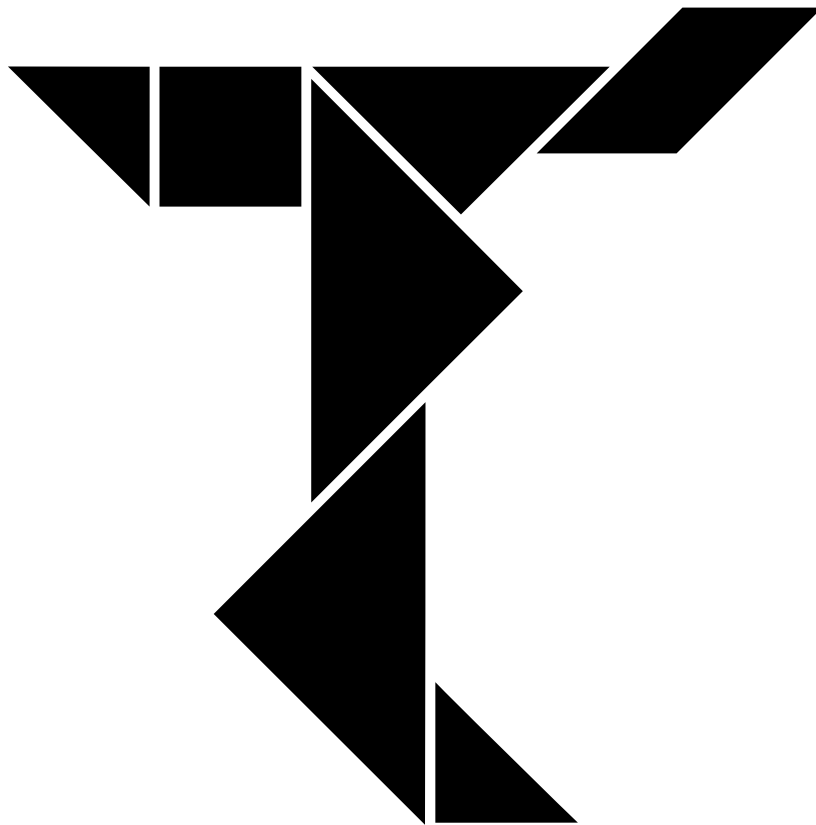


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PREFACE

Dear Thalian,

You are reading the 2020-2021 annual report, in which the 30th board evaluates Thalia in academic year 2020-2021.

Similar to last year, we have tried to keep this report short to make it a more pleasant read.

Enjoy!

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1 Corona

This entire year was largely influenced by corona and there was not a moment we could forget about this pandemic. Against our expectations in the policy plan, there was not a linear progression in any way, but measures and rules changed often and last minute. This did not only require a lot of flexibility and creativity to come up with events, but also patience and motivation to keep going, as well as for all committees as also for us as the board. However, when looking back we can proudly say that there was not a moment in which Thalia was completely laid down and there were always plans for more activities. This resulted in some well visited online events and even more so in a quick reopening as soon as physical things were allowed. While we of course saw that we did not reach as many people online as offline, we also saw that this did not seem to do permanent damage as we had a lot of people from all different years join our first physical events. Committees and board worked closely together here, to make up for lost time and use the summer as part of the recovering time from this pandemic by holding borrels and other events. Thanks to some loosening of measures it was also still possible to organise an active members activity on short notice which we think was of great importance to thank everyone for their hard work during this year.

1.1 First Year Students (Cohort 2020)

In our policy plan we already knew this cohort would be a difficult one to integrate, seeing as they did not have a physical orientation week. Throughout the year some of our efforts like first year specific events had to get canceled and online events turned out to be difficult to promote to first years. In our efforts to start integrating this cohort more, at the end of the year we organised a day specifically made for them, other people who were involved in their orientation and some of the first quarter teachers to get everyone familiarized. This event was a great success because the present first years seemed optimistic for the upcoming year(s) in Thalia.

1.2 New First Year Students (Cohort 2021)

With this pandemic continuing for another year, there is also another cohort where we need to focus on integration more than usually. Due to vaccinations and other measures we could this year luckily have a largely physical orientation which makes us optimistic that this cohort will be an active part in Thalia. We have given our successors all information we have, to hopefully continue this trend while physical events are possible, but we have also prepared them for the case of another online phase as much as possible.

1.3 Information Sciences

In our policy plan we stated that we thought Thalia had many events suited for Information Sciences students that they were not aware of and that we were planning on increasing promotion to them and other master students. For the past year, however, there were no events like these so we did not have the opportunity to act on this policy. In addition, we were mostly concerned with keeping Thalia alive for our more active members, which already cost a lot of time and energy this year. We have passed this concern onto our successors, who have taken this well and have set out to tackle the wider problem of master involvement in the association.

2 Partners

2.1 Relations

This year our primary focus regarding partners was to keep our partnerships alive, so that our long-term sponsoring income remains stable. We noticed that partners have been more hesitant regarding sponsorship, and as a result the average amount of money per contract has decreased compared to last year. However, most partners still wanted to keep collaborating, which is what we were hoping for. We do not know whether this decrease was only due to corona, or also because of a general

reduction of interest in computing science. This is something that will only become clear in the coming years.

2.1.1 Partner income

50 Since we had smaller contracts with most existing partners, we had to contact more companies in order to reach our desired partner income. We set up collaboration with companies we previously partnered with and some new companies, and from that managed to achieve this desired income in the end.

2.2 Main Partner

55 Contact with Nedap was quite difficult in the beginning of the year, since they changed their contact person at the end of last study year. After a while, however, we picked up contact with the new contact person and the collaboration has been going smoothly since then.

2.3 Local Partners

Unfortunately, Yoast did not want a large collaboration with us this year, which resulted in them having the local partner status despite having a rather small contract.

60 In the second semester, we were contacted by Infi, which is a company with branches in Utrecht and Amsterdam that is expanding to Nijmegen. They expressed interest in becoming local partner, and have since become so.

2.4 Partner Committee

65 Two board members next to the Commissioner of External Affairs joined the partner committee, and each managed some companies. Some new members were recruited through the committee picnic as well, which resulted in the committee being able to take over a lot of partners from the Commissioner. Overall this is a great improvement over last year. Two board members being in the committee also helped place the Commissioner of External Affairs in a less isolated position, and one of them being the Treasurer gave them a better overview of the committee's work.

70 2.5 Partner Events

Since the start of the year, we have had lunch lectures online, either through Zoom or Teams. Due to the lack of free Subway lunch we were worried that the turnout might not be as good. However, this turned out to be no problem, with at least 60 attendants at most lectures, and near the end of the year slightly less but still a good amount.

75 We've had two online pubquizzes, and we've received positive feedback for both from attendants and the partners. An online workshop was organized, however there were very few registrations for it. Finding attendants for workshops has always been difficult, but with this one being online interest was even lower. We've had this issue for years, and as a result, we have decided to stop organizing workshops for the time being, since it is difficult to find enough registrations, which as a result hurts
80 the collaboration with our partners.

3 Committees

Naturally, the committees also had to adapt to the whole corona situation. Throughout a huge part of the year both events and meetings were not allowed to be in person. This made working as a committee more challenging but most of the committee's adapted well to these new circumstances.

85 Almost all the committee's still carried out their tasks and made the best out of the situation. At the end of the year some more physical things were possible and committees jumped into action quickly and started organizing some physical events. Having said that, below is a list of noticeable things that happened within the committees. Please note that not every committee is included.

3.1 Alumni Committee

90 Due to the corona restrictions the alumni day could not take place this year.

3.2 Almanac Committee

The Almanac has been released and was received well among members. With that the committee has also been dissolved.

3.3 BAPCie

95 We decided to keep this committee to take on the task of organizing the BAPC (Benelux Algorithm Programming Contest) preliminaries which was previously done by the board. Additionally they have taken on the task of organizing algorithm programming contests.

3.4 Events Committee

100 In our policy plan we said that we would evaluate events more due to the high amount of money going into this committee. This is accomplished as the EVC is working with a new system to evaluate events since the end of last academic year. Every unique event is now structurally being evaluated in a separate document. Long term this will increase the quality of events and ensure that no knowledge is lost.

3.5 Orientation Committee

105 After a (almost) fully online digital orientation week last year, this year the orientation could luckily be mostly physical. Some measurements were still in place, most noticeably: night clubs were closed, bars were only open up until 24:00 and public places had limited capacity due to the 1.5 meter distance rule being enforced inside. These rules did not cause any major issues and were dealt with relatively well.

110 We are very satisfied with the orientation we had! It had a nice and busy schedule, no major hiccups occurred and it really felt like a normal orientation. We feel like the new first years have been integrated very well into Thalia during the orientation

3.6 International Committee

115 This year we gave the International Committee more budget to organize a city trip within the Netherlands, but unfortunately corona did not allow for this so the event was changed into a tour around Nijmegen and the budget was never used.

3.7 Lustrum Committee

120 Due to the corona restrictions a regular lustrum could not happen this year so we had to do it in a different form or move it. The committee sent out a questionnaire to members and based on the replies they got decided it should be moved to next year. After this there was very little work for the

committee so it went into hibernation for a while. During the summer they started up again to start preparation for next year.

3.8 SNiCcie

125 After SNiC was cancelled last year the committee has been working to organize a congress in 2021 instead. After a long period of hard work the congress will finally be able to be held on November 23. The congress will, due to most corona restrictions being lifted, most likely be a regular SNiC like in normal years.

3.9 Study Trip Committee

Due to the corona restrictions the Study Trip of this year was cancelled.

130 3.10 Technicie

The Technicie released Thalia Pay this year and worked hard to make it accessible to all members, at the moment they are still looking into making it accessible for borrels as well. Additionally a throwback website, in which you could upload a picture of yourself to find pictures from old events with you in it, was built and temporarily hosted to celebrate the 6th lustrum.

135 3.11 WBTR Workgroup

Because of a new Dutch law we need to adjust our articles of association. We founded this committee to figure out what we need to change, as well as look into other possible alterations we can implement now that we have to change our articles of association anyway.

3.12 Weekend Committee

140 Due to the corona restrictions a Thalia weekend this year was not possible. We tried to have a weekend at the beginning of the next academic year, but unfortunately this did not succeed.

4 Board

145 This was a very special board year and in many ways not what anyone expected. Being a board of five instead of six people was something that could have caused problems, however, due to the exact distribution of tasks and probably also lower work load due to corona this did not cause a lot of trouble. Also the fact that we had our first international board member did not cause any big problems and is for now a sign that Thalia has come a long way in the process of internationalisation.

150 But just like the board before us, we did struggle with motivation during a year of corona. In the beginning of the year some physical things were possible which kept motivation high and also continued to stay like that during the lockdown of the second wave. However, things never really improved again before the lockdown of the third wave during the second semester. This led to the board feeling disconnected from each other, the association and its members which in turn resulted in low motivation. Together with our Advisory Committee we came to the conclusion that our own
155 mental health is a priority and decided to keep our work load healthy until things would improve. Luckily towards the summer a few things did improve and measures got lifted which resulted in some board members being motivated again and picking up more work to start the reopening of Thalia as soon as possible.

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