

Dear Contributors,

The response the SSH Board continued to receive in 2022 from the ISS community and beyond in our request for contributions to help our students in need was heart-warming and wonderful to see the solidarity of our community to step in and help each other. We thank you for your support and continuous support in years to come.

In 2022 we slowly started going back into a lifestyle before the pandemic but at the same time we continued the space and opportunity to pause and reflect on where we are, to take things slow, appreciate the have and have nots, immense gratitude and what can we do better for ourselves and our community.

In our third annual report to the community, we highlight the main activities of SSH in 2022.

# 1. SSH on ISS website

The annual report of 2022 will be posted on ISS website: <u>https://www.iss.nl/en/about-iss/support-our-students/foundation-student-support-fund</u>. The webpage is also shared with ISS PhD Alumni Association (IPAA) in requesting support from PhD alumni who wants to contribute towards SSH.

#### 2. Financial report

A total of 17 incidental donations were received from ISS community members, plus we received monthly donations from four ISS community members. The total amount donated was EUR 4.665,00. SSH supported over 2022 five students in need for a total of EUR 8.125,00. This year, we spent more on grants than was received in donations.

## 3. Fundraising

SSH sent out two flyers in June and December to the ISS community and retired members requesting their support to assist students in dire situations.

SSH would be requiring more funds to keep the momentum of supporting students yearly. We continue to depend on and look forward to your contributions. A regular monthly donation through the bank will render your contribution especially effective, though occasional donations are very welcome.

#### 4. Meetings

In 2022, the SSH Board continued consulting all requests, arising matters and decision-making processes by email.

## A heartfelt thanks to all of you from the members of SSH Board

Kees Biekart (Treasurer), Sharmini Bisessar (Secretary), Shanti George, Loes Keysers, Wicky Meynen, Freek Schiphorst (who was largely on sick leave) and Peter de Valk (Chair)