Looking back: member symposium

On Saturday 11 March 2023, the member symposium of the society took place in the Royal Conservatoire in The Hague. It was an enjoyable day with diverse and interesting lectures held by our members, among them also several theory students.

Business meeting and board changes

During the member symposium the general business meeting was held. During the meeting several subjects were discussed, among which the Music Theorist in Residence sessions with Ariane Jeßulat in the spring, the stimulation of the involvement of the institutes within our society, and the first edition of the new Lürsen Prize (see below). Also there was a change in the society's board; after a few years Edwin Paarlberg has left the board. Newly installed members are Dominique van Rossum and Jasper van Oerle.

With these changes, the current board is as follows:
Suzanne Konings - Chair
Ralf Pisters - Secretary
Román Santos Mateos - Treasurer
Jasper van Oerle - General board member
Dominique van Rossum - General board member
Nathalie Vos - General board member

Mart. J. Lürsen Prize

The board would like to remind everyone to encourage theory students about toe graduate to send in their research paper for the Lürsen Prize. Eligible are those students graduating for their bachelor or master study this academic year, or those who have graduated anytime since 2020. The deadline for contributions is 31 August 2023. The winning student will be awarded €500,- and the possibility to present the paper during one of the society's events.

The full regulations for the Lürsen Prize can be found on the association's website, or by clicking here.

Diversity within the society

The board is actively working to increase involvement of the various institutes where our society's members are employed. As an initial step, the board aims to appoint a contact person at each institute to facilitate communication and event organization. This contact person will also be responsible for disseminating announcements to all theory teachers and students within their institute. Members interested in serving as the DFSMT contact person for their institute are encouraged to notify the board.

Anniversary Conference DFSMT - "Off the beaten track" - 1-3 March 2024

In 2024, the society will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a conference from March 1st to March 3rd, themed 'Off the Beaten Track'. The conference will kick off with an opening evening on Friday and will be held at the Conservatorium van Amsterdam. A call for papers will be sent to members via our mailing list, website, and social media pages. We hope many members will be inspired to submit their contributions.

Online Zoom lectures

On May 22, 2023, we had the opportunity to attend an engaging Zoom lecture by Ralf Pisters and John Koslovsky on the revised analysis curriculum for third-year students at the Conservatory of Amsterdam. As always, members in attendance were enthusiastic about the lecture, leading to a lively discussion.

The board encourages any members interested in giving an online lecture to contact a board member.