

Ibn Battuta

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Focus Points

- ❖ Contributing to societal and sustainable causes
- ❖ Stimulating career preparation
- ❖ Encouraging the involvement of members
- ❖ Getting members back to campus

The Association

The Faculty Association Ibn Battuta is characterized by her ambitious nature, professional attitude, and social atmosphere. To ensure the continuity of these traits, an emphasis will be put on contributing to sustainability and society, career preparation, and the involvement of members. Functioning as the link between the students and the Faculty of Spatial Sciences, we will collaborate with the Faculty to organize activities that are aimed at revitalizing the on-campus student life.

Introduction Period

The Projectgroup Introduction Period organizes the two-week Introduction Period for first-year students. As the Projectgroup was established earlier in the year, there is more time to collaborate with the Faculty to organize ambitious activities. Besides that, a separate day for master and pre-master students is organized by the Projectgroup Master Introduction, which was set up to ensure a welcoming atmosphere for new master students.

Introduction for second- and third-year students

In addition to the Introduction Period for first-year students, there will be separate introduction activities that focus on getting second- and third-year students involved with the Association. These students will be reached through activities that are linked to their courses, encouraging them to catch up on their missed opportunity to see the appeal of Ibn Battuta. They will also receive invitations to activities in the Introduction Period for first-years, allowing them to socialize with other students.

Societal contribution and sustainability

Supporting charity

To raise societal awareness and further contribute to society, the Association will organize various activities and programs that support a locally active charity within the field of spatial sciences. The Board provides a selection of charitable causes that members can vote on. Throughout the Academic Year, the chosen cause will be highlighted to create greater awareness, encouraging members to support the charity through both financial and non-financial means.

Sustainability and Society Ambassadors

The committee's Sustainability Ambassadors will receive additional tasks regarding the topic of society. Therefore, they will be rebranded as Sustainability and Society Ambassadors and support their committees with incorporating charitable aspects into activities. This way, it can be assured that the Association becomes increasingly effective and creative with its contributions to society.



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Sustainable committee clothing

To offer committees and projectgroups an incentive to purchase sustainable committee clothing, the subsidy for more sustainable products is increased while the subsidy for less sustainable products is reduced. The Board will create a sustainable clothing guideline to ensure that the subsidy is used for clothes that are of an adequate standard. This will contribute to the Association moving toward a more sustainable future.

Career

Career Weeks

The Career Weeks will consist of multiple activities that are focused on offering students the opportunity to start with or further invest in career orientation and networking. This provides students with occasions to prepare for their future careers. Spread over two weeks, the program will contain the Career Orientation Symposium, the In-House Tour, and other activities to appeal to students that are at different stages of their career preparation.

Experts Around the Corner

To provide members with low threshold options to visit career and education-related activities, experts are invited to the Zernike Campus to talk about their field of expertise. This offers members the possibility to interact with experts through sessions in different formats, close to the on-campus study environment. The sessions will take place four times during the Academic Year and are free for members to attend.

Vacancy matching

Members get the option to receive personal vacancy notifications that are tailored to their career interests, which they can express by filling in a form. After this, the Board will match members' preferences with open vacancies. The vacancy matching links members to the career opportunities that are fitting for them and can be used as a selling point to current and potential partners.

Faculty

Connecting members and Faculty staff

To build on the connection between members and Faculty staff and to get them to campus more frequently, activities will be organized to facilitate an increasingly welcoming atmosphere for interaction. The Board aims to improve this connection by hosting social activities on the Zernike Campus and will continue to invite staff members to educational and career-related activities.

Exam training by Ibn Battutors

The Board will collaborate with the Faculty to set up a platform where members can get exam training from Ibn Battutors. The training sessions are provided for specific courses and given by students who will assist members with their exam preparation. To ensure the quality of the training, the students interested in being an Ibn Battutor have to go through an application process.



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Involvement of members

Evaluation survey

Once a semester, an evaluation survey will be sent to students, Friends, and Faculty staff to give them the opportunity to provide the Association with feedback. This way, communicating advice to the Board on how to improve the Association becomes more accessible.

Merchandise design contest

A merchandise design contest will be organized to allow members to use their creativity and have an influence on the Association's merchandise. Taking into account the sustainability guideline, the Board will announce a product that members are encouraged to create designs for. After this, members are invited to vote on their favorite designed product, which will become available on the webshop.

Ibn Battuta DJs

A DJ group will be set up to provide music that is customized to activities, allowing them to have a creative influence on the Association, whilst encouraging members to bond over music. By setting up a structure in which members can DJ, the continuity of DJ-ing within Ibn Battuta can be ensured.

Presence of sport

Ibn Battuta Olympics

The Sports and Games Committee will organize the Ibn Battuta Olympics, a large-scale sports tournament that focuses on engaging a broad audience to compete in a variety of team sports. This sportive highlight will diversify the range of events, connect members and show how entertaining sports can be.

Try-out sports

To increase the presence of sports in the Association, the Board will facilitate four try-out sports activities during the Academic Year. This offers members the opportunity to get excited about various sports.

Promotion

To make the promotional appearance of Ibn Battuta more engaging, monthly recaps will be created and shared through the established social media channels. Members and non-members can therefore see the appeal of the Association and what she has to offer. Additionally, a picture of the month contest will be introduced through which members can reminisce about past activities.

Coffee Room

Sustainable coffee and tea

The Association will start providing more sustainable coffee and tea in the Coffee Room. The new coffee and tea, with certified sustainability labels and recyclable packaging, will contribute to lowering Ibn Battuta's impact on the environment.



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Coffee Hours

The Coffee Hours will take place from Monday to Friday from 09:30 AM to 02:00 PM. During these hours, a Board Member will be present to make coffee and tea. Outside the Coffee Hours, members are free to make coffee and tea by themselves. Additionally, we will encourage committees, projectgroups, fellowships, and residences to host Coffee Hours to promote their activities.

Social Drinks

During the Association Year, Social Drinks provide members the opportunity to socially interact with each other. These Social Drinks will take place monthly on Tuesdays at 't Gat van Groningen and start at 10:00 PM. On special occasions, the day and starting time can differ. The Social Drinks can be organized in collaboration with committees, projectgroups, fellowships, or residences.

