

Newsletter 2019/3

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Dear NVR-members,

The year is almost over, and the holidays are approaching. We look back on the past year with positive feelings. We organized a lot of events, published four more beautiful editions of the Ruimtevaart magazine and welcomed many new members.

We would like to look back on the last quarter of 2019 with you.

Events

On Saturday October 5, an inspiring space-themed evening took place in Theater De Muze in Noordwijk. During this special evening André Kuipers was present and the astronauts Walter Cunningham (Apollo 7, 1968) and Russell Schweickart (Apollo 9, 1969) held a presentation. Scott Millican was also present. He developed the Lunar Surface Checklist in 1969 and trained the astronauts on the procedures they had to follow to get the Apollo missions 11-17 to the moon and safely back to Earth. Over 30 NVR members attended this evening with a discount.



*Astronauts André Kuipers,
Walter Cunningham and
Russell Schweickart on
October 5 in Theater De
Muze.*

On October 6, SA ESTEC's open day took place for the eighth year in a row. With a fantastic team of volunteers, we introduced the audience to NVR and recruited 18 new members. New this year was the digital registration of new members. With a tablet, new members were able to easily register via our website, which made the registration completely digital. This trial was so well received by the board and secretariat that we decided to continue this way of digital registration at events.



A full room on 11 October at the Galileo Reference Centre during the NIN event.



Speakers and organizers of the IAC evening on 4 December.



Prof. Heinz Stoewer

On October 11, the Netherlands Institute for Navigation (NIN), together with SpaceNed and NVR, organized the workshop 'Galileo status and applications' at the Galileo Reference Centre in Noordwijk. With about 75 people present, this day was a great success and we received a lot of positive feedback.

After four successful editions, the fifth edition of Discover Your Space was organized this year on November 28th at the faculty of L&R of Delft University of Technology. Approximately 180 students and 18 companies participated in this evening. The goal of Discover Your Space is to introduce students and Young Professionals to a wide range of space companies in the Netherlands. At the same time, this annual networking event is perfect for recruiters to get to know graduating students and Young Professionals.

On December 4 the IAC evening, which is also an annual event, took place. Interested parties and professionals who were not present at the IAC listened to four interesting presentations on this evening at NLR to learn about several important topics from the previous IAC in Washington. This event was organized together with SpaceNed.

This year our Christmas drink was again our closing event. On 18 December we held our annual Christmas drink with a pub quiz in the Korolev Lab of the TU Delft, faculty EWI. Over 20 members and guests were present to toast with us to the past year.

For 2020, we are already working hard on a beautiful and extensive events calendar. For example, we will be organizing an evening on January 7 together with SSPF and SpaceNed, for the Young Professionals and students of the International Space University (ISU) and the Space Studies Program (SSP). And on January 22 there will be a company visit at cosine. More information will follow soon.

NVR Space Award

Earlier this year, through our newsletter, we made an appeal to nominate persons or organizations in the Dutch space sector for our biennial NVR Space Award. From the nominations received, the board and honorary members unanimously chose Prof. Heinz Stoewer, because of all his accomplishments in the Dutch space sector (but of course also beyond) for many years, up to and including today. Prof. Stoewer is the third person to receive this award. He was preceded by Dr. Wim Jongkind (2015) and Ir. Huib Visser (2017). Next year there will be a special event to celebrate this award ceremony. More news about this will follow at a later date.

Christmas Wishes

On behalf of the board and secretariat, I would like to thank you all very much for your support of NVR, in whatever form. A special word of thanks to all the volunteers who, with their fantastic dedication, have helped to organize all the wonderful activities that we as an association can organize for you.

We wish you happy holidays and hope to welcome you to our events in 2020.

With warm greetings,

Gerard Blaauw
Chairman



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This Copernicus Sentinel-2 image captures the Oostvaardersplassen – a nature reserve close to Amsterdam in the Netherlands. Covering 56 sq km, this polder was created in 1968 as a haven for birds.



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Celebrate everything space with us in 2020!

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