

CIEA-REPORT 2007 THE NETHERLANDS

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KNVvL-100

The 2007 activities of KNVvL, Royal Netherlands Aeronautical Association, were highlighted by the centennial of KNVvL, founded 19 October 1907. KNVvL-100-activities for members concentrated on a fly-in weekend 1 & 2 September at Lelystad Airport in and around the premises of Netherlands National Aviation Museum AVIODROME with a presence of antique aircraft and warbirds inclusive of big-bands and other historical manifestations. Many youngsters were attracted to the flight demonstrations, static show and our KNVvL pavilion with positive effects in acquisition of new members.

A special commemorative, future-orientated foundation AeroVisie, future of Netherlands Aerospace, organized a jubilee-event at the Malieveld-Park in The Hague, where KNVvL was founded, followed by a commemoration-meeting in the Chamber of Commerce, with 6 top-speakers on behalf of our military, aviation authorities and -industry. The future-theme was expressed in all presentations and implied concern over and necessity for more promotion of aviation & space to our public, especially to our younger generations. The date 19 October 2007 commemorated the balloonist-founders of KNVvL.

AIR SPORTS

Our youth-programs in gliding were structurally improved and stimulated with an Open Day at Terlet Gliding Centre, the orientation-flights in powered flying continued and the aeromodelling-programs greatly stimulated by a new-members-program, which also attracted new youngsters. The central and local efforts concentrate on attracting new talent.

MUSEUM-EDUCATION

The Aviation Theme-Park & flying museum AVIODROME as well as the Military Aviation Museum both developed their educational activities, the latter in a scenario to integrate in a new Defence-Museum (Mile of Soesterberg).

YOUNG AVIATION & SPACE PROGRAMS

The Air Force YoungSquad-program developed well, especially at the Air Force Open Days, airfield- and airbase Open Door Days and local airshows. Noordwijk Space Expo at ESA-ESTEC Noordwijk upgraded it's youth programs.

EXCHANGE-PROGRAMS

The International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE-NL) expanded it's program with participants from Chili, while the number of NL-applicants increased. Other exchange-programs with Germany were fully booked again, and the ACE-programs were successful, but losing financial support in some countries.

AEROSPACE STUDENT-SOCIETIES

Leonardo da Vinci Students at Delft Technical University organised splendid activities, highlighted by a Space-Symposium, as leading faculty in Delft, while other institutes in the higher and middle education in aerospace increased their activities in side-disciplines as law, economics & logistics.

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