

SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT 2021

→ De Fryske Akademy in 2021



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Since its founding in 1938, the Fryske Akademy has been dedicated to fundamental and applied research on the Frisian language, history, and culture. After a good 80 years, this task bestowed upon the institute by the Frisian community when it was founded, is still its guiding principle.



The Fryske Akademy in 2021

2021 was in many ways a dynamic year. As in 2020, much of this related to the further implementation of decisions taken in 2019 by the Provincial Council of Friesland. With calm now returning, slowly but surely, vigorous efforts are being made to ensure a positive, productive and relevant future for the Fryske Akademy.

General developments

In mid-March, the interim managing director, drs. Willem Smink, handed over the reins to dr. Nelleke IJssennagger-van der Pluijm, FSA. Together with a professional management team, concerned with operations and decision-making, and programme coordinators, focusing on the academic direction - she is involved with developing processes in the new, horizontal organisational structure. The institute's future strategy and research agenda form part of this.

The reorganisation of the corporate services departments - which began in 2020 - was

completed in May. Further to the changed affiliation with the KNAW (Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences) - the Constitution was amended in October. The development of the Innovation Drive-funded projects continued and has led to new research being awarded.

The Fryske Akademy has accepted the role of Vice Chair in the 'Gearwurkingstraject Fryske Taal en Kultuur' (Frisian language and culture cooperation project (GTFK)) run by the province of Friesland. In the framework of this project, the Fryske Akademy is working with numerous other cultural institutions to set up the knowledge agenda for Language and Culture.

Long-term goals

In 2021 the focus gradually turned towards the future and the institute's long-term goals. Work was done throughout the organisation to draw up a draft policy plan for the period 2022-2027.

Academic developments

The first major steps were taken in 2021 towards developing a research programme that is future ready. Under the leadership of a programme coordinator, the staff unanimously decided to define four core areas in the research programme. They are: multilingualism, language, culture, plus history and heritage. These core areas should be seen as research areas that may overlap and represent the commitment to a team of researchers undertaking research both within their own discipline, as well as in the interdisciplinary context.

PhD research

- Social media are having a positive effect on Frisian. This was the conclusion of Lysbeth Jongbloed when she was awarded her PhD on Friday 3 September at the University of Maastricht for her thesis entitled: *Frisian on social media: The vitality of minority languages in a multilingual online world*.



- *Nooit meer honger en natuurinclusief: Productiviteitsgroei en duurzaamheid in de Friese zuivelsector, 1945-2020*. [No more hunger and nature inclusive: Productivity growth and sustainability in Friesland's dairy sector, 1945-2020] was the title of Ronald Plantinga's thesis, for which he obtained his PhD on Thursday 9 September at the University of Groningen.
- What Frisian verbs of time teach us about language. Anne Merkuur obtained her doctorate at the University of Amsterdam in the Martinikerk in Franeker on Monday 18 October. The title of her thesis being: *Changes in Modern Frisian verbal inflection*.

Keetje Hodshon Prize for a thesis

- The Keetje Hodshon Prize 2021 was awarded to dr. Evelyn Bosma for her thesis: *Bilingualism and cognition: the acquisition of Frisian and Dutch (2017)*. The prize is awarded in recognition of original research. It is presented annually for research carried out in one of the following areas: linguistics, literary studies, historical sciences, philosophy or theology.

Current PhD research

- Mark Raat: *De historische langetermijntwikkeling van het Friese Veenweidegebied (ca. 1600-1970)* [The historical long-term development of the Friesian Peatland area (c. 1600-1970)].
- Nika Stefan: *Language preservation and language loss in Frisian: a social-linguistic profile*.
- Dennis Worst: *Middeleeuws agrarische veenontginningen in Zuid-Friesland en de kop van Overijssel (1000-1400)*. [Medieval agricultural peatland clearing in southern Friesland and the Kop van Overijssel (1000-1400)].

Postdocs

Evelyn Bosma – Multilingual literacy.

Publications

(number)

Academic contributions

| | |
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| 11 | Refereed articles |
| 28 | Chapters in anthologies/books |
| 13 | Books and anthologies/volumes |
| 4 | Reports |
| 1 | Software product |
| 3 | Digital products |
| 3 | Theses |

Professional contributions

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|----|-------------------------------|
| 12 | Articles |
| 2 | Website/Software items |
| 7 | Chapters in anthologies/books |
| 3 | Books |

Popular science contributions

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| 2 | Generalist contributions |
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Key publications

- **Merkuur, Anne**, *Changes in Modern Frisian verbal inflection*. Amsterdam: LOT Publications, 2021. 306 p. Thesis.
- **Jongbloed-Faber, Lystbeth**, *Frisian on social media: The vitality of minority languages in a multilingual online world*. Amsterdam: LOT Publications, 2021. 220 p. Thesis.
- **Plantinga, Ronald**, *Nooit meer honger en natuurinclusief: Productiviteitsgroei en duurzaamheid in de Friese zuivelsector, 1945-2020*. Groningen: Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, 2021. 463 p. Thesis.
- **Van de Velde, H.** (Editor); Dolezal, Frederic T. *Broadening Perspectives in the History of Dictionaries and Word Studies*. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2021. 360 p.
- Hines, John (Editor); **Ijssennagger-van der Pluijm, Nelleke** (Editor). *Frisians of the Early Middle Ages*. Woodbridge: Boydell, 2021. 422 p. (Studies in Historical Archaeo-ethnology).
- **Vries, Oebele, Ferd-ban**. *Oudfriese oorkonden en hun verhaal* [Ferdban. Old Frisian documents and the story they tell]. Bornmeer Noordboek Sterck & de Vreese, 2021. 430 p.
- **Van de Velde, H.** (Editor); Haugh Hilton, N. (Editor); Knooihuizen, Remco (Editor). *Language Variation – European Perspectives VIII*. Selected papers from the Tenth International Conference on Language Variation in Europe (ICLaVE 10), Leeuwarden, June 2019. John Benjamins Publishing, 2021. (Studies in Language Variation). 316 p.
- Bothe, Lukas (Editor); Esders, Stefan (Editor); **Nijdam, J.A.** (Editor). *Wergild, Compensation and Penance. The Monetary Logic of Early Medieval Conflict Resolution*. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2021. 340 p. (Medieval law and its practice).
- Van Engen, Hildo (Editor); **Nijdam, J.A.** (Editor); van Vliet, K. (Editor). *Macht, bezit en ruimte: Opstellen over de noordelijke Nederlanden in de middeleeuwen* [Power, property and land: Essays on the northern Netherlands in the Middle Ages]. Hilversum: Uitgeverij Verloren, 2021. 640 p.



- **Kircher, Ruth**; Fox, Sue., Multicultural London English and its speakers: A corpus-informed discourse study of standard language ideology and social stereotypes. In: *Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development*. 2021; Vol. 42, No. 9. p. 792-810.
- Blom, Elma; **Bosma, Evelyn**; **Heeringa, W.J.**, Regular and irregular inflection in different groups of bilingual children and the role of verbal short-term and verbal working memory. In: *Languages*. 2021; Vol. 56, No. 6.

Lectures and conferences



Website and social media

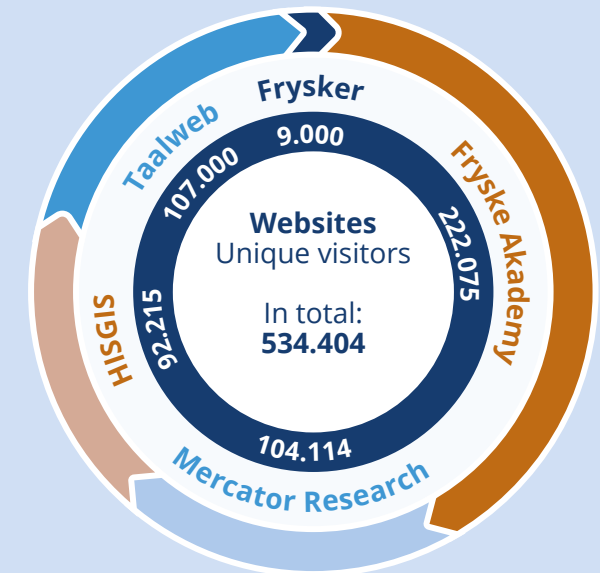
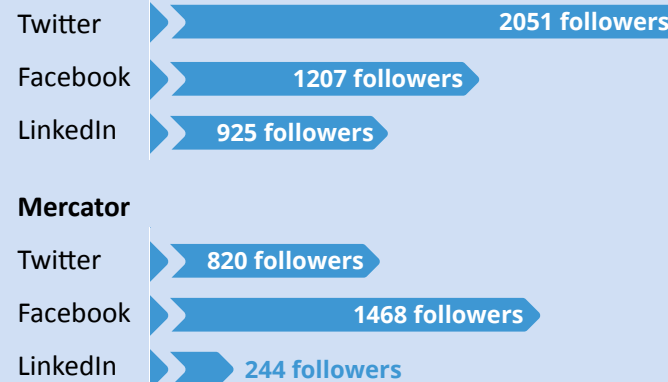


Launch of Frysker

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Sietske Poepjes, a member of the Friesland Provincial Executive, launched Frysker on the 11e day of Friese Taalkunde (Frisian Linguistics). The Frysker website (<https://frysker.nl>) provides various digital language tools for all those who want to be able to write correct Frisian. Frysker has three parts to it: search, check and translate. Frysker was launched for both Frisians and the Dutch general public with a St. Nicholas (Sinterklaas) poem contest.

The Fryske Akademy this year had:



Academy members

Four new members were appointed at the Academy Day on 10 September:

- Sytske de Boer for her continuing interest in Frisian culture.
- Siebren Dyk for his continuing interest in Frisian studies.
- Stéphane Leback for his continuing interest in the academic discipline.
- Steven Sterk for his continuing interest in Frisian culture.

At the end of 2021 the Fryske Akademy had 1196 donors, of whom 236 were also members of the Academy.

Profit and loss account

| 2021 | actual | budget | difference |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Income | 3.856.052 | 3.717.273 | 138.779 |
| Expenditure | 3.643.462 | 3.793.181 | -149.719 |
| Result | 212.590 | -75.908 | 288.498 |



The coronavirus pandemic

Further to the national pandemic measures, several research and public activities had to be postponed more than once or turned into online activities. The indirect consequences of this are not yet fully clear. Where the consequences were apparent, these were discussed with the parties granting subsidies.

Supervisory board

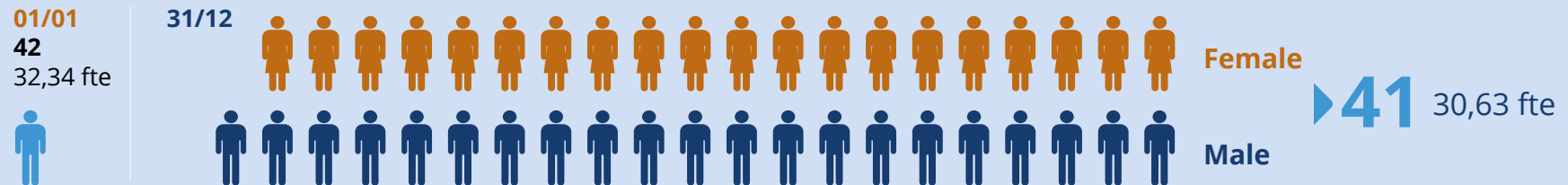
- Prof. Jacob T. Fokkema (chair until October)
- Drs Seerp Leistra (chair since October)
- Prof. Anthonya Visser
- Wim K. Kleinhuis
- Dr Jan Don
- Drs Houkje Rijpstra (adviser until October)

Managing Director

- Drs Willem Smink (interim until 15 March 2021)
- Dr Nelleke Ijssennagger-van der Pluijm, FSA (since 15 March 2021)

Personnel

Employed staff 2021



Composition of workforce (31/12)

Academic staff
(including PhD candidates)
16,82 fte



23

Academic support staff
8,31 fte



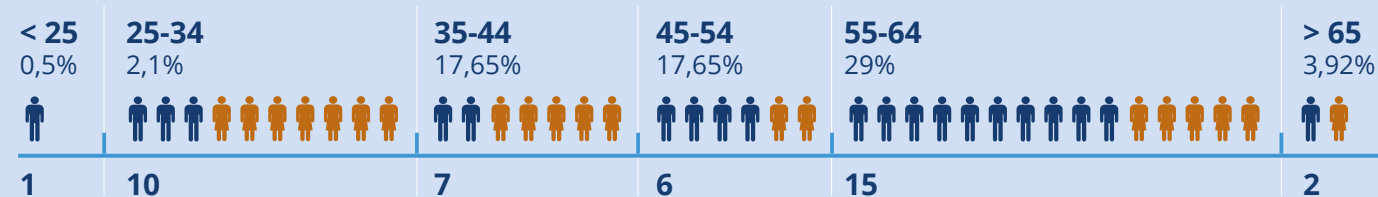
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Management support staff
5,5 fte



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Breakdown by age and sex



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