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FRYSKE AKADEMY

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# The Fryske Akademy in 2008

## Mission and Objective

The objective of the Fryske Akademy is to function as the scientific centre for Friesland and to conduct high-quality scientific research embracing the Frisian language, culture, history and society in the widest sense. Research carried out by the Fryske Akademy in 2008 once more made a contribution to science; it often happens that this contribution may also be of direct social significance and relevance within the Province of Friesland. Next to its primary research task, the Fryske Akademy through its special professorial chairs at Leiden and Amsterdam provides university education in the field of the Frisian language and literature.

## Projects

The Mercator European Research Centre for Multilingualism and Language Learning has succeeded in securing long-

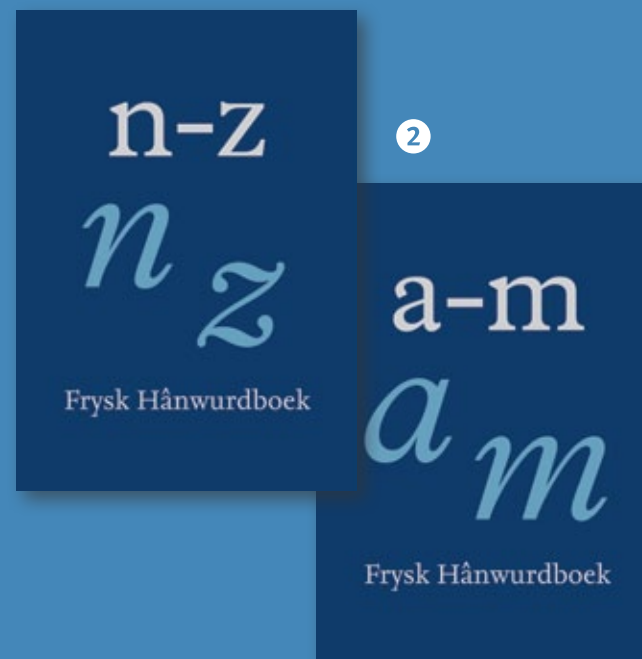
term basic funding from local government in Leeuwarden, the Province of Friesland, and the Basque Ministry of Education, as well as from Brussels. The Vakgroep Geschiedenis (History Department), in co-operation with Leiden University, has succeeded in winning a NWO (Dutch Organisation for Scientific Research) project whereby, as from 1st January 2009, a doctoral student will be attached to the Fryske Akademy to begin an AIO (PhD) project addressing the vendetta society of late fifteenth/early sixteenth-century Friesland. The Fryske Akademy, in conjunction with other institutes belonging to the Koninklijke Nederlandse Akademie van Wetenschappen (Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences) – Meertens, Huygens, DANS and VKS – has prepared a project plan for the development of a digital infrastructure for research in humanities.

This 'Alfalab' project, and the subsidy to support it, has been approved by the KNAW. Within the ambit of this project the Fryske Akademy will assimilate into studies of the humanities the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS). One gratifying new development is the fresh embarking upon their work of four young AIO/PhD graduate researchers. Those involved in the Vakgroep Geschiedenis (History Department) are, respectively, Drs Rombert Stapel (Utrecht Chronicle of the German [Teutonic] Order of Knights) and Matthijs Gerrits MA (Frisian Vendetta Society 1450-1550); working in higher-education research is Drs Jelske Dijkstra (Language Development Among Young Frisian Children), and with Mercator, Nienke Boomstra MSc (Language and Reading Development Among Young Children from the Antilles).

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## Publications

The year 2008 saw another rise in productivity. Thirty-eight scientific articles appeared; forty chapters in books, eleven monographs, and four dissertations; twenty-three congresses were organised. (For a comprehensive list of publications in 2008, [please follow this link](#)). Three doctoral graduations took place: that of

Dr Herman Lambooj with his dissertation on *Sibrandus Leo en zijn abtenkronieken van de Friese premonstratenzerkloosters Lidlum en Mariëngaarde* (University of Leiden), of Dr Han Nijdam with *Lichaam, eer en recht. Een studie naar de Oudfriese boeteregisters* (University of Leiden, honours), and of Dr Arjen Versloot with *Mechanisms of Language*

*Change: Vowel Reduction in 15th-century West Frisian* (University of Groningen). From Dr Karel Gildemacher there further appeared the monograph *Terpen en Terpnamen*; Jelske Dijkstra published *F-TARSP*, a diagnostic instrument for Frisian speech therapists. A report came out by Dr Bernie van Ruijven and the late Drs Jehannes Ytsma concerning the *Trijetalige Skoalle*

yn Fryslân, and the big two-part *Frysk Hânwurdboek* appeared under the national editorship of Dr Frits van der Kuip and Drs Pieter Duijff (with the Friesland Bank as chief sponsor).

In October there appeared, in association with the *Friesch Dagblad* and publisher Bornmeer/Steven Sterk, the anthology entitled *Frieslands Verleden*, edited by Douwe Kooistra and others, among whom historians of the Fryske Akademy who contributed both in terms of content and quality control. Under the editorship of Professor

Goffe Jensma there appeared in November the bilingual *De Kanon fan de Skiednis fan Fryslân - yn 11 en 30 finsters / De canon van de Geschiedenis van Friesland - in 11 en 30 vensters*: the fruit of a province-wide working commission to which, next to Tresoar, Afûk and the Fries Museum, researchers from the Fryske Akademy contributed with respect to content.

## Congresses

A total of 23 symposia and congresses took place throughout

the year. (For a comprehensive list of congresses and symposia in 2008, [please follow this link](#).) The seventieth anniversary of the Fryske Akademy was celebrated with a number of special congresses and symposia.

February (marking the fiftieth year of Academy Lectures) saw the staging of the Harmonie Symposium 'Mei Fryslân foarút', with more than six hundred participants under leadership of former chair of the Tweede Kamer (The Dutch House of Representatives)

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Up until 1st June 2009, and within the scope of their projected replacement, a thorough review was carried out regarding what might be the best solution or arrangement in each individual case. This proved an operation with extremely far-reaching implications, first and foremost affecting those directly involved [h after many years of enormous effort] (implications saw scope of job disappear) (affected people) (sc an operational)

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