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# Programme Booklet Science Night Connecting with Nature



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# Welcome!

To ASAPs 13th edition of the Science Night Symposium.

.It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us in celebrating the profound and intricate relationship between the urban and the natural world.

Through this evenings' engaging presentations and insightful discussions, we seek to explore innovative ways to bridge the gap between our modern lives and everything that nature offers.

Within the pages of this programme booklet, you can find the full speaking programme. Our esteemed lineup of speakers, renowned experts, and visionary thinkers will guide us through an inspiring array of topics.

On behalf of the organizing committee, we would like to wish you a wonderful evening!



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# Programme

**18:00**

**Walk in**

**18:30**

**Start walking dinner**

**19:30**

**Start of Symposium by  
Malou van Hintum**

**22:30**

**Drinks and Party**

# Speakers Programme

<b>Menno Schilthuis</b>	<b>The urban environment as a fascinating habitat for new plants and animals</b>
<b>Natasha Hulst</b>	<b>Foodpark Amsterdam</b>
<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>Jeroen Schipper</b>	<b>A journey through Jonas (Best Building of 2023)</b>
<b>Maurice Aalders</b>	<b>Vegetation on crime scene</b>
<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>Bas Haring</b>	<b>A philosophical and scientific approach to explore the interplay between the cityscape and the natural environment</b>

# Introduction

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## Moderator



M A L O U V A N  
H I N T U M



Malou van Hintum is an accomplished journalist and presenter, with extensive experience moderating high-profile events and discussions on a variety of topics.

As a moderator, Malou brings a unique blend of intelligence, insight, and energy to every discussion. She is passionate about exploring complex issues and finding practical solutions to the challenges we face as a society. She brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to every discussion, drawing on her experience as a journalist and commentator to shed light on the most important issues of our time.

# Introduction

SCIENCE NIGHT 2023

**"The urban environment as a fascinating habitat for new wild plants and animals"**



BY  
PROFESSOR  
MENNO  
SCHILTHUIZEN



Professor Menno Schilthuis is an evolutionary biologist and ecologist. He works as a researcher at Naturalis Biodiversity Center and as a professor at Leiden University. He is also active as a science communicator, inspiring people to view their urban environment as an exciting new habitat for wild animals and plants. This is the message of his book "Darwin Comes to Town" and also of his TED lecture and the "Citizen – science expeditions" that he organizes. During the Science Night Menno will show how the city is a place where animals and plants are evolving and adapting at breakneck speed, a process that is creating an entirely new community life before our eyes!

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**"The creation of a large-scale urban agroecological food park as a living lab for ecological solutions"**



BY  
NATASHA  
HULST



Natasha Hust has worked for more than 20 years at the nexus between economy and ecology. As the Programme Director at the Schumacher Center for New Economics, she actively supports international and national collaboration for land commons, emphasizing the importance of Community Land Trusts in increasing access to land for agroecological farmers. Natasha is also the Founder of Voedselpark Amsterdam, where she spearheads the preservation of fertile farmland and the creation of a large-scale urban agroecological food park as a living lab for ecological solutions. With a passion for positive system change. Her diverse experiences and educational background, including degrees in Biology and Science, Technology, and Innovation Dynamics, have equipped her with a unique perspective to drive impactful change in various sectors through commons-based ecological solutions.

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**"A journey through Jonas; a new concept for urban co-living fused with landscape, designed with the highest sustainability rating "**



BY  
JEROEN SCHIPPER  
FOUNDING  
PARTNER  
ORANGE  
ARCHITECTS



Jeroen Schipper is a Dutch architect, and co-founder of Orange Architects. Recently their Amsterdam apartment complex Jonas was named the Best Building of 2023 by the Association of Dutch Architectural Firms (BNA).

During this evening, Jeroen will tell everything about their mission and vision to make a better living environment together. Sharing knowledge and having an integral approach to sustainability is an important design ambition in their work.

Apart from this Jeroen has been appointed as supervisor for the Overamstel project area in Amsterdam. Before he was a chairman of Committee III for buildings and monuments in Amsterdam and member of the Committee for buildings and monuments in Rotterdam. Since 1990 Jeroen has taught at different architecture schools and has given numerous architectural lectures, in the Netherlands and abroad.

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**"Crime scenes as a foundation  
for new life "**



BY  
P R O F E S S O R  
M A U R I C E  
A A L D E R S



Maurice Aalders is a professor in forensic biophysics, and works as a professor at the Amsterdam UMC location AMC. He is also co-director of the Co van Ledden Hulsebosch Center (CLHC), an interdisciplinary center of expertise for forensic scientific and medical research in Amsterdam, and founder of Forensic Technical Solutions (FTS), specializing in the development of spectral (imaging) techniques for the crime scene.

His inspirational talk will show us that crime scenes don't only mean death, but can also be the foundation of new life. Get along the journey of this specialist in the field of forensic research!



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**" A philosophical and scientific approach to explore the interplay between the cityscape and the natural environment."**



BY  
PROFESSOR  
BAS  
HARING



Bas Haring is a philosopher and professor of “Public understanding of science”. With his engaging and accessible style, Bas will take you on a journey through the history of our relationship with nature. He will challenge you to think critically about our role in the natural world, and to consider the ethical and moral implications of our actions. Whether you are a scientist, a nature lover, or simply curious about the world around you, Bas’s talk is sure to inspire and inform. Don’t miss this opportunity to connect with one of the most engaging speakers in the field of “Public Understanding of Science”!

# We wish you a wonderful evening!

The Science Night Committee

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