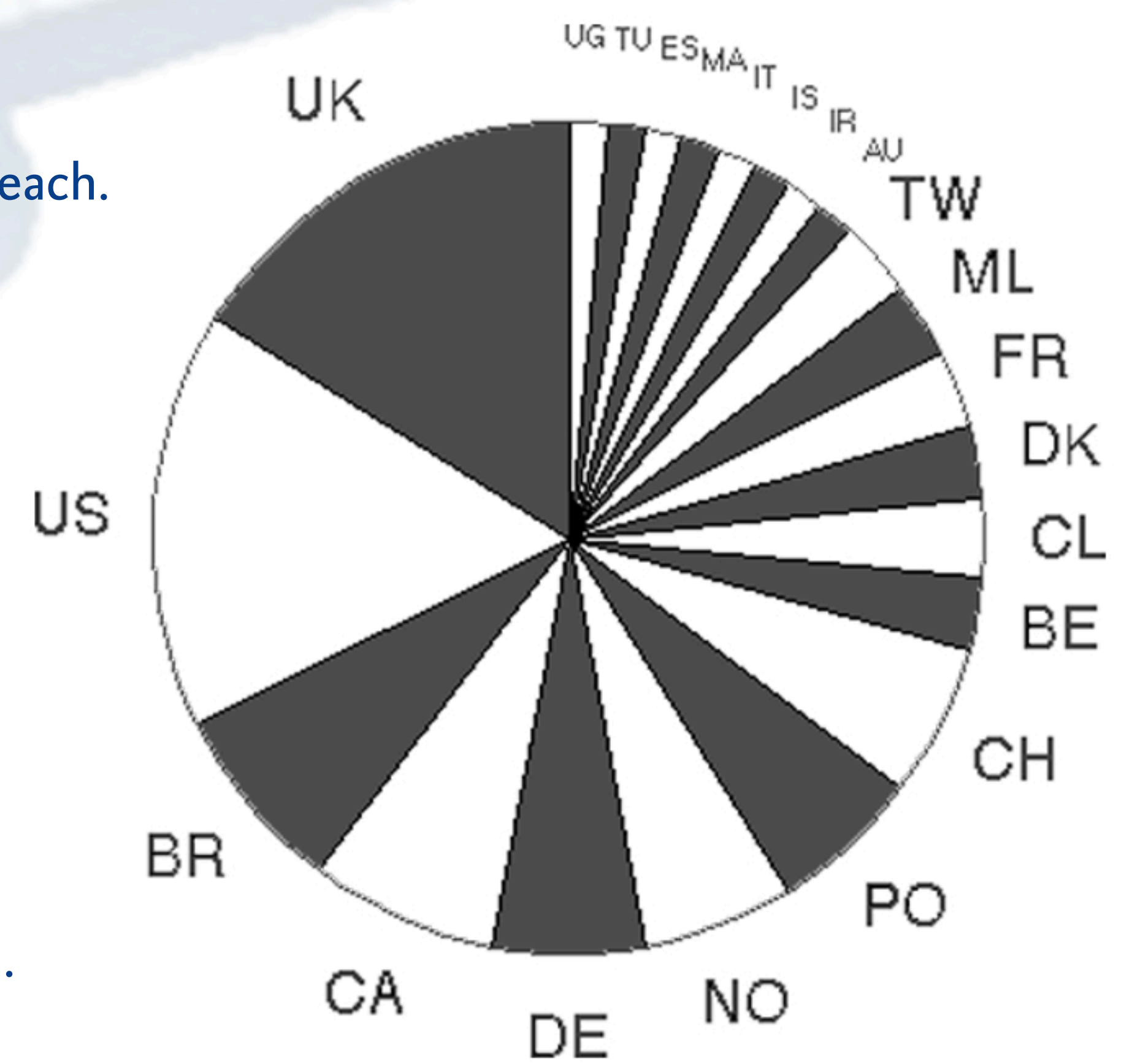


Demographics

This is a pie chart of the visitors from all countries, except Holland. The US and the UK are tied with 11 visitors each. Out of all 251 enrolled guests, 219 are from Europe. North America will deliver 16 guests while Asia will visit us with 7 guests, just as South America. Two guests will be from Africa. By the way, the Dutch proportion is not displayed. They will be with 186 Dutch people, 3 times more than all other countries together!



We will welcome slightly more women than men (137/114).

Behind the scenes, several teams of professionals, volunteers and students helped to make this event possible in the past months, and in some cases, years.

Pub tour

On the evening of Thursday, there will be a pub tour. This is a guided tour through the center of Groningen, where the University will celebrate its 400th birthday this year! 25% of Groningen's population is student, so there will be a lot of pubs, clubs and disco's. You will be guided through the city center, and the viewpoints as well as some bars will be visited.

The Dutch people and their bicycles

84% of Dutch people have one or more bikes.

On average, they ride their bikes for about 2.5 km every day, adding up to about 900 kilometers per year! In total, all Dutch people ride their bikes about 15 billions kilometers per year! 47% Of this distance is a trip from and to work or school.

The Dutch word for bicycle is fiets (pronounced "feets")... and nobody really knows why. In most languages, the etymology is obvious - the English bicycle, meaning "two wheels", the French vélompède, meaning "fast feet", the German fahrrad, meaning "drive wheel".

Bicycles are a part of the Dutch daily life and the word fiets has made its way into many, many common expressions. Here are a few typical examples:

- "Op die fiets!". Literally: On that bicycle. Figuratively: Oh, that's what you mean!
- "Wat heb ik nou aan mijn fiets hangen?" Literally: What's hanging on my bike? Figuratively: What's going on? What's happening? (Said by someone who is *really* surprised.)
- "Snel door heen fietsen." Literally: To keep cycling quickly. Figuratively: To go through something quickly, as in an agenda item on a meeting.
- "Op een oude fiets moet je het leren." Literally: You have to learn on an old bicycle. Figuratively: Young people should learn about sex with an older (trusted) lover.

Dutch people love their bikes and there are plenty of them in the city.

Please be careful when walking around and keep in mind that in most cases bikes have (or at least think they have) priority! Make sure you don't get in their way, it can end painfully.

REGISTRATION

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THEMES

MOTOR LEARNING
WHEELED MOBILITY
GAIT
PROSTHETIC WALKING

DINNER

GROUP DINNER WITH THE OTHER GUESTS. THIS IS INCLUDED IN THE CONFERENCE FEE. IT WILL BE IN THE RESTAURANT OF THE UMCG

WEATHER

18° 25%