be organized to encourage young professional development and introduce members to potential working fields. Workshops on professional competencies are offered to facilitate professional development, while introductory lectures will give insight into potential working fields. This Symposium is organized by the Lecture Committee to diversify their repertoire.

Sustainability and Society Committee

We will turn Projectgroup Sustainability and Society into a committee due to the continued interest and long-term relevance. The Sustainability and Society Committee will establish a sustainability roadmap for the Association. Furthermore, they will increase societal awareness and participation within Ibn Battuta by collaborating with a charity organization. This provides members with opportunities to give back to society.

Faculty of Spatial Sciences

Professor Keuning Vereniging

Ibn Battuta will proactively reach out to the Professor Keuning Vereniging to link alumni to members. Therefore, alumni are invited to selected events of Ibn Battuta. This will facilitate connections of members to the field of spatial sciences and strengthen the community of alumni.

Study Room

During the exam period, Ibn Battuta arranges a study room for members on Zernike Campus. This provides members with the opportunity to study collaboratively. Additionally, committees can request a room through the board.

Committees

Sustainability Ambassador

To help the Sustainability and Society Committee reach the goals of their roadmap, a member of every committee or projectgroup takes on the extra role of the sustainability ambassador within that committee or projectgroup. The Sustainability and Society Committee will share their knowledge and experience with the sustainability ambassadors to integrate sustainability into every committee and projectgroup.

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Activity Subsidy Overview
An Activity Subsidy Overview will be created to give Committees a transparent insight into their financial resources. When changes to the subsidy occur, the document is updated by the treasurer of the board. The overview is shared with the committees on the Committee Drive and enhances the accessibility of the remaining budget.

Representation and Promotion
WhatsApp Activity Promotion
A WhatsApp promotion channel will be created. Everyone interested in the activities of Ibn Battuta can subscribe to the channel. This Channel aims to keep all interested people updated on the activities that are organized throughout the year. This is in addition to the Cyber Coffee Room.

Corporate Identity Standard
For the Association to uphold a professional, representative, and consistent image, a Corporate Identity Standard will be implemented. A document will be provided on the Committee Drive on how the promotion on Ibn Battuta's platforms can match our Corporate Identity Standard. This document guides committees, projectgroups, fellowships, and residences to guarantee the quality of promotion.

Partner Collaboration
Casual Career Contact
To give members a better impression of what partners have to offer, Ibn Battuta will stimulate the mutual casual contact between members and partners. This will be achieved by inviting partners to organize activities in an informal setting.

Master Network FSS
Ibn Battuta will strive to increasingly connect master students to partners through the Master Network FSS. This will be facilitated by emphasizing the Master Network FSS as a selling point to current and potential partners. Therefore, we will start offering company profiles, logos, and vacancies of partners on the online platforms of the Master Network FSS.

Terms & Conditions
This Association Year, the board will write a Terms and Conditions document that strives to uphold the values of the Association. The document sets the general rules and values within Ibn Battuta to maintain a safe environment and welcoming atmosphere.

Coffee Room
Free Coffee
From the start of the Academic Year 2021-2022, we offer free coffee for all members of the Association and discontinue the Caffeine Card. Providing free coffee for our members will lower the threshold for them to visit the Coffee Room. This intends to encourage members to interact with each other and to reconnect with the Association. Additionally, members will still be able to order and customize mugs.

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Coffee Hours
The Coffee Hours take place from Monday to Friday 09:30 AM to 02:00 PM. During these hours, a board member will be present to make coffee and tea. Members are free to make coffee and tea for themselves outside Coffee Hours. We will encourage committees, projectgroups, fellowships, residences, and partners to organize Coffee Hours to promote their upcoming activities.

Social Drinks
Pub
Due to the good cooperation with 't Gat van Groningen over the last few years, the Social Drinks will continue to take place in 't Gat van Groningen this Association Year. The standard starting time of these Social Drinks is 10:00 PM. In the case of special occasions, the starting time can differ from the standard time.

Ibn Gattuta Card
We will promote and explain the advantages of the Ibn Gattuta Card to our members. This will be done through, among others, the website, social media, and in the Newsletter. Next to this, we will include non-alcoholic beverages and monthly specials in the Ibn Gattuta Card to provide our members with varying deals.