



#### *Election period*

Elections for the Works Council (referred to as the OR) and the subcommittees (ODCs) are held once every two years. The current OR and ODC members' term of office will expire in April 2017. Elections for the new OR and ODCs will take place from 6 to 12 March 2017.

#### *Electronic voting*

The OR has once again decided to opt for electronic elections. Paper ballots will no longer be issued; instead, during election week you will be able to log into the voting site ([www.webelect.nl](http://www.webelect.nl)) from your workplace or from home using your VU-net-id.

#### *Inspecting the electoral register*

It will also be possible to inspect the electoral register online. The electoral register is a list of employees entitled to vote and stand for election. This list will be published for the benefit of Vrije Universiteit staff during the week of 9 - 15 January 2017.

We would advise you to check this list to ensure that you will be able to exercise your right to vote or stand in the elections for the OR and ODCs. Should your name be missing from the list or if you notice a mistake in your details, please inform the official secretariat by letter or e-mail *before* 16 January 2017.

#### *The right to vote and stand in elections*

There is a difference between the right to vote and the right to stand in elections.

You have the right to vote for the OR and the ODC of your section if you worked at the Vrije Universiteit on 6 January 2017 (on this date the electoral register will be issued) and still are at the time of the elections.

Anyone who has worked for Vrije Universiteit for at least six months in total in the year prior to the issuing of the electoral register (i.e. 6 January 2016 - 6 January 2017), and still is at the time of the elections, has the right to stand for election to the OR and the ODC of his/her section.

#### *Lists of candidates and nominations*

Elections for the OR and ODCs are organized according to a list-voting system. Trade unions and (groups of) Vrije Universiteit staff may both submit lists of candidates for election. The trade unions must submit lists to the official secretariat by 30 January 2017 at the latest. Independent lists can be submitted until 6 February 2017.

#### *Independent lists*

Vrije Universiteit staff wishing to stand for election to the OR or a subcommittee, but who do not belong to a trade union that is taking part in these elections, can submit a so-called 'independent list'. An independent list is a list comprising five or more candidates.<sup>1</sup> The name of any one candidate may not appear on more than one list of candidates. The list can be obtained from the official secretariat, which is also where it should be returned on completion. It will also be made possible to download these lists.

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<sup>1</sup> This number of five candidates only applies to the OR-lists, not the ODC-lists.

*Trade unions*

Four unions will likely take part in the OR and ODC elections:

**FNV Overheid**

*(organization for care, welfare and public sector workers)*

**CNV Connectief**

*(organization for government, care, welfare and various market sector workers)*

**CMHF/VAWO**

*(organization for university, research institute and university medical centre staff)*

**Ambtenarencentrum (AC)**

*(organization for civil servants)*

*The Election Committee*

The OR has delegated the organization of elections to the Election Committee. The Election Committee is made up of:

Dick de Gilder, member of the OR and chair of the committee

Aniko Kiss, member of the OR

Eric-Jan Hartstra, member of the OR

Laura Henderson, member of the OR

Jacques Spaapen, former member of the OR and adviser

Kitty Jong, official secretary of the OR and the committee

*Additional information*

More information about the above-mentioned (and other matters) is available from the official secretariat of the Works Council. The official secretary, Kitty Jong, will be pleased to help you. You are also invited to visit the election website: [www.ondernemingsraadvu.nl/verkiezingen](http://www.ondernemingsraadvu.nl/verkiezingen)

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