

W-274: "HI/story of the Nearby Universe" (HI/story NU) symposium from 10-12 September, 2018, honoring the career of Thijs van der Hulst. The webpage of the symposium is available at <http://www.astro.rug.nl/historynu> ‘

The symposium brought together a diverse complement of astronomers from all over the world to discuss the role of neutral atomic hydrogen (HI) in galaxy evolution. During the 3 days of the symposium, a total of 50 talks were delivered, of which 10 were longer, invited contributions by leaders in the field who discussed the current state-of-the art with a forward look of what can be expected from future surveys. It was clear that Thijs' work and career has impacted the observationalists and theorists alike who deal with not only atomic gas in galaxies, but also molecular gas, the nature of star formation, and how environment helps drive evolution. He, his students and postdocs, and his collaborators continue to make direct impacts on radio spectral line astronomy, most recently through the development of data visualization tools and the planning and execution of pathfinder surveys to the Square Kilometre Array. The symposium was rounded off by a visit to the Westerbork/ Apertif facilities followed by a festive closing dinner.