

Year summary 2018

November 15th: General Members Meeting

A lot of important things were discussed during this GMM. Jeroen van der Valk, Henry Rommelse and Yde Jansen were replaced by Steven Heesterman, Mirabel Vlaming and Rosan van Halsema, respectively.

November 15th: Constitution drink

The board change had to be celebrated and a lot of alcoholic refreshments were consumed. I realized when looking at the photos that this evening was truly legendary.

November 20th: GalaCie second dance evening

The Pyrus gala was nearing and what would a gala be without its dancers? Luckily the GalaCie organised the second dance evening where we learned the Paso Doble, a famous Spanish dance. Many of the men present that night felt like a fish in the water as this dance really flattered their pride.

November 21st: Environmental Sciences symposium

Once every two years the Environmental Sciences studies organise a symposium. A lot of interesting actual topics were discussed and the evening was of course closed with a nice drink.

November 22nd: Alternative grilled cheese sandwich lunch

The Pyrus board organized a delicious lunch so that the Pyrus members could meet the new board. A lot of people joined this lunch.

November 22nd: PR-Cie PR-ubquiz

The PR-Cie organises a pubquiz about the sponsors of Pyrus every year. The winners of course received a bottle of gold strike. This bottle did not leave the building unopened. I would like to thank Gijs Eijgenraam, Luuk Bersee, Maaïke Gaaff, Maarten van Pelt, Heleen Westerveld, Rianne Meeÿsen, Evy Kleingeld, Jolien Lelivelt and Mirabel Vlaming for their effort.

November 28th: FoodCie Gala dinner

The day of the Pyrus gala had arrived, but before we could show our new dance moves at the Pyrus Gala we were first given a wonderful meal cooked by the FoodCie. They really created a delicious Spanish dinner. I would like to thank Dylan Koster, Jeroen van der Valk, Devin Beck, Daan Kivits, Lotte Braat, Romy Lammerts, Britt Albers and Rikke Stoffels for their effort.

November 28th: GalaCie Gala "Fiesta del Fuego"

The Gala was organised in Loburg this year and I can say that it was a great success. Everyone was dressed up nicely and the dance lessons really showed off. A lot of nice pictures were taken and these became weirder during the night. I would like to thank Roosmarijn Knol, Katherine Mesdag, Lotte Mathu, Kim Faassen, Jelle Boode, Wouter de Vries and Ruben van Baare for their effort.

November 29th: MeeloopdagCie orientation day

The second orientation day of the year took place, organised by the MeeloopdagCie. Prospective students from all over the Netherlands came to Wageningen to get an impression of our lovely study Soil, Water, Atmosphere. I would like to thank Diederik 't Veld, Thaem Mous, Vera Smits, Maud Siebers, Jonna van der Berg, Joep Bosdijk, Ruben Koppius and Floor Hermans for their efforts.

November 30th: LexCie lunch lecture

Quite some Pyrus members decide to study abroad during their bachelor. The LexCie yearly organises a lunch lecture in which students are invited to tell something about their experiences with the Erasmus exchange programme. Of course, a free lunch was provided. I would like to thank Anna Lith, Romee van Dam, Auke van der Woude, Floor Hermans, Diede in 't Veld, Joris Beemster, Charlotte Vaessen, Yde Jansen and Imke de Man for their effort.

November 30th: IntegratCie pubquiz

The IntegratCie organised a nice pubquiz which was especially aimed at our Master students. A lot of them turned up and the evening was a success! I would like to thank Jip Koster, Agnes Pranindita, Robert Schierholz, Alberic Fournier, Lysbet Bonnema, Janine de Wit, Jostijn van der Velde and Adriá Fontrodona Bach for their effort.

December 5th: AkCie and MerchandiCie Sinterkerst en Nieuw

The AkCie and MerchandiCie teamed up to celebrate this somewhat nowadays considered racist party in style. Sinterklais and Huigpiet really turned out to be generous and a lot of Pyrus attributes were given to the ones present. I would like to thank Wouter Smits, Meike Traas, Sjanne Poell, Nathalie Rombeek and Tom Brouwers for their effort. I want to thank Klais Blauw, Hugo Beekelaar, Mariska Tol, Rosan van Halsema, Nienke Oudijk, Sam Hendrickx and Johanna Butijn for their effort.

December 6th: CIA

On this evening a lot of informative speeches were given by people from different work sectors. The evening was really informative and nice to see what kind of jobs are possible to do after you finish your study. I would like to thank Ilja America, Auke van der Woude, Rianne Meeüsen, Koen Valk and Britt Albers for their effort.

December 7th: TransPyratCie pub games

Café Daniels was the place to be at this evening. A lot of different pub games could be played and were played by the people present. We also received our first beer for free, which was pretty nice. I would like to thank Pien Toonen, Noortje Oosterhoff, Luuk Bersee, Jeroen Sonnemans, Peter Westerman, Joep Bosdijk, Ruben Peters, Tim van Rooijen and Rikke Stoffels for their effort.

January 9th: AkCie ghost hunt

The year 2018 started really scary with a nice ghost hunt through the centre of Wageningen. We ended the evening at H41. It was really a nice and scary evening.

January 17th: FoodCie High Tea lunch

The FoodCie kicked off with the first lunch of the year. They made some delicious snacks and we all went home with our bellies filled.

January 18th: LexCie lunch lecture Deltares

The LexCie came up with a nice lunch lecture from Deltares, which is one of the sponsors of Pyrus. We heard a nice talk while eating our delicious lunch.

January 23rd: MeeloopdagCie orientation day

The third orientation day of the year took place, organised by the MeeloopdagCie. Prospective students from all over the Netherlands came to Wageningen to get an impression of our lovely study Soil, Water, Atmosphere.

January 23rd: LexCie GIS lecture

This time the LexCie organised an evening lecture at H41. Two GIS speakers were invited to give a presentation about their totally different work fields. The topics were really interesting and it was a great success.

January 24th: AkCie beer cantus

The AkCie organised their yearly beer cantus, which was once again a great success. People were chanting and misbehaving while the beer was flowing abundantly. As usual the evening ended with chaos, people dancing and singing. It was a legendary evening.

February 22nd: Chair group drink

The first chair group drink of the year was organised in period 4 just after the resit exams. Students and teachers enjoyed a not so cold but very nice beer after a long day of lectures together.

February 28th: Cheese fondue

The cheese fondue is one of the notorious traditions of Pyrus. The board, together with the help of the AkCie did their very best to create an even better cheese fondue than last year. Of course, the KEES award could not miss out on this evening, this year Carlijn Jalink won the award.

March 1st: AkCie Après-ski winterafsluiting

To celebrate that the cold was over the AkCie threw one last 'Winter themed' party. The evening started quietly but it turned out to be one large escalation. It even felt like being in an après-ski pub.

March 7th: Environmental Sciences casino night

The Environmental Sciences teamed up to organise a nice evening with all kind of casino games. From blackjack to roulette to poker, everything was possible on this night.

March 8th: FoodCie MasterChef

Inspired by the famous programme, the FoodCie organised the first Pyrus MasterChef edition. Under the watchful eye of master chef Dylan everyone presented their dish. Some people even made some hotwings which were very similar to those of the KFC. Everyone enjoyed the dishes afterwards.

March 9th: LexCie lunch lecture Wareco

It was time that another sponsor of Pyrus hosted a small presentation during the lunch. Again, the LexCie supplied a wonderful lunch during this interesting talk.

March 14th: TransPyratCie trefbal

The TransPyratCie organised a nice evening of dodgeball in order to release some stress and aggression due to the upcoming exams. A lot of people joined this evening and some fierce games were played.

March 22nd: GALA

We as the board of Pyrus are very fond of our committees. The Pyrus board organises an evening for all its active members every year. This year we did all kind of fun games after eating together. The evening was a great success.

March 27th: General Members Meeting

The second GMM of the academic year took place on this day. A lot of important things were discussed and also the board changed. Luuk Bersee, Devin Beck and Jip Koster were relieved from their function and were replaced by Gijs Eijgenraam, Bart Vlemmix and Maaïke de Boer, respectively.

March 27th: Constitution drink

After a somewhat short GMM it was time to party and to celebrate the new board XXIXb. The evening was once again filled with a lot beer and dance moves. The party really kept going until the early hours.

March 29th: AkCie Zwembadfissa

The AkCie decided to organise a somewhat different party than usual, they hosted a party at the Bongerd. Everyone was dressed in their best swim suit and record after record was established in the slide. The party was really nice and of course some beer was consumed.

April 4th: MeeloopdagCie orientation day

The fourth orientation day of the year took place, organised by the MeeloopdagCie. Prospective students from all over the Netherlands came to Wageningen to get an impression of our lovely study Soil, Water, Atmosphere.

April 6th: Grilled cheese sandwich lunch

After a legendary constitution drink it was time to meet the new board in a more serious state. The Pyrus board traditionally served grilled cheese sandwiches, which were warmly welcomed by our members.

April 12th: Chair group drink

This time the chair group drink theme was based on the theme month of Pyrus, namely: Tira-me-you. The board of course created a wonderful tiramisu. A lot of teachers and students were present at this nice free drink.

April 12th: FoodCie pie baking contest

The FoodCie seized the opportunity to host the yearly pie baking contest. A lot of people did their very best to create the most beautiful pie with a Soil, Water, Atmosphere theme. And according to the tradition a lot of students went home feeling a little sick due to the huge amounts of eaten pie.

April 18th: AkCie cold buffet

The AkCie fulfilled another yearly tradition by hosting a wonderful cold buffet. They did really put a lot of effort in it to create a whole bunch of different dishes. Students and teachers both feasted on the huge amount of food present.

April 19th: LexCie CV-training

The LexCie organised a nice CV training to prepare yourself for future job applications. It was a really interesting and useful event.

April 20th – April 22nd: BataCie Batavierenrace

Pyrus always joins the Batavierenrace and together with Nitocra we participated in one of the largest student competitions in the Netherlands. The final result was very good, we became 53rd! I would like to thank Henry Rommelse and Luuk Bersee.

April 24th: Environmental Sciences party “King for a night”

The Environmental Sciences party is one of the parties of the year. With Kingsday nearing, the whole room was decorated in the theme “King for a night”. A lot of Pyrus members were present and a lot of beer was consumed. The evening was a great success.

April 25th: LexCie excursion MeteoGroup

The LexCie organised a nice excursion to MeteoGroup, which is really nearby. The excursion was really interesting and it ended with a nice meal supplied by the FoodCie.

April 28th: OuderdagCie parent's day

Parents are always curious about what their son or daughter is studying. Therefore, Pyrus organises a parent day every year. On this day we showed the parents around the university and organised some lectures about Soil, Water and Atmosphere. I would like to thank Andrea Kees, Esther van der Laan, Femke Gramsma, Pim Göritzer and Wouter de Vries for their effort.

May 15th: FoodCie barbecue

The barbecue season finally started! The FoodCie was the first committee to host a barbecue. Accompanied with beautiful weather and a smoking hot barbecue, a lot of meat, vegetables and beer were consumed.

May 16th: Chair group drink

The last chair group drink of the academic year 2017-2018 was organised already. Students and teachers enjoyed a free drink after a long day of lectures.

May 17th: LexCie lunch lecture HydroLogic

The LexCie invited HydroLogic to give a presentation during lunch time. It was really interesting to listen to while eating a wonderful free lunch.

May 25th – May 27th: LexCie lakprofielenweekend

The "Lakprofielenweekend" is a yearly tradition based on the famous techniques of Gert Peek. This year a group of students joined the weekend to get a nice lakprofiel for their own room.

June 5th: IntegratCie barbecue

The second barbecue of the year was organised by the IntegratCie. A lot of international students joined and besides the standard side dishes, the IntegratCie really created some fancy salads and other dishes. It was really delicious.

June 12th: TransPyratCie football tournament

It is always nice to have a small tournament close before the summer break. The TransPyratCie seized the opportunity to host a football tournament. Together with some bruisers and beer the evening was great success.

June 13th: Environmental Sciences barbecue

The Environmental Sciences studies organised a barbecue at the fire place of Forum. A lot of meat, vegetables and beer was consumed.

June 14th: FoodCie and AkCie activity

The FoodCie and AkCie teamed up to organise a nice activity in which a lot of fun games were played. The evening ended with an exciting beer pong tournament.

June 15th – June 17th: WeekendCie Pyrus weekend

It is always nice to meet your fellow students in the weekend. The WeekendCie organised a fun and relaxing weekend in which a lot of beer was consumed. It was a great success. I would like to thank Henry Rommelse, Mirabel Vlaming, Lotte Braat, Iris Verstappen and Nardo van Haren for their effort.

June 21st: AkCie kroegentocht

The AkCie organised a new type of party, we travelled all the way to Nijmegen and moved from pub to pub. We were given a lot of free beers and shots and we were finally taken home by a party bus. It was a really nice experience and it was certainly worth the effort!

August 20th: Bachelor study day

The Annual Introduction Days are for every new student the start of their student life. During the BSc study day organised by the IntroductCie the students get their first insights in Soil, Water, Atmosphere and of course Pyrus! The day was a great success and a lot of first year students were really enthusiastic about Pyrus.

August 21st: Master study day

The MSc study day was organised by the Pyrus board. This was the opportunity to let our new master students get to know Pyrus. During the day we did a nice quiz about Wageningen and Pyrus and of course we did some soil drilling. A lot of new master students subscribed.

September 4th: Lunch lecture Roel Dijkma

The year was kicked off with a very interesting talk from Roel Dijkma about a lot of events that happened past summer which were related to Soil, Water, Atmosphere. The lecture was very crowded and a lot of students enjoyed their free lunch.

September 6th: Chair group drink

The first chair group drink of the academic year was also organised in this week. A lot of students and teachers joined to meet each other after the summer break under the theme 'no boring summer'.

September 6th: IntegratCie potluck dinner

After the chair group drink a potluck dinner was organised by the IntegratCie. Everyone brought some food and enjoyed each other's dishes. A lot of different dishes were present and it was really delicious.

September 11th: AkCie and GrondboorCie Soil drilling championship theme announcement

The AkCie and GrondboorCie teamed up to organise the soil drilling championship theme announcement. Everyone was eager to get to know the theme of this year while holding a free drink in their hand. The theme of this year was "I have a drill". The evening was very crowded and a great success.

September 12th: First year's barbecue

The IntroductCie organised a fiery barbecue to get the first year's students hyped to join the first year's weekend and to get to know their fellow students better. A lot of first years were present and enjoying the free drinks and side dishes.

September 13th: Afscheid Gert Peek

One of the most notorious teachers of our study, Gert Peek, officially retired last June. His retirement party was hosted on this day, and together with 50 Pyrus members we sang a song on the rhythm of the "Kabouterdans". Gert Peek was really touched by our song and he really liked it that so many of you took the opportunity to join this day.

September 13th: Environmental Sciences first year's activity

Our bachelor programme changed to an international bachelor programme and in order to involve our international students, we organised together with Aktief Slip and Nitocra a nice activity especially aimed to 'get to know Wageningen'. The activity ended with a nice drink in the Doctor.

September 14th: LexCie Johan de Putter lecture

The LexCie hosted their first lecture of the academic year on this day. They invited a freelancer who is currently busy with rearranging part of the Gelderse Vallei. It was a really interesting lecture and of course there was a nice free lunch provided.

September 18th: LexCie Acacia Water lecture

The LexCie invited Acacia Water, one of the sponsors of Pyrus to tell something about their workfield. A former PhD student gave a very interesting presentation, which was slightly more technically orientated than the lecture from Johan de Putter. Once again, a free lunch was provided.

September 20th: Master dinner

This dinner is organised every year after the information meeting by the study advisors. It is a tradition to serve a typical Dutch dish. This can only mean one thing: mash pot! The board put blood, sweat and tears in their delicious dishes. According to the tradition we used an auger to stir which adds the authentic Pyrus taste.

September 21st: Tutorlunch

A tutorlunch is organised by the board every year. First year students are placed in groups with two older Pyrus members, they have the opportunity to ask all kind of questions while enjoying a free lunch. This year we had a nice surprise: we made some brownies!

September 26th: MeeloopdagCie orientation day

The first orientation day of the academic year 2018-2019 took place, organised by the MeeloopdagCie. Prospective students from all over the Netherlands came to Wageningen to get an impression of our lovely study Soil, Water, Atmosphere.

September 28th – September 30th: First year's weekend

More than 100 Pyrus members joined the first year's weekend organised by the IntroductCie in Brabant. It was really sunny and the first year students got the opportunity to meet all the different committees. Of course, the Saturday evening activity was a nice ghost walk through a very dark forest on one of the coldest September nights ever. I would like to thank Carlijn Jalink, Quinty van Rees, Sanne van de Veen, Floor Hermans, Luc Megens and Tim Hoevenaars for their effort.

October 3rd: AkCie pubquiz

The AkCie decided that it was time for another famous Pyrus tradition. The pubquiz is always very popular and this year a lot of people joined the activity again. A lot of study related questions were asked but also some really weird questions. This year the Mandela's won the pubquiz.

October 4th: Environmental Sciences drink

The Environmental Sciences drink was organised on animal day. It was possible to play some animal related games while enjoying a nice beer and grilled cheese sandwiches.

October 9th: Financial General Members Meeting

Finances are very important for Pyrus. Every year the financial GMM is organised to discuss the finances of the past year and to reveal the budget for the coming academic year. After the meeting everyone was up to date about our finances.

October 10th: Soil drilling championships

On this day the biggest Pyrus event of the year took place. More than 120 teams joined this legendary concept to battle for the famous Marthijn Sonneveld trophy. This year the 20th edition was organised and more than 800 participants enjoyed the drilling, barbecue and beer. Teams dressed up in the most amazing and weird outfits. In the end, Aspergus Maximus won the Soil Drilling

Championships for the fourth time in a row. I would like to thank Ruben van Baare, Kim Faassen, Wouter de Vries, Saskia Aartsen, Jeroen van der Valk and Leentje Ottink for their effort.

October 12th: LexCie study abroad lunch lecture

Quite some Pyrus members decide to study abroad during their bachelor. The LexCie yearly organises a lunch lecture in which students are invited to tell something about their experiences with the Erasmus exchange programme. Of course, a free lunch was provided.

October 30th: LexCie National Watertraineeship lecture

The LexCie invited one of the sponsors of Pyrus Nationaal Watertraineeship to give a presentation in the lunch. It was a nice, interesting and interactive talk. Even though the lunch was pretty late the students could still feast on the free lunch.

October 31st: TransPyratCie bowlen

The TransPyratCie decided that it was time to go bowling again. The activity was full within hours. The students biked to Ede to throw one strike after the other. It was clear that some people had some more bowling talent than others, but the evening was a great success.

November 6th: FoodCie lunch

In the theme of Halloween, the FoodCie came up with a wonderful lunch. All kinds of decorated cookies and cupcakes were served. There were even some MMA decorated cookies, which I can imagine is quite a horror for most Soil, Water, Atmosphere students. There was plenty of food present and a lot of people joined this lunch.

Of course, there are some more committees who did not organize activities but are still very important for Pyrus. We didn't forget you! Five times a year we all receive our beautiful magazine 'Het Vuurwerk'. Filled with news about our study and many more interesting articles to read. I want to thank Hans Nienhuis, Maaïke Scholtemeijer, Mees Radema, Derk Hof, Leentje Ottink, Bas Wullems, Charlotte Engelmann, Andrea Kees, Femke Gramsma and Jasper Lammers for their effort! As a study association it is important to keep track of all study related matters. For that we have our own OpCie. I want to thank Luuk van der Valk, Auke van der Woude, Ruud Steenbeek, Ilja America, Derk Hof and Saskia Aartsen for their effort! The other committee that is important for the quality of our study is the EvaluatCie. I want to thank Jip Koster, Jelle Boode, Marleen Ursem, Rosan van Halsema, Saskia Aartsen, Derk Hof, Irene de Vries, Bart Vlemmix, Iris Verstappen, Maaïke de Boer, Andrea Kees and Femke Gramsma for their effort! It is important to document our activities by taking pictures, for this we got an entire committee: The PaparazzCie! I want to thank Roosmarijn Knol, Bart Vlemmix, Judith Boekee, Hylke van der Wal, Fleur Verwaal, Brian Verhoeven, Tim Hoevenaars, Stefan van der Grift and Lieke van der Lee for their effort! I want to thank the KasCo for critically checking our finances. Thanks to Maaïke Gaaff and Anouk Timmerman for their effort! What would Pyrus be without a website, luckily, we have the InternetCie. I want to thank Devin Beck, Kees Teuling and Daan Gommers for their effort! The last committee that I want to thank is the Committee of Advice for critically checking the board. I want to thank Devin Beck, Luuk Bersee, Jip Koster, Jeroen van der Valk, Henry Rommelse, Yde Jansen, Maaïke Gaaff, Anouk Timmerman, Auke van der Woude, Joep van Haeff, Eugène Hendrikx, Maarten van Pelt, Mike Budde, Ruud Steenbeek, Sippora Stellingwerf, Kees Teuling, Jostijn van der Velde and Janneke Pouwels.