



# Newsletter 2020/1

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Dear NVR members,

The Corona virus controls our daily life and we find ourselves in a difficult and uncertain moment in time. We hope that you and your loved ones get through this difficult time as well as possible. With this newsletter at the end of this year's first quarter, we want to inform you of recent events, and how we deal with the corona virus at upcoming events. In other news about our society you will find a couple of websites that offer a lot of study material on space travel. Of course, you may have found this year's first issue of Ruimtevaart magazine in your mailbox and maybe you also follow our various social media channels.

We would like to look back with you on our past events and want to inform you about other issues that play a role within the society.

## Looking back at events

We started the year with a successful SSP (Space Studies Program) event on January 7, which we organised with SSPF (Space Professional Foundation) and SpaceNed. More than 50 interested visitors (mainly Young Professionals and advanced students) attended the TU Delft EWI faculty. After the welcome speech and introduction by our chairman Gerard Blaauw, the attendees had the opportunity to listen to the experiences of participants in recent and less recent SSP editions, and presentations by Harm van de Wetering (NSO), Juan de Dalmau (ISU), Tanja Masson-Zwaan (Leiden University) and Pieter van Beekhuizen (SSPF).



On the 22nd of January we were welcomed by cosine for the first company visit of this year. Within no time the 40 available places were fully booked. The members who were present showed great enthusiasm about the visit, mainly because of the excellent presentations and a guided tour.

On February 5, our film night showing "Mercury 13" took place at IASL in Leiden. There was a lot of interest in this event, which resulted in over 80 attendees. As always, the pizza, which was available for a fee, was well received. It was a very impressive movie about the impossible roles of female astronauts in the early days of space travel at NASA.

The VSV Leonardo da Vinci symposium "The Red Destination" took place at the TU Delft auditorium on March 10, just before the event stop. The organisers were faced with major challenges due to the rise of the corona virus, but it turned out to be an excellent programme with a strong line-up of speakers (including some live-stream connections to remote speakers). The NVR had made 20 free tickets available to its members, all of which were quickly gone. Unfortunately, we only noticed on the day itself that no less than 9 members did not use their free tickets. This is disappointing for the people on the waiting list who could not step in to use the unused tickets. Moreover, it costs us money because of catering costs etc. that are passed onto us in case of no-shows. It's highly probable that the corona virus played a part in the decision not to attend, but once again we request you to let us know if you are unexpectedly unable to attend an event.



## Corona virus

You will of course understand that because of the corona virus we too were/are forced to suspend planned events for March, April and May. During the next months we will pay close attention to what is happening and of course follow the guidelines of our government.

In the meantime, it is well worth following online initiatives. On March 26 we sent out a mail to invite you to witness the ESA Initiative SpaceConnectsUs about "Astronauts Inspire during Isolation". Further on in this newsletter you will find tips (for yourself or your children) to read more online about space travel. We would also like to receive your tips on online events or your top 10 space travel videos, which we would like to share on our social media channels, tagged #NVRspace.

## General Assembly

SAVE-THE-DATE

Our General Assembly this year is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>. It will take place at Airborne Composites in The Hague Ypenburg, provided the measures regarding corona virus will allow this. An unofficial invitation will of course follow at a later date. Keep a close eye on our website for further information and preparatory meeting documents.



## Future events

All events up to and including May have been cancelled or postponed. As soon as we have an idea of when the corona measures will ease up, we will start (re)organising events with appropriate measures and health restrictions.

## Test with EventBrite

The NVR board has decided to carry out a trial using EventBrite for registration for events. The use of EventBrite, or another webtool, is intended to reduce the administrative work and to broaden the possibilities around registration, making it available not just for members but also for external guests for certain events. When trying out and possibly using a webtool, we will take great care to ensure that the needs of our members are safeguarded and privacy will be respected.

The Eventbrite logo is a white, rounded rectangular button with the word "Eventbrite" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. A small registered trademark symbol (®) is located at the top right of the text.

## Invoicing

At the beginning of March, our treasurer sent the invoices for the contribution of year 2020. If you have not received these, please check the spam folder of your e-mail. If it's not there either, you can contact us via the following e-mail address: [penningmeester@ruimtevaart-nvr.nl](mailto:penningmeester@ruimtevaart-nvr.nl).

More and more members opt for the convenience of direct debit. This saves you money but also saves us a lot of time. Would you also like to use direct debit? Then fill out [the form](#) on our website!

## Tips (for students)

[www.thuisinderuimte.nl](http://www.thuisinderuimte.nl) This website is filled to the brim with lessons, activities and inspiring information about space and space travel. It's an initiative of the Netherlands Space Office (NSO) and was a result of close cooperation between Dutch parties and the following space education projects: ESERO NL, Mission X, Space Expo, SpaceBuzz and Space Academy. In the upcoming weeks these projects will selflessly dedicate themselves to further add to and expand the website.

[www.astronomie.nl/lesmateriaal](http://www.astronomie.nl/lesmateriaal) On this website you can find a nice collection of lessons and activities for students from nursery school to upper secondary school.

[www.esa.int/kids/nl/home](http://www.esa.int/kids/nl/home) ESA has set up this website especially for children. On this interactive website you can find a lot of fun facts, movies, activities and news.

