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Dear NVR members,

Autumn has arrived again, so it is time for a new newsletter.

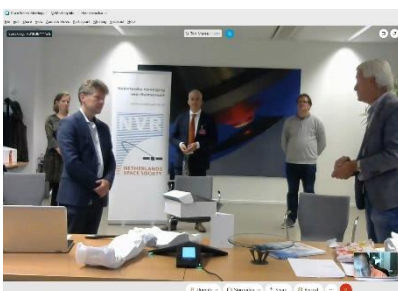
In this newsletter you will find an update about the General Assembly that took place on 5 October. We would also like to inform you about our new company members, upcoming events, and the possibility to reach the office via WhatsApp.

Enjoy reading!

General Assembly

On 5 October, the General Assembly, postponed since June, took place in digital form via the WebEx platform. After discussing various items on the agenda, we used polls to vote, with members unanimously approving the personnel and financial proposals.

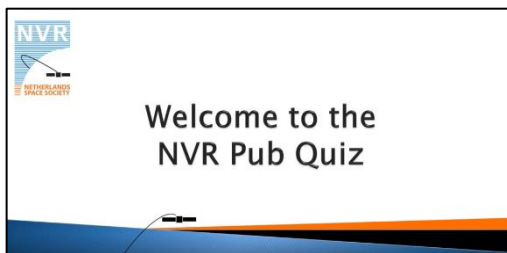
The board is pleased to announce that **Stijn Mast** and **Frits Overtoom** have joined the board. **Ton Marée** was elected as the new chairman. He will take over from **Gerard Blaauw** who stepped down as chairman of NVR after more than 9 years. After the end of the GA we extensively reflected on this farewell. Gerard received a beautiful photo book to which many members and company members contributed by providing beautiful farewell texts. On behalf of Gerard we would like to thank everyone again for this, in all respects, special farewell.



Of course, **Deepika Jeyakodi** was not forgotten either. After a term of 3 years she resigned as a board member and received a beautiful bouquet of flowers at home as a thank you. As soon as the measures allow it again, Gerard and Deepika will be invited for the usual farewell dinner.

Events

On Thursday evening, August 13, Pieter Levelt of KNMI held an online lecture on "air quality from space: indicator of human activity". More than 60 members participated in this webinar via WebEx.



On 2 September NVR organized the first online Pub Quiz. After a nice evening it was again Team Editorial that won the prize.

On September 23, a Space Law fire side chat was organized in which former board member Tanja Masson-Zwaan and Dimitra Stefoudi discussed all kinds of topics in space law. During the discussions, members were given the opportunity to test their knowledge on this subject by means of a quiz.

Wednesday evening, September 9, NVR organized a webinar together with NRM. Henk Smid talked about whether you can launch a satellite with a ballistic missile. 50 interested people participated in this webinar.



During the weekend of 2, 3 and 4 October NVR supported the first virtual [Nasa SpaceApp Challenge](#). The event was co-organized by the cities of Enschede, Nijmegen and Delft. The event, where 17 teams worked remotely, aimed to develop an app for one of the [challenges](#) NASA had come up with.

On the evening of Wednesday 14 October, the second webinar that was organized together with the NRM as part of the MoU took place. Aniela Barug captivated 35 members with her presentation on space law.

On 4 November NVR board member Peter Batenburg gave a presentation on 20 years of International Space Station. This webinar was organized together with NRM and had over 50 participants.

Furthermore, this is currently on the agenda:

- 18 November: NRM/NVR webinar with Eric Bertels
- 25 November: ISS mini symposium with speakers from ESA and NASA
- 9 December: NRM/NVR webinar with Chris Verhoeven

Also this year, the NVR organized the Discover your Space event together with the VSV Leonardo da Vinci, the SGAC and SpaceNed. Due to the corona measures, this event took place entirely virtually with a live streaming from lecture room A on LR with the company presentations on November 10 and the virtual network drink via the Remo platform on November 12. Due to the success with this platform, Remo will also be used for future events to make after-drinks at events virtually possible.

New ways to contact the office

Since the end of August, the NVR office can also be reached via WhatsApp. In this way we hope to expand the possibilities to approach the secretariat in an easily accessible way, in case of questions or comments. You can reach us via the number 06-34 24 28 04 on weekdays between 09.00 and 21.00 via WhatsApp, so add this number quickly to your contacts!

Of course, the secretariat can also be reached by e-mail: secretariaat@ruimtevaart-nvr.nl.

Ruimtevaart magazine

After the previous newsletter, the editors succeeded again in publishing an edition of Ruimtevaart magazine (2020-3) and a lot of progress was made with scanning and uploading the NVR Ruimtevaart archive online. We regularly receive questions about this from both members and non-members of the association and are therefore aware of the need for access to this important source of information about national space history. If you look at the archives page on the NVR website, you will now see that the publications from the fifties and sixties are also fully available. We are working hard to complete the remaining volumes on the website as well.

A wide range of articles was found again in 2020-3, including texts about the space simulation program Kerbal Space Program, the importance of geopolitical and military aspects of space travel, the latest developments at the Space Campus in Noordwijk such as Avatar and the ESA Business Incubation Centre and a mission, called CHEOPS, to characterize Exo-planets.

The next and final issue of 2020 is already at the printer and is expected to hit the doormat by the end of November.

New corporate members

In the month of August, no less than three new corporate members registered with NVR.

Celestia STS is new with a corporate membership Small, as well as the **Radboud Radio Lab** from Nijmegen.

HDES Service & Engineering BV is our newest member with a start-up corporate membership.

Do you see possibilities for a corporate membership within your company? Please contact [our secretariat](#) to discuss the possibilities or take a look at [our website](#) for more information.





New MoU partner

In October NVR signed a MoU with the NIN, Dutch Institute for Navigation. www.navnin.nl.

The NIN is an association that provides *the* platform for sharing knowledge and making contacts in the world of positioning, navigation, and time measurement.



Looking for volunteers!

In addition to the board, there are also many volunteers who are committed to our association. These volunteers work in different committees, such as:

- Event committee
- Redaction
- Social media committee
- Web committee
- Young Professional committee (start-up phase)
- Treasurer committee

For the web committee we are currently looking for 1 or more volunteers who want to help us keep our website up to date. Experience with Wordpress is required. Would you like to join this committee? Please let Richelle know via secretariaat@ruimtevaart-nvr.nl or via WhatsApp at +31 6 34 24 28 04.