

Summary report Blaauw Symposium 2024 "New Results on Galaxies and AGN with JWST and its contemporary telescopes"

The Blaauw Symposium this year has been held in het van Swinderen Huys, Groningen, on 7-8 October 2024 in honour of the Kapteyn Astronomical Institute's Blaauw Professor 2024 Roberto Maiolino (U. of Cambridge). A total of 35 participants were present, from the University of Groningen, Leiden University, University of Amsterdam, SRON, ASTRON, and included two external participants in addition to Prof. Maiolino (namely, Dr. M. Meixner (JPL) and Prof. J. Matthee (ISTA, Austria)).

The scientific programme consisted of 16 talks scheduled over two half days. These talks covered a wide variety of topics in the field of galaxy and AGN evolution, and there was a healthy balance in gender and seniority amongst the speakers and participants in general. The relaxed talk schedule allowed for plenty of interaction between participants after each talk, during the breaks, and in the Blaauw dinner held on the evening of October 7th.

We have received excellent (informal) feedback from the participants, who believed that the workshop was very effective (concise, yet rich in new results) and has triggered numerous scientific discussions and potential new collaborations.