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Dear Contributors,

A heartening response from the ISS community in 2024 enabled the SSH to continue supporting students who found themselves in unexpected financial difficulties. Most noteworthy was that for the first time students themselves contributed for a considerable amount to incoming funds, through channels provided by the Student Welfare Office, and this amounted to a substantial sum. As in earlier years, some ISS staff continued their regular monthly contributions, and others gave occasionally, together adding up to the largest component of funds raised for the SSH. A new practice of reaching out across the ISS community by placing SSH collection pots at various ISS activities brought in a literal flood of coins that totaled more than two thousand euros! These three sources combined to mark the largest increase in the SSH budget in recent years, even without formal appeals for funding. The SSH warmly thanks all contributors and looks forward to further such widespread expressions of global solidarity and mutual support.

In our fifth annual report to the community, we highlight the main activities of SSH in 2024.

1. SSH on ISS website

The annual report of 2024 will be posted on ISS website: <https://www.iss.nl/en/about-iss/support-our-students/foundation-student-support-fund>. 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 four monthly donations from ISS our community members received. The total amount donated was EUR 2.820,00. SSH had a total of 25 incidental donations from ISS community members, for a total of EUR 1.647,50. We also received regular income from the welfare office (Sum-Up) via extra (indirect) donations via tickets and activities by ISS students. In total in 2024 this added up to EUR 2.401,42, which is a new record! We also received a large amount of coins collected during ISS activities, which were in total EUR 2.324,70. One large donation was made by a graduating PhD student.

From the five student applications for assistance, three student requests were approved for a total amount of EUR 3.984,15

3. Meetings

In 2024, the SSH Board met once in February and 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

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