Book on future UT

What new insights are there on fields of research, theories and potential applications between now and 2020? Can science-fiction become reality? With questions like this, Ineke Baas and Henk Procee contacted twenty renowned scientists at the UT. On the occasion of the ninth UT lustrum, the answers have been bundled into a book 202020: Universiteit Twente in twintig vooruitzichten (202020: Twente University in twenty perspectives). While the original text is in Dutch, the English translation lies beside it on each page.

"The book had to have something specific," Procee and Baas write in their preface. Its title, 202020, is not drawn not only from the twenty scientists that give their view on the UT in the year 2020, but also from the "peculiarity of the name of this university'. Twente is pronounced 'twenty' in English.

Most surprising is the view of Marijk van der Wende, professor of comparative studies in higher education: "In 2020 the UT will definitively have risen in what is now called the 3 TU federation and what will then be called the Dutch Institute of Technology (DIT)."

Albert van den Berg, professor of nanotechnology, expects that man will be able to sit on the chair of the creator himself, because of optimal shaping of cells. But, he wonders, "Could and should you do that kind of thing?"

The book was handed out on the professorial dinner last week in the Boerderij, which also had the ninth lustrum as a theme.

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