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Dear NVR members,

The Board of the NVR is delighted with all the positive reactions to our July Newsletter in which we presented the new NVR Board and told you about some of the NVR developments. In this latest Newsletter we look at our external Events this autumn, the magazine 'Ruimtevaart' and other NVR news.

External Events

This Autumn NVR has an Events agenda comprising an average of two events a month. As a Board we organise these events both independently and in cooperation with other organisations. The aim is always to choose topics that appeal to our members, especially those working in the space sector and students at faculties in which space is a key component. Moreover, we aim for programmes that also provide networking opportunities.

A list of our events for September 2011 to December 2011:

- **1 September:** 'Delft Nanosatellite Symposium', in cooperation with ISIS and TU Delft; in part on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of ISIS. The focus was on the use of nanosatellites whereby various national and international initiatives were highlighted during a full day programme. There were 130 participants. At the same time our magazine 'Ruimtevaart' 2011-2 'Small satellites' was published. The NVR was present with an information booth; we were able to welcome various new members.
- **23 September:** 'Space Tourists' movie night, in association with IIASL in Leiden. This evening we screened the award-winning documentary by Christian Frei about Anousheh Ansari's trip to the ISS in 2006. Some 35 people were present. After the movie, drinks were served. This event also marked our #SpaceTweetup debut, as this NVR event was 'twittered' to the outside world for the first time.
- **3 to 7 October:** Presence of several NVR Board members in Cape Town at the International Astronautical Congress, representing NVR at the General Assembly of the International Astronautical Federation (of which NVR has been a member for 60 years) and at the SpaceNed pavilion at the IAC congress.
- **26 October:** 'Electronics for Space' symposium, in association with Micro-Electronics Systems & Technology Association (MEST) of TU Delft. The programme addresses the views of several national and international research institutes, space organisations and companies on the subject of electronics for space. During the symposium's lunch break, the **Japanese astronaut Chiaki Mukai** will give a lecture. Chiaki Mukai was originally a medical practitioner admitted to astronaut training in 1985. She has been in space twice, in 1994 aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia and in 1998 aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery.
- **14 November:** An evening meeting of the Board with our NVR honorary members to strengthen the ties between the Board and honorary members as well as discuss the ambitions and objectives of the NVR.



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- **29 November:** Speed dating, in association with the Society of Aerospace Students 'Leonardo da Vinci' in Delft, whereby the NVR offers students the opportunity to come into contact with people working in the Dutch space sector. During the Speed Date students and professionals will exchange ideas about a number of interesting themes such as training possibilities (besides study and work), expectations relating to NVR publications and events, and the role of the NVR. The speed dating will be concluded with drinks.
- **29 November:** Extra-ordinary General Meeting (GM). It was announced at our annual General Meeting last June that another meeting would be organised before the end of the year, to submit the 'Memorandum of Understanding' for the proposed cooperation with the SpaceNed industry association for approval to the NVR membership. This meeting will take place in the afternoon, prior to the speed dating.
- **17 December: CELEBRATING THE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE NVR.** On Saturday afternoon 17 December we would like to celebrate with our members our sixtieth anniversary with a programme that will comprise a few presentations, some interludes and a festive reception. We will let you know soon about the location and programme details, but for now please save the date!

As usual we will inform you about forthcoming events as much as possible by email. The Board wants to continue cutting back on postal correspondence in an effort to reduce costs. Could you therefore please let us know of any change to your email address by informing our secretariat:

secretariaat@ruimtevaart-nvr.nl.

Magazine 'Ruimtevaart'

- In 2011 four magazines will be published:
 - o 2011-1 (July/August; in association with Zenit): '**Kees de Jager**'. Theme issue on the occasion of the ninetieth birthday of Kees de Jager, an icon for Dutch astronomy and scientific space research.
 - o 2011-2 (September): '**Small satellites**'. Theme issue focusing on the developments concerning small satellite missions and the possible applications of these satellites.
 - o 2011-3 (November): '**André Kuipers' PromISse mission to the ISS**'. Theme issue focusing on the second mission of our Dutch ESA astronaut to the International Space Station ISS.
 - o 2011-4 (December): '**Canon of the Dutch space sector**'. Theme issue dedicated to fascinating Dutch space topics of the past sixty years.
- **New editorial team:** From 2012 a new editorial team will start work, comprising both current and new editors. In the absence of a candidate for chief editor it has been decided to share these tasks among the members of the new editorial team, which I will be presenting to you in a following newsletter.
- **Correspondents:** It had been proposed in the past to supplement the editorial team with a team of correspondents from the space sector, but to date this has not materialised. We would like to revive this idea and will be approaching our corporate members to ask for their views.



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- **Archive:** The NVR has published a large number of issues of the magazine 'Ruimtevaart' during its sixty-year existence, many of which can be read on our website. However, several issues from the early years are missing in our archive. Thanks to our honorary members, the National Space Museum, the NLR, various libraries and Artis Planetarium we now have access to magazines from 1957 onwards, but we are still missing all issues from 1951- 1957 (with the exception of the very first issue of December 1951). We therefore **APPEAL** to all of our members to see if they still have one or more of these issues, and donate them to us or allow us to scan them.

Other NVR news

- **Netherlands Space Society:** Since 1951 our Dutch name *Nederlandse Vereniging voor Ruimtevaart*, combined with the acronym NVR, has been self-explanatory within the Dutch context, but lacks international visibility. The Board has thus opted for *Netherlands Space Society* as its unambiguous English equivalent.
- **Cooperation with SpaceNed:** The Boards of SpaceNed and the NVR are preparing a 'Memorandum of Understanding' detailing the agreement made and approved by both AGMs to further expand cooperation, beyond the joint secretariat functions already being performed. This MoU will be presented by the Board to the NVR members during the interim GM of 29 November next and will focus primarily on the events and communication to be jointly organised from 1 January 2012.
- **Cooperation with other organisations:** The Board took an earlier decision to cease the role as 'representative' of a number of affiliate organisations at NVR Board meetings, and to find, in consultation, a more effective means of mutual communication. For the time being we have opted for the situation whereby different board members are designated as Point of Contact for maintaining contacts with affiliate organisations, in cases where we can reinforce each other's objectives.
- **NNV:** The board of the 'Nederlandse Natuurkundige Vereniging' has informed us that it has decided to cancel the discount for combi-membership with other societies, such as the NVR, from 1 January 2012. As the NVR board we can thus already inform all our NVR members, who are also members of the NNV, that from next year they will be invoiced for NVR membership at the normal, non-discounted rate of 30 Euros.
- **IAF:** The International Astronautical Federation (www.iafastro.com) is, like the NVR, also celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. The NVR has been a member of the IAF virtually since the beginning and over the years good relations have developed, together organising three times the International Astronautical Congress (IAC) in the Netherlands. Our former chairman and current board member, Marc Heppener, has been active within the IAF for a number of years as chairman of the Space and Societies Committee. Our NVR member Henk Smid participated on behalf of the board for many years in the Policy Advisory Committee, for which we are very grateful. In Cape Town this role was assigned to our Board member Erik Laan, who also represented the NVR there at the General Assembly. The IAC will be organised in 2012 in Naples and in 2013 in Beijing.
- **NVR Bureau:** Richelle Scheffers provides part-time support to the Board from the NVR Bureau. As some of you already know, she will be on pregnancy leave from the end of November until the beginning of April. The Board is now in discussion with various parties about replacing Richelle during this period; we will keep you posted.



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The Board plans to publish this Newsletter on a regular basis, as well as the magazine 'Ruimtevaart', of course, and we are also finalizing plans for a new-look of our website. In addition, Twitter (@NVR_Ruimtevaart), Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ruimtevaart.nvr>), Hyves (<http://nlSpace.hyves.nl>) and LinkedIn (<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=1634>) will be increasingly used to interact with you. We look forward to engaging in discussions with you and to help broaden opinion within the Dutch space community.

Kind regards on behalf of the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gerard Blaauw', written in a cursive style.

Gerard Blaauw

Chairman NVR