

- In these first days of the new year, it is our greatest pleasure to express to you our heartfelt wishes for a healthy and prosperous
  2021
- We wish we meet in good health soon in 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



# Thank you for the great work in 2020

- Thank you for the excellent work in 2020, we made great progress on all fronts
- Many thanks especially to our administration team and our IT team who remain the backbone of our endeavour
- Many newcomers are expected at the IIHE in 2021, and during the break we completed the puzzle of assigning them all an office and a desk



#### Refurbished meeting room



# Refurbished lecture room

#### ... no speech without COVID topics

- Regulations on the campus related to COVID have not relaxed since December and we expect them to remain in effect for some time to come
- For many of us this has a major impact on the progress of the research and in general the ability to work in an adequate space (office and/or lab)
- We will continue with the weekly IIHE access schedules, i.e. inform Jorgen and Laurent on Thursday about your request for access during the coming week

We have to continue to take care of each other!

## Caring about each other

- We encourage team leaders and promotors to continue the practices of regularly organising online meetings with their team
- Do not hesitate to contact your team leader, your promotor and/or us with any questions or concerns
- Although we are limited in our capabilities at this stage, we will continue to help IIHE members
- As a reminder the IIHE social mailing list: <u>iihe-social@listserv.ulb.ac.be</u>
  (kindly managed by Christophe Raab)

## Caring about each other

- ♦ Did you ever consider "meeting walks"...
- Brussels and its surrounding area are ideal for beautiful city and/or nature walks
  - https://www.wandelroutes.org/index.htm;
  - https://www.wandelknooppunt.be/nl/routeplanner;
  - https://parcoursstreetart.brussels/en/;
  - https://visit.brussels/en/lists/neighbourhoods-walks-discoverbrussels-neighbourhoods;
  - https://www.sonianforest.be/see-and-experience/walking/
- Even the Belgian weather invites to take your activities outside (in general)
- If properly equipped, this can serve as a perfect time for a short and active meeting to discuss research and other topics; of course respecting the regulations related to COVID

#### Caring about each other

"weekly IIHE online coffee break" Friday's at 15:00

> a moment to meet a moment to update you a moment to discuss



Best wishes

Let's toast to this New Year!