



Newsletter for the Fundamentals and Methods of Chemistry Research Community

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News

– Saskia Lindhoud (UT) new chair Round Table Chemistry

Saskia Lindhoud is the brand-new Chair of the Chemistry Round Table. In March, the Science (ENW) Domain Board appointed the member of the Round Table as chair. What drives Lindhoud, what are her plans as the new chair and how will we see this reflected next summer at the IUPAC|CHAINS congress? You can read it at [Interview Saskia Lindhoud – ‘I want to sit at the right tables’ | NWO](#)

– Inaugural symposium Institute for Sustainable and Circular Chemistry (ISCC) at Utrecht University

The Institute for Sustainable and Circular Chemistry (ISCC) at Utrecht University is organizing an inaugural scientific symposium on Thursday June 8 to discuss the most recent developments in the field and introduce the thematic approach and focus of the Institute. The scientific program includes a number of inspiring invited lectures covering the challenges of circular chemistry, catalysis aspects of sustainable chemistry, environmental science and toxicology considerations, as well as the impact of the digitalization transition on the future of chemistry. Next to this, the symposium will highlight ongoing research activities of the Institute. For more information and registration, see [ISCC Symposium - Current affairs - Utrecht University \(uu.nl\)](#)

– Update key enabling technologies

The Ministry of Economic Affairs (EZK) asked TNO and NWO to review the basic list of key enabling technologies from 2018 in the light of current developments in society, science and technology worldwide. Thanks in part to input from a large number of experts, this has resulted in an updated list consisting of eight categories, ranging from advanced materials and chemical technologies to digital and information technologies. This updated list is, amongst others, important for a national technology strategy that the Ministry is working on. More information about the process and the new updated list of technologies can be found here: [New list of key enabling technologies foundation for tech strategy | NWO](#).

– FMC-meeting on 10 March 2023

We look back on a very successful FMC-meeting on 10 March 2023 where people with various backgrounds connected and informed themselves about the latest developments in AI/ML for chemistry and as well as about ambitions for this theme to unite and strengthen our community. We discussed potential topics to work together on a larger initiative to support and strengthen our community. If you would like to join this effort and get actively involved, please contact Evgeny Pidko directly via E.A.Pidko@tudelft.nl.

– Upcoming FMC-meeting in fall 2023

Following-up on earlier successful FMC-meetings, the FMC-committee is exploring options to have another FMC-meeting in Q4 of 2023. The idea of this meeting is to give the floor to new/young PIs in our community, giving them the chance to present themselves to the community and connect with others in our community. If you are interested in contributing to this meeting, please inform Merijn Blaakmeer, secretary to the FMC advisory committee, via ResearchCommunity-FM@nwo.nl.

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