

FAI-CIEA Netherlands' Report 2003

KNVvL-Royal Netherlands Aeronautical Association (RNAA)

The Aviation-centennial year 2003 has not been prosperous for KNVvL. National politics resulted in mayor cuts in government spending and subsidy-cuts followed for most KNVvL-activities, specially in funding the HQ-office of KNVvL in The Hague with a negative effect on many activities.

Nevertheless the existing youth programs could continue as they are not subsidized by government but maintained by private funds or sponsoring. However this means we are more dependent on private funds for the future.

Youth-program developments in 2003:

- Youth gliding-training programs of gliding clubs in weekends
- Youth gliding-training programs in central summer camps
- An annual aeromodellers camp attracted many youngsters
- Successful continuation of Young Eagle programs by IAOPA/PNL
- Open House & Youngsters Day at Lelystad airport
- Prominent reopening of aviation theme-park ÁVIODROME Lelystad
- Positive development of the International Air Cadet Exchange in The Netherlands with an extra exchange with Australia
- Cooperation of youth programs with our Air Force Association
- Preparation of additional funds to participate in the FAI youth art contest in the future
- Extra promotion of spaceflight by Noordwijk Space Expo /ESTEC-ESA in preparation of Netherlands' astronaut Andre Kuipers, launched in a Soyuz-spacecraft with US/Russian astronauts to the ISS 19 April 2004. He returns from ISS 30 April 2004.

This continues our report.

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Amsterdam, 25 April 2004.
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