Alumni Network Conservation and Restoration

Excursion Sint Eloyen Gasthuis

The members of the <u>Alumni Network Conservation and Restoration</u> went on an excursion event on Friday, October 29th to the <u>St. Eloyen Gasthuis</u>, home to the oldest standing guild in the Netherlands (Fig.1).



Fig. 1. At the table of the Board of Sint Eloyen Gasthuis, Utrecht. Photo: Sanneke Stigter

The long awaited excursion to the <u>Blacksmith's Guild</u> was founded in the 1300s and came into possession of the St. Eloyen Gasthuis in 1440. Hosts and building caretakers Thomas Michgelsen (UvA C&R Alumni, Wood and Furniture Conservation) and Anna Koldweij gave AUV members a tour of the historic building while explaining its history.



Fig. 3 AUV Members learning about the history of the Sint Eloyen Gasthuis. Photo: Sanneke Stigter



Fig. 3 AUV Members enjoying a post-tour borrel in the Sint Eloyen Gasthuis. Photo: Sanneke Stigter

The evening was spent learning about the building followed by a borrel (Figs. 2-3). There were also a few games of kolf, as the St. Eloyen Gasthuis houses an indoor kolf court (Fig. 4). The C&R Alumni Network thanks our hosts at the St. Eloyen Gasthuis and the participants of the excursion for a wonderful event.



Fig. 4. The St. Eloyen Gasthuis kolf court. Photo: Sanneke Stigter.