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Solar panels yield 10% more energy in 2018

In 2018, the solar panels on the roofs of Science Park 904 yielded 244,917 kWh, 10% more energy than the year before and 90% of the total capacity. WINS are still to be made: some of the panels on the roof of Building C were damaged in the big storm of January 2018, and the panels on roof of Building E were not performing as well as expected.

This is one of the conclusions from the Faculty of Science's annual environmental impact report. Another topic in the report is waste output: the Faculty of Science produced 183,450kg of waste in 2018, approximately 20.4kg per student or staff member. Paper makes up about 20% of the waste pile, where 30-35% is common for similar organisations.

Apparently, the Faculty community is responsible about (not) printing. If you have ideas on how we can do even better, get in touch with the FSR (see column on the left).

Lex Kaper new vice-dean

The Faculty of Science has appointed Prof. Lex Kaper as vice-dean, responsible for the Education portfolio.

Kaper is a familiar face for second-year Bachelor's students of Physics and Astronomy, where he teaches the Astrophysics course. He also coordinates the Observation Project in the Master's, where students visit the observatory on La Palma to conduct their own research.

From 2007-2016 Kaper was chair of the Programme Committee for the Physics and Astronomy Bachelor's programme. About this new appointment Kaper says: 'I'm looking forward to working with the lecturers and students of the Faculty of Science to lift our teaching to a higher level. Education is a core business of the university; it is a challenge to bring research and education closer together in quality as well as appreciation.'