

# ORAS informs:

## Newsletter ORAS

Studentenraad TUDelft

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### WHY THIS NEWSLETTER?



**ORAS is non-stop busy for you, therefore we want you to know what we are doing. Next ORAS-comes-TU week on February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, we will ask students about English in the Bachelor. Outside these weeks, we are always available by e-mail, [info@oras.nl](mailto:info@oras.nl) or telephone**

**015 -27 83349. Or you can always come visit us on the 20th floor of EWI!**

### VERA-PLASA

on January the 13<sup>th</sup> ORAS organized a meeting between student associations and academic counsellors in the field of study guidance. ORAS thinks that student associations can contribute to the process of becoming the best engineer. Student associations are more and more working on the study progress of their members. Student counsellors are of course also involved in this process. Therefore ORAS organized this meeting for exchange of ideas and best practices, mainly about the role of the associations and the university on the career of students during their studies. We will use the results to improve this process in the future.

### RESEARCH TRIP ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Every year, ORAS travels to a foreign country for a research trip. Here we will investigate a topic on which this university excels, and DUT can learn from. This year we will investigate entrepreneurship in education. In Canada, a lot of students know about entrepreneurship; a lot of students have their own startup. At UBC (Vancouver) and the University of Toronto and Ryerson, we want to find out why this is, and write a research report about it. In this way, DUT could improve entrepreneurship in education.

### OPENING UP FACULTIES

Two Board Meetings ago ORAS urged the Executive Board to provide extra study places during the weekends of exam weeks. Especially on Sundays within these weeks the Library is overloaded with students. The Executive Board thinks it's very important that first the Auditorium and the Fellowship will be filled with students before there is money being spent on opening an extra faculty. ORAS will monitor the occupancy of these places and there will be more communication to the students about the possibility to study at the Auditorium and at the Fellowship. Also the option to open an extra faculty is kept open.



### BUDDY PROGRAM

The buddy program before was organised per faculty where students were linked together only based on subject of study. ORAS will establish a TU-wide buddy programme in cooperation with ISAD! ISAD is the international platform for all TU students. The pilot will start off from the beginning of March. Ten couples will be matched based on interests, languages they would like to learn and countries they would like to visit. Do you want to learn Dutch, get to know your way around in Delft and experience the Dutch culture all at the same time? The programme will be open to applications from February 1<sup>st</sup> on the DISS website!

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## Delft Centre for Entrepreneurship

At the DUT we invent technical innovations, but it is also important to bring those innovations to the community. This is also our social responsibility: taking technology to business. At this university there are three organisations concerned with this topic, each in their own field. The Valorisation Centre supports, facilitates and stimulates the DUT scientists in valorisation of their inventions. Next to this we have an incubator for start-ups: YES!Delft. Lastly there is the Delft Centre for Entrepreneurship where research and education on entrepreneurship is done. The Student Council wants to take a look at this last organisation, to see whether the structure can be optimized. We want all students that are interested in entrepreneurship to be able to follow qualitatively good courses.

## What is ORAS?

ORAS is short for Organization RAtional Students and is the largest party in the Central Student Council with seven seats out of the total ten. This council is the highest representation of all DUT students by law and talks to the executive board of the university about general policies on our university.

ORAS is the **Student Council party** that supports active and motivated students: students that want to get the most out of their study and their time in Delft. Education and facilities form the base of the university, but a student should also be able to participate in extra curriculums for personal development during his study time. You can think of organizing committees, internships, minors in a different field, entrepreneurship, student projects, going on exchange or professional sports.

With outstanding education, good supporting facilities and extensive possibilities for personal development, you will become the best engineer!

## What do you think?

Apart from all the things we already described, we want to do something else for you: we want to listen to you! Do you have ideas, questions or comments, e-mail us or call Suzanne. You can do that via [suzanne@oras.nl](mailto:suzanne@oras.nl) or [015-27 81768](tel:015-2781768). Also, you can come visit us on the 20th floor of EWI in room 20.110 (right across the elevators).

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