



# Newsletter 2020/2

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Dear NVR members,

The summer holidays are approaching, so it is time for a new newsletter.

Normally in this newsletter, you would receive an update about the General Assembly which traditionally takes place at the end of June. As you have been able to read in a recent mailing, we have postponed this GA to October 5, due to the corona virus.

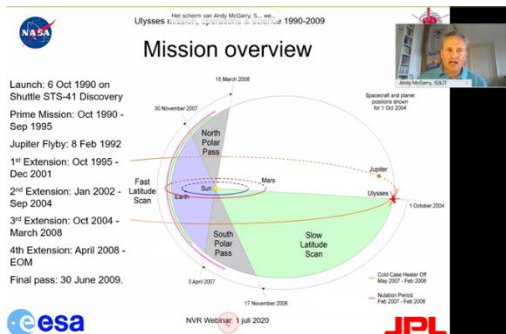
In this newsletter we will inform you of the developments within our society during this corona time. Our digital events will also be discussed.

Enjoy reading!

## Corona virus

Unfortunately, due to the corona virus, no events have taken place in recent months. The events that were planned from mid-March until today have all been suspended. Despite the earlier relaxations of the Dutch corona rules, we will not organise any physical events in the near future. Because we often combine our lectures with guided tours and/or close them with networking meetings, it is very difficult to guarantee the one and a half meter measure. During our board meetings, we regularly discuss how and when we could possibly start up again. However, we are pleased to announce that we can offer online lectures as an alternative, via webinars. More information about this can be found in the events section of this newsletter.





## Events

On July 1st our first webinar took place. More than 60 NVR members and guests of the BIS and NRM participated in Andy McGarry's webinar in which he talked about the Ulysses mission, launched thirty years ago. NVR facilitated this webinar through Webex. We received a lot of positive reactions to this.

On July 15<sup>th</sup> the NVR hosted another webinar together with the Lunar Zebro team of the TU Delft. The Lunar Zebro team presented their work on the six legged robot they are developing for exploration of the lunar surface.

Because we would also like to give you the opportunity to stay informed during the summer holidays, we have decided to continue our webinars during the summer months.

Thursday evening August 13, Pietermel Levelt of KNMI will host an online lecture on the subject of "air quality from space: indicator of human activity". In due course you will receive an invitation with information about the time and how to register.

On August 27 NVR will organise the first online PubQuiz. More information will follow later.

## General Assembly

As you could see in a previous mailing, the GA of June 25 was unfortunately cancelled due to the corona virus. The GA will now take place on the 5th of October. At the end of August the board will make a final decision on whether or not to organize a physical GA. If this is not possible or desirable, the GA will take place online on this date.

The documents of this meeting can be found on our website via [this link](#) from the end of May. We cordially invite you to read them in advance.

## Billing

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

More and more members are opting for the convenience of direct debit. For new members this payment method is the standard option since last year. This saves you, but also us, a lot of time. Would you also like to make use of direct debit? Then please fill out [the form](#) on our website.

## Events of our sister organisations

Our events committee keeps close contact with our sister organisations to discuss the possibilities of also offering the webinars of these organisations to NVR members. Examples include the National Space Museum (NRM) and the British Interplanetary Society (BIS).

The NRM board aims to offer the monthly NRM lectures online as well (every first Saturday of the month). Keep an eye on our website and social media for more information.

The International Astronautical Federation (IAF) has also decided not to allow the IAC in Dubai to go through due to the corona virus and to postpone the upcoming editions with a year. Instead, this year the IAF will organise the [Cyber Space Edition](#). This online edition is accessible to everyone and offers the opportunity to participate in the IAC from the comfort of your own home. In addition to the online IAC, the IAF will also organize a series of online webinars that will be accessible to everyone. For more information, please visit the website of the [Space Conversations Series](#).

## Ruimtevaart magazine

After the previous newsletter, the editors succeeded again in publishing a beautiful edition of the magazine Ruimtevaart (edition 2020/2). In this issue readers can find a wide range of articles, including an article about the Vertregt rocket from 1954 and a presentation of a book called 'En nu naar Mars' (And now to Mars). We also discussed the Moon Rover prototype and DARE wrote an article about a mission called SPEAR (Supersonic Parachute Experiment Aboard Rexus).

Ruimtevaart 2020/3 is ready to be printed. This edition will arrive on your doormat by the end of the month.