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Summary

The Dutch Research School of Philosophy (Onderzoekschool Wijsbegeerte – OZSW) is the collaborative enterprise of the philosophy departments and faculties of eleven Dutch universities. Its general purpose is to strengthen the discipline of academic philosophy by (1) organizing courses, summer/winter schools and other types of research training for PhD and Research Master (ReMa) students, and (2) facilitating and encouraging national and international cooperation between researchers active within the field of academic philosophy.

The OZSW was established at the end of 2012, and started its operations in January 2013. The OZSW comprises the former Netherlands School for Research in Practical Philosophy (OZSE), which has become the OZSW section ‘Ethics and Practical Philosophy’. The other two OZSW sections are ‘History of Philosophy’ and ‘Theoretical Philosophy’.

Erasmus University Rotterdam is the hosting university for the OZSW and its Office for the period 2012-2017. At Erasmus University, Han van Ruler has been the scientific director of the OZSW since the spring of 2014. In 2017 it was decided that Leiden University will be the hosting university for the period 2019-2023. For practical reasons, Erasmus University Rotterdam will continue to host the OZSW in 2018, which amounts to one additional year.

In 2017 preparations have begun for self-evaluation on the basis of the new Standard Evaluation Protocol (SEP) for academic research. The OZSW will be evaluated as part of the research evaluation of philosophy in the Netherlands.

In 2017, the OZSW office and staff have aimed at greater visibility of academic philosophy in the Netherlands, by launching a website *The Young Philosophers* and by supporting and providing a hosting organization for the blog *Bij Nader Inzien* (“At Closer Inspection”).

During the year, the OZSW office went through several significant changes with regard to its staff (for which see below, section 3.5).

Over the course of 2017, the OZSW has continued to grow in terms of size, activities and visibility. At the end of 2017, the OZSW had 698 members: 147 Research Master student members, 201 PhD student members, 329 senior members, and 21 international members.

During the year, multiple educational activities were organized under the umbrella of the OZSW: 20 events in total, comprised by a variety of courses winter/summer schools, a graduate conference, workshops and seminars. The number of participants in these activities (excluding the Annual Conference) amounted to 162 PhD students and 79 Research Master students.

With the establishment of two new study groups on a variety of topics, the number of OZSW study groups has increased to 30 in 2017. Study groups have organized research-related activities in which all OZSW members could participate, such as seminars and reading groups. Four study group grants were awarded, allowing study groups to invite international guest speakers or to organize full day workshops.

In December 2017, the fifth OZSW Annual Conference was organized at Utrecht University and took place at Zonheuvel in Doorn. Keynote speakers were Christof Rapp (History of Philosophy), Henry S. Richardson (Ethics & Practical Philosophy) and Åsa Wikforss (Theoretical Philosophy). This fifth edition

of the conference further contributed to the recognisability of the OZSW and added once again to the community spirit amongst academic philosophers in the Netherlands, despite the great disparity of fields, schools and traditions within the discipline of philosophy.

On all of these topics, further details may be found in the sections that follow.

1. Introduction

The Dutch Research School of Philosophy (*Onderzoekschool Wijsbegeerte – OZSW*) is a joint enterprise of eleven Dutch philosophy departments and faculties. These are:

- *Delft University of Technology* (Fac. of Technology, Policy & Management, [Philosophy Section](#))
- *Eindhoven Univ. of Technology* (Fac. of Ind. Eng. & Innovation Sciences, [Section Philosophy & Ethics](#))
- *Erasmus University Rotterdam* ([Faculty of Philosophy](#))
- *VU University Amsterdam* (Faculty of Humanities, Philosophy Department)
- *Leiden University* (Faculty of Humanities, [Institute for Philosophy](#))
- *Radboud University* ([Faculty of Philosophy, Theology & Religion Studies](#))
- *Tilburg University* (Tilburg School of Humanities, [Department of Philosophy](#))
- *Twente University* (Faculty of Behavioral, Management and Social Sciences, [Philosophy Department](#))
- *University of Amsterdam* ([Faculty of Humanities](#))
- *University of Groningen* ([Faculty of Philosophy](#))
- *Utrecht University* (Faculty of Humanities, [Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies](#))

The OZSW was established at the end of 2012 by the deans of the 11 faculties involved, and started its operations in January 2013. The hosting institution (*penvoerder*) is Erasmus University Rotterdam for the period 2013-2017. The OZSW comprises the former Netherlands School for Research in Practical Philosophy (OZSE), which has become one of the three sections of the OZSW (see chapter 2).

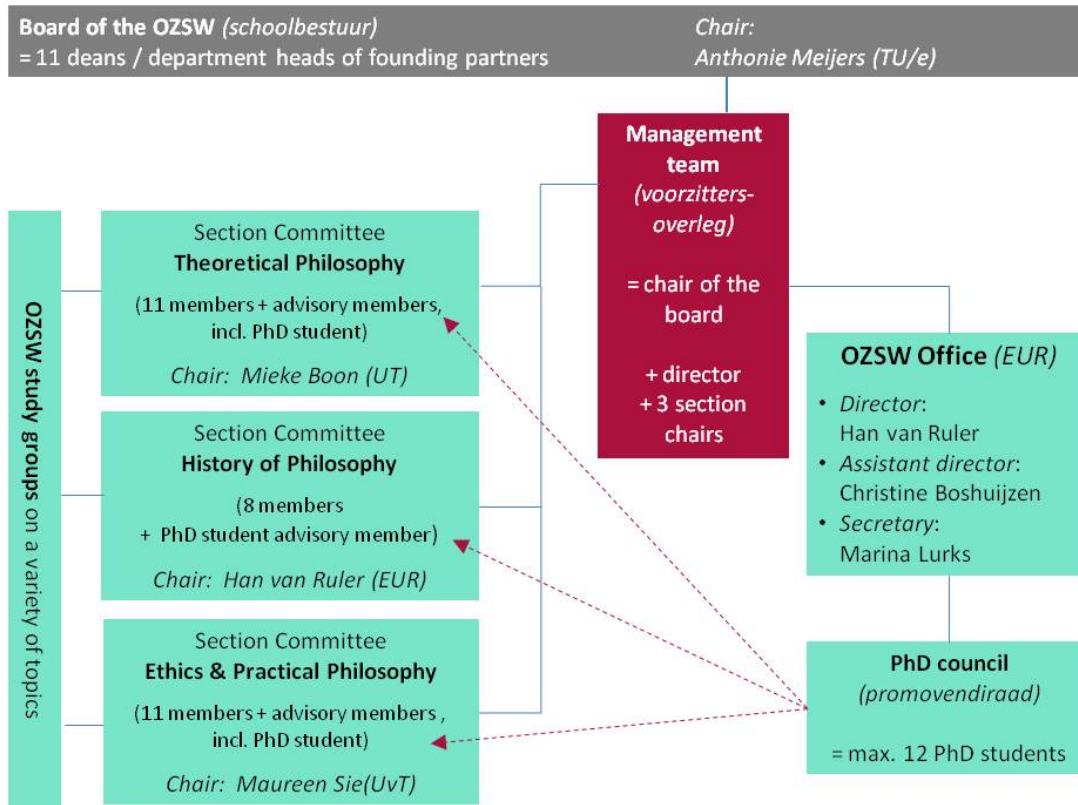
The general purpose of the OZSW is to strengthen the discipline of philosophy. It does so by:

- Organizing courses, summer/winter schools and other types of research training for PhD students and Research Master (ReMa) students;
- Facilitating and encouraging national and international cooperation between researchers active in the field of academic philosophy.

2. Organisation and Membership

2.1 Organisation

The following organogram depicts the organization in 2017:



2.2 Members

At the end of 2017 the OZSW had 698 members, see the table below.

	2014	2015	2016	2017
<i>Total Members</i>	552	609	681	698
<i>Research Master Students</i>	126	136	161	147
<i>PhD Students</i>	148	169	201	201
<i>Regular Members</i>	237	265	279	301
<i>Regular Members from other University/Faculty</i>	21	21	20	18
<i>Associate Members</i>	4	6	9	10
<i>International Members</i>	8	12	11	21

OZSW Membership in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

The members can be categorized as follows:

Members	Per partner university	section* Theoretical Philosophy	section* History of Philosophy	section* Ethics & Practical Philosophy
29	Delft University of Technology	9	0	20
22	Eindhoven University of Technology	11	3	16
72	Erasmus University Rotterdam	18	11	26
40	VU University Amsterdam	11	7	23
36	Leiden University	16	14	13
55	Radboud University Nijmegen	18	11	16
33	Tilburg University	10	4	16
23	Twente University	8	2	18
62	University of Amsterdam	14	6	18
54	University of Groningen	14	15	26
84	Utrecht University	19	19	36

*some members do not join a section while others even join 2 or 3 sections.

Free membership applies to all faculty members of the 11 founding partners. Other senior researchers in academic philosophy have to pay a membership fee, but their PhD students may subsequently join for free. A fee membership option of 'Associated Member' is offered to scholars who do not bring in any PhD students.

More information on membership types and benefits may be found at:

<http://www.ozsw.nl/membership-types-fees/>.

3. Important Developments

Chapters 4 and 5 will describe the activities organized within or supported by the OZSW. This chapter will sketch some general developments.

3.1 OZSW Sections

The OZSW section Ethics and Practical Philosophy (chaired by Maureen Sie) is a continuation of the former OZSE. In 2017, it organized the customary full range of activities, including some new courses. The section History of Philosophy (chaired by Han van Ruler) initiated a number of novel activities in 2017, such as the successful course Mind the Gap: (In)famous Oppositions in the History of Philosophy. The section Theoretical Philosophy (chaired by Mieke Boon) planned for a networking event, which could not go through due to a lack of participants. The annual *Graduate Conference in Theoretical Philosophy* (GCTP) was moved to January 2018, therefore no GCTF 2017 took place.

With a view to organize and structure future events in such a way that the various departments represented in the section would all take responsibility in organizing a yearly program of PhD-Courses, summer schools and masterclasses, new members were added to the section committees in 2017. Additionally, financial means were drawn from the OZSW reserve from which each section chair could hire a student-assistant to support the sections with organizing OZSW activities.

All details with respect to the composition of OZSW section committees may be found on our website: <http://www.ozsw.nl/ozsw-sections/>

3.2 Website and Mailing Lists

Several major changes were made to the website in 2017. The main reason for this was to keep up with the rapidly changing technical possibilities and requirements to run a website on any device. Thanks to Ilse Oosterlaken, who has expertise in organizing visual content and also the technical skills to work on the “backside” of a website, the OZSW website now has a fresh look.

The following improvements were done:

- Revised homepage
- Revised menu structure to make room for 'outreach'
- Implement blogfeed from *Bij Nader Inzien*
- Extensive page about *The Young Philosophers* website
- Improved event calendar for better embedding
- Updated study group pages with a feature showing past and future activities
- Implemented calendar of PhD defenses
- Improved member guide
- Modernization and expansion of section pages
- Addition of social media buttons

The website was well visited, with a maximum of 8944 views in the month of September 2017 (for which see Figure 1).



Figure1: Number of OZSW website views per month in 2017.

In 2017, Thijs Heijmeskamp and Burak Demirbas, Erasmus University student assistants, continued to see to it that the OZSW website calendar included all academic events in philosophy in the Netherlands as advertised on Filo-NL, as well as further OZSW events. The website is continually updated with information on OZSW courses, ReMa courses at OZSW universities, as well as with an overview of upcoming doctoral thesis defences. A list of OZSW PhD alumni is now in place, see Table 3. The list can also be viewed on the OZSW website: <http://www.ozsw.nl/upcoming-doctoral-thesis-defenses/>.

Anne Bakx, a student-assistant, updated the personal pages of our members with regard to missing photographs and incorrect affiliations.

Several mailing lists are in operation that facilitate communication within the various groups of OZSW members (e.g. among PhD students or the members of a section), or between members of a specific group within OZSW (mailing lists for section committees, and on request for study groups). Courses and events are also announced at Filo-NL and Philo-L mailinglists, which are lists that are not owned by the OZSW.

3.3 ReMa Students Policy

National Research Master (ReMa) policies are constantly changing. In 2015, however, it was decided that the OZSW will continue to receive funding from *Regieorgaan Duurzame Geesteswetenschappen* for organizing ReMa student activities. The amount of funding depends on the amount of European Credits (ECs) awarded to individual ReMa students following OZSW courses. The OZSW office keeps track of the amount of ECs awarded to each individual student and informs the DLG each year.

On a national level, the OZSW provides ReMa students with an overview of all ReMa courses in philosophy, and brings together ReMa course coordinators under the umbrella of OZSW. These policies are reflected on the OZSW website by the special sections that have been set up with a view to providing information to ReMa students. This information is being updated every semester. The OZSW also supports and enables easy exchange between ReMa courses and hosts a webpage that allows ReMa students to sign up for courses at other universities than their home universities.

No ReMa Winter School was organized in 2017. It was organized in January 2018, which still falls in the academic year 2017/2018. The OZSW ReMa Winter School is an established event in which ReMa students from several faculties participate. ReMa students also participated in several other activities organized by the OZSW (see § 4.1).

3.4 PhD Council

Over the course of 2017, the composition of the PhD Council changed, due to the fact that various members graduated. New candidates for the OZSW PhD Council had to be recruited from all three sections. In 2017, Michael Klenk chaired the PhD Council, which organized several successful events, most notably the *Vlaams Nederlandse Filosofie Dag* (“Flemish-Dutch Day of Philosophy”) at VU University. The day was visited by 34 persons. Another successful event was the *Dystopia* Afternoon. In order to foster community building amongst PhD students of the OZSW, the PhD council organized a two-day activity in the Ardennes (Belgium), with a program filled with both academic and social activities.

3.5 Office

In 2017, the OZSW office operated at Erasmus University Rotterdam for the fifth year. The office underwent a number of personnel changes during the year. Willem Rutger van Dijk left the OZSW for a position as policy officer at Delft University of Technology and was replaced by Marina Lurks. Zoé Evrard (student assistant) left the OZSW for a PhD position in Paris and was replaced by Burak Demirbas (student assistant). Thijs Heijmeskamp left the OZSW in order to finish his master thesis and his tasks were added to the student assistant job of Burak Demirbas. Ilse Oosterlaken took over the position of assistant director from May until November 2017 during Christine Boshuijzen’s maternity leave of. Han van Ruler remained director over the course of 2017.

According to the OZSW Joint Agreement, founding universities may take turns in hosting the OZSW for a minimum duration of five years. Leiden University has agreed to take over the next hosting period for the years 2018-2022. However, due to practical reasons, it was decided to extend the hospitality agreement of the OZSW at the Erasmus University Rotterdam with one additional year. Han van Ruler kindly agreed to extend the position of director of the OZSW for this additional year.

3.6 Quality Assurance

In 2016, the *Disciplineoverleg Geesteswetenschappen* (DLG; the council of deans of Dutch humanities faculties), asked OZSW to provide quality indicators for assessing philosophical research in the Netherlands. A delegation of OZSW board members (Marcus Düwell, Frans de Haas and Anthonie Meijers) formed a small committee for generating input from the OZSW sections aimed at establishing new criteria for quality assessment in the Humanities. During the year 2017, discussions on these so-called *Kwaliteitsindicatoren*, were still ongoing.

4. Educational Program

4.1 Overview of All Educational Activities

The majority of OZSW educational activities are initiated and organized by the members of the respective OZSW sections (History of Philosophy, Theoretical Philosophy and Ethics and Practical Philosophy). In addition, the PhD council organizes educational activities, local ReMa coordinators organize educational activities under the umbrella of OZSW and the OZSW office coordinates section transcending activities, such as the OZSW debate and Dutch Flemish Day of Philosophy. An overview of all activities that formed part of the OZSW educational program over the past year may be found in table 1 – 18 in total.

These include:

- *Courses*: typically but not always of a length of five or six days spread over two months, taking place at the organizing university;
- *Schools*: events of three to five days at a stretch, held at an external location;
- *Graduate conferences and workshops*: one to three day events in which the emphasis is on students presenting their own work;
- *Seminars, Workshops and Masterclasses*: minor events, often one or two day activities.
- *OZSW Annual Conference*: a yearly event in which academic philosophers in the Netherlands from all three OZSW sections present their work.

The number of student participants in OZSW activities in 2017 was as follows:

Student participants in OZSW activities in 2017:

84 OZSW PhD students	78 non-OZSW PhD students	<i>Total PhD students: 162</i>
76 OZSW ReMa students	3 non-OZSW ReMa students	<i>Total ReMa students: 79</i>






This excludes participation in the activities of OZSW study groups (see § 5.1), which are open to participation by students as well.

Table 1 mention the section and university responsible for coordinating the course. It should be noted that staff members of other universities often also contribute as co-organisers or guest lecturers.

4.2 Educational Activities for PhD and Research Master Students

A substantial number of PhD and ReMa students have participated in mixed activities. Some activities, however, were mainly or even exclusively focused on either ReMa or PhD students. The table below presents an overview of the activities, including the organizing institute and number of participants. A distinction is made between PhD members, ReMa members and the total number of participants. The total number of participants also includes senior researchers that partake in OZSW activities. Post-doctoral researchers occasionally partake in a course or summer school and the OZSW conference and OZSW debate are meant to serve senior members.

Table 1 - OZSW Educational Program for PhD and Research master students and Number of participants

Title	Date(s)	Section	Type	EC	Place	PhD students	ReMa students	Total	Organizer	
Digital Humanities, Social Epistemology, and Virtue Theory in a Post-Truth Society	14-15 December 2017	EPF	Workshop / master class	1	Amsterdam	6	0	6	UvA	
Career Perspectives for Phd Student	30 November 2017	PhD Council	PhD Council event		Rotterdam	22	0	22	PhD Council	
Moral Psychology	5-9 November 2017	EPF	Course	4	Delft	14	2	16	TUD	
Philosophy of Risk	October 31 to November 4	EPF	Course	5	Eindhoven	5	2	7	TUE	
Migration, Borders, and Citizenship	26 – 30 October 2017	EPF	Autumn School	5	Amsterdam	23	0	23	UvA	
Uncommon Notions: Fragments, Obscurities, Authority	6,7 October 2017	GF	Course	1.5/2.5	Leiden	8	3	11	UL	
Lifting the Blinds: A workshop on diversity and exclusion in philosophy	29 September 2017		Master class		Nijmegen	1	3	4	RU	
Dutch-Flemish Day of Philosophy	16 September 2017		Conference		Nijmegen	4	5	9	VU	
Collegium Spinozanum	4 - 7 July 2017	GF	Summer School		Groningen	2	3	5	RUG	
Methodology in the History of Philosophy	26 - 29 June 2017	GF	Summer School	5	Enschede	11	5	16	RUG	

Masterclass on Feminist Theory - Ethics in the Anthropocene	13-14 June	EPF	Master class	2	Leiden/ Utrecht	1	6	7	UL/UU	 
Axiomatic Metaphysics	22- 24 May 2017	TF	Lecture Series		Amsterdam	8	10	18	UvA	 UNIVERSITEIT VAN AMSTERDAM
Dystopia Afternoon	17 May 2017	PhD Council	hD Council Event		Nijmegen	10	2	12	RU	
Mind the Gap: (In)famous Oppositions in the History of Philosophy	12-13 May 2017	GF	Course	2.5	Nunspeet	4	6	10	UU	
Ethical Theory and Moral Practice	3 - 7 April 2017	EPF	Spring School	6	Barchem	15	0	15	TUE/UU	
PhD weekend in the Ardennes	31 March - 2 April 2017	PhD Council	PhD Council event		Ardenn e	16	0	16	PhD Council	
Ethics and Health	14, 16, 28 and 30 March 2017	EPF	Course	5	Utrecht	7	2	9	UU	
Dutch Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy IV	18-19 February 2017	GF	Seminar		Groningen	2	0	2	RUG	
Research Master Winter School	10 -11 February 2017	GF	Winter School	2.5	Groningen	22	0	22	RUG	
Climate Ethics	30 January - 2 February	EPF	Course	5	Utrecht	3	2	5	UU	

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4.3 Final Remarks

A total of 79 ReMa participants have participated in OZSW activities in 2017, and a total of 77,5 EC's were awarded to these students. The OZSW facilitates OZSW ReMa students who wish to follow courses at other universities. Under the current OZSW exchange program, a total number of 6 students followed ReMa courses at another university in 2017, and a total of 51 EC's were awarded to ReMa master students who followed courses at other universities than their home university.

Research Master Winter School

The OZSW organizes a yearly Winter School, which exclusively focuses on ReMa students. The ReMa winter school for the academic year 2017-2018 has been planned to take place in 2018.

5. Research Collaboration and Outreach

5.1 OZSW Study Groups

The purpose of an OZSW study group is to develop collective research-related activities in a particular area of philosophy or on a specific philosophical topic. These activities consist of seminars, discussion sessions, reading groups and the like. OZSW members who wish to establish a new study group can submit their requests for starting an OZSW study group throughout the year. A detailed description of each of the OZSW study groups, including an overview of its members and their activities can be found on the OZSW website (see <http://www.ozsw.nl/study-groups/>).

At the end of 2017, the OZSW hosted 29 study groups, of which 2 were established in 2017, namely “Mind in Action” and “Philosophy of Physics”. At the end of 2017 the following study groups were active:

1. Analytical Philosophy
2. Ancient Philosophy
3. Aesthetics / Philosophy of the Arts
4. Business Ethics
5. Christian Philosophy
6. Comparative & Global Philosophy
7. Continental Philosophy
8. Early Modern Philosophy
9. Enactivism
10. Ethics and Philosophy of Technology
11. Ethics of Care & Health
12. Environmental Philosophy (including sub-group on animal ethics)
13. Feminist Philosophy
14. History of Dutch Scientific Philosophy
15. History of Metaphysics: The Greek, Arabic, and Latin Traditions
16. Klassieke Duitse Filosofie en haar Actualiteit
17. Meta-Ethics & Moral Psychology
18. MetaMetaphysical Club, The
19. Mind in Action
20. Peer Review Practical Philosophy
21. Philosophy and Psychiatry
22. Philosophy around 1900 (including sub-group on phenomenology)
23. Philosophy in Eastern and Central Europe
24. Philosophy of Biology
25. Philosophy of Physics
26. Philosophy of Religion
27. Philosophy of Responsibility
28. Philosophy of Statistics
29. Political Philosophy
30. Theological Ethics
31. Structuralism

Study groups may receive a €500 study group grant for inviting a foreign speaker to the study group. The call for study group grant proposals is announced in January and October each year. In 2017 three study group grants have been awarded to study the following study groups: “Comparative and Global Philosophy”, “Christian Philosophy” and “Philosophy in Central and Eastern Europe”.

5.2 OZSW Annual Conference

The OZSW’s fifth Annual Conference took place on 10 and 11 November 2017. It was organized by Marcus Düwell, Janneke van Lith, Paul Ziche and Daniel Cohnitz of Utrecht University. The event took place at an external location, namely conference center Zonheuvel in Doorn, which lies in the forests nearby the city of Utrecht. It turned out to be a nice facility and a successful event.

Keynote speakers were:

- Christof Rapp (Munich) [ultimately replaced by Paul Ziche (Utrecht) for reasons of illness]
- Henry S. Richardson (Georgetown)
- Åsa Wikforss (Stockholm)

The conference was a meeting place for OZSW members. Besides academic presentations the program included a panel debate on recent developments at NWO, with questions such as: Will "Free competition" remain?; Will the success rates increase?; How to operate in the new domain of the humanities and social sciences that include more than 25 disciplines? The debate on how philosophy as a discipline can do better in the future was very constructive. Additionally, there were meetings of the three OZSW Section Committees with their section members, and a meeting of the OZSW PhD Council with PhD student members. The conference was highly instrumental for community building, as well as for the recognisability of the OZSW as a whole.

The number of contributions received was 106 (papers and symposia). Papers received two, three or four peer reviews. After the review process, the decision was made whether the contribution was accepted as a poster presentation, a research showcase talk, spotlight talk or was to be rejected. The total number of accepted contributions was as follows: 12 symposia, 16 spotlight talks, 59 research showcase talks, and 12 poster presentations. Next to this, there was an additional poster submission scheme, namely poster presentations by ReMa students and posters about (recently) funded projects. There were 3 posters about funded projects, and 7 posters by ReMa students, making 17 posters in total. The final conference program had 13 symposia, 15 spotlight talks, 50 research showcase talks, 3 keynote lectures, 3 section meetings, 2 panel discussions and 1 study group meeting.

The number of registered participants was 152, belonging to the following categories:

Number of OZSW conference participants from Dutch Universities:

Utrecht University	44
Tilburg University	16
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen	12
Eindhoven University of Technology	9
Erasmus University Rotterdam	7
University of Amsterdam	7
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam	7
Leiden University	6
Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen	6
Delft University of Technology	5
Wageningen University	2
University of Twente	1
Open University of the Netherlands	1
Independent researchers	1
Total	124

Number of international participants:

Belgium	7
Germany	5
Spain	2
USA	2
Sweden	2
Austria	1
China	1
Portugal	1
Finland	1
Italy	1
Switzerland	1
Serbia	1
Total	25

Number of participants per registration category:

Senior member	78
PhD member	34
Senior non-member	6
PhD non-member	14
ReMa student	20

5.3 Outreach Activities

The OZSW organizes outreach activities, by facilitating a platform for discussion of societal issues or issues that concern broad developments in academia on a societal and political level. In 2017 the OZSW organized a debate called “Do robotics and automation threaten the good life?” in cooperation with Eindhoven University of Technology. The debate drew 73 participants.

6. Quality Assurance

6.1 Course Evaluations

The OZSW has an evaluation template and technical procedure in place to be able to track the quality of courses and activities. The OZSW evaluations are online forms, which are sent to the course participants after the course has been given. The course organizers and the organizing section receive all results of the evaluations. The average response rate of the evaluation forms was 51% (fluctuating between 17%-86%) in 2017. The average course evaluation score was 8.87, with fluctuations between 7.60 – 9.28 measured over 9 courses.

6.2 Standard Evaluation Protocol (SEP)

In 2017 the OZSW has started preparations for the SEP for research in Philosophy, to be held in 2018. According to the SEP, the OZSW will be evaluated as part of the Faculty of Philosophy at the Erasmus University Rotterdam. However, the OZSW will also function as the national research school for those faculties/departments that are participating in the national SEP evaluation for research in Philosophy (namely Erasmus University Rotterdam, University of Groningen, Leiden University, Utrecht University, Tilburg University, VU University). The OZSW will be presented as a unit to be evaluated with a limited scope, namely as a community responsible for (1) providing collective courses to PhD students and Research Master students and (2) a forum for researchers in Philosophy in the Netherlands.

The SEP protocol states:

“At the universities, it is the graduate schools that provide PhD supervision and instruction. If the PhD programs are also run in a nationally accredited research school and the research unit’s PhD candidates participate in those schools, then the assessment also covers the quality of the national research school. The national research school is assessed within the context of the research units’ SEP assessments. As a rule, this is the research unit that acts as the lead unit for the research school (SEP protocol 215-2021, 8-9).”

The OZSW has formulated the following list of items to be addressed in the SEP self-evaluation:

- a. A description of the OZSW and its mission (history from OZSE to OZSW), including the relation between the OZSW and local graduate schools;
- b. A description of the OZSW organisation, composition and finance;
- c. A description of the OZSW strategy, and past and future targets;
- d. A description of the role of the OZSW in determining quality indicators for philosophy nationally;
- e. A description of the PhD courses / summer & winter schools given in the past period and their evaluations per division of the research school (history, theoretical and practical philosophy) and a reflection on this;
- f. A description of the forum function of the OZSW in the past period and a reflection on this;
- g. Relevant environmental factors/developments over the past period and a forecast of trends and developments in the coming years;
- h. A SWOT analysis of the OZSW and conclusions that follow from it for future policies.

The OZSW will continue to work on the self-evaluation which is to be handed in mid 2018.

7. PhD Defenses

Table 2 provides an overview of past doctoral defences. This table was added to our website in 2016 and serves to build up a repository of defended thesis titles in philosophy in the Netherlands and to give an overview of OZSW PhD alumni. The table can also be viewed on the website: <http://www.ozsw.nl/upcoming-doctoral-thesis-defenses/>.

Table 2 Overview of doctoral defences by OZSW members in 2017

Title of the PhD Thesis	Name	Affiliation	Date
Seeding Moral Responsibility in Ownership: How to deal with uncertain risks of GMO's	Zoe Robaey	Delft University	19 januari 2017
A Natural Proof System for Natural Language	Lasha Abzianidze	Tilburg University	20 januari 2017
Constructing Morality: Transcendental Arguments in Ethics	Sem de Maagt	University of Utrecht	27 januari 2017
Managing the Uncertain Risks of Nanoparticles. Aligning Responsibility and Relationships	Shannon Spruit	Delft University	27 januari 2017
Travelling Truths: Sojourner Truth, Intersectionality and Feminist Scholarship	Katrine Smiet	Radboud University	16 februari 2017
Nietzsche's Rejection of Stoicism: a Reinterpretation of Amor fati	Hedwig Gaasterland	Leiden University	1 maart 2017
African Feminism as Decolonising Force: a Philosophical Exploration of the work of Oyeronke Oyewumi	Azille Coetzee	VU University Amsterdam	4 april 2017
The Circumstances of Self-Knowledge	Fleur Jongepier	Radboud University	23 mei 2017
The Wall or the Door: German Realism around 1800	Tom Giesbers	Utrecht University	19 juni 2017
Understanding Existential Selfunderstanding. Philosophy Meets Cognitive Neuroscience	Annemarie van Stee	Leiden University	21 juni 2017
The subjective conditions of human morality. The Relevance of Kant's Moral Psychology	M. Milosavljevic - Vujosevic	Rijksuniversiteit Groningen	22 juni 2017
Relative and objective on balance: Detailing the best systems analysis of laws	Max Bialek	Rijksuniversiteit Groningen	26 juni 2017
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Het cultuurbegrip van Emmanuel Levinas	J.D. Biemen	Radboud University	7 september
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The earliest Renaissance commentaries on Lucretius and the issue of atomism	Elena Nicoli	Radboud University	11 september 2017
Political Animal Voices	Eva Meijer	University of Amsterdam	20 september 2017
Agential Pluralism : A Philosophy of Fundamental Rights	Jurriën Hamer	Utrecht University	13 oktober 2017
The measurement of Wellbeing in Economics: philosophical explorations	Willem van der Deijl	Erasmus University Rotterdam	26 oktober 2017
No one has yet determined what the body can do; The turn to the Body in Spinoza and Nietzsche	Razvan Ioan	Leiden University	1 november 2017
Sustainable Action. Perspectives for individuals, Institutions and Humanity	Roland Mees	Utrecht University	3 november 2017

Reflections on the Reversibility of Nuclear Energy Technologies	J.P. Bergen	Delft University	11 december 2017
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8. Finances

8.1 General

The financial situation of OZSW is aligned with the hosting university through SAP, which is an automated invoice processing system that serves as a basis for the OZSW financial report. The OZSW has its own budget number, which is tied to a sub number of the faculty budget.

8.2 Financial Statement

The financial report 2017 has been approved by the OZSW board of directors.

8.3 Financial Situation

The OZSW planned to run a small loss in 2017 in order to be able to invest in projects to make academic research in philosophy more visible and known to a wider audience. This loss was covered by the reserves which the OZSW inherited from the former OZSE. The OZSW invested in setting up a website called *The Young Philosophers* (www.theyoungphilosophers.org) and a blog *Bij Nader Inzien* (www.bijnaderinzien.org), which translates as “At Closer Inspection”.

8.4 Budget Plans for 2018-2019

Despite the fact that the OZSW has decided not to organise mandatory ReMa courses on a national level, the OZSW financial support of ReMa educational programs continued. The OZSW might for the above mentioned reason face financial cuts to future DLG contributions.

The OZSW office experienced an increased workload in 2017 for several reasons. Firstly, due to the fact of ever increasing numbers in membership, secondly because of the fact that the OZSW is now an established (first) point of contact for national research policy questions regarding academic philosophy in the Netherlands (such as SEP, Qualities in Humanities, etcetera) and thirdly because of the efforts put in refreshing the layout of the existing OZSW website and bringing two additional websites under the umbrella of the OZSW (*Bij Nader Inzien* and *The Young Philosophers*). A substantive financial investment was made to (1) support the section chairs with a student-assistant and (2) to refresh the layout of the OZSW website and add two websites to show the relevance of academic philosophy to a wider audience.

9. Conclusion and Future Vistas

The OZSW is committed continually to develop its program of educational activities specifically directed at the needs of PhD and ReMa students in the various sections of Practical Philosophy, Theoretical Philosophy and History of Philosophy.

In 2017, it appeared OZSW section heads especially were burdened by excessive administrative tasks in relation to our educational programs. As the success of OZSW events is highly dependent on swift and easy communication lines with our members, three student-assistants have been appointed to assist the section heads with OZSW-related organizational tasks at their home universities for half a day per week.

During the year, the OZSW scientific director and assistant director have entered talks with prof.dr Frans de Haas, the intended future scientific director at Leiden University, the OZSW host institution as of 2019, to provide for a smooth transition of tasks from Erasmus University to Leiden University, as well as to ensure the continuation activities in Leiden by the present assistant director, Dr. Christine Boshuijzen.

In 2018, in addition to the transfer to Leiden, the OZSW executive members and office will also be involved in preparing the SEP research review for January 2019 (see above, section 6.2), the formulation and groundwork for which will be taken care of by the present scientific director, prof.dr Han van Ruler of Erasmus University Rotterdam. Lastly, in 2018 the OZSW will have to present a new General Agreement (Gemeenschappelijke Regeling, GR) to its members in accordance with Dutch Law (Wet op het hoger onderwijs en het wetenschappelijk onderzoek).

Three further issues will require our special attention in 2018:

- The further development of internal quality monitoring practices and the draft of a complete summary of evaluation results for our educational program from 2013 to 2017, with a view to the presentation of goals achieved over the past five years in the context of the SEP self-evaluation.
- To give extra focus to some of the core activities outside our educational program, and to be able to account for OZSW Study Group and societal demands in the context of the SEP self-evaluation.
- To come to an agreement with all members on defining the task of the OZSW as a national forum representing the subject of philosophy in the Netherlands by means of such instruments as a Web-Portal for Philosophy in the Netherlands; an OZSW task-force Filosoof@work, and the development of a narrative for the place of philosophy in society.