

CIEA REPORT 2004 FROM THE NETHERLANDS
A YEAR OF RESTRUCTION FOR KNVvL

SUBSIDY-LOSS

Ultimo-2003 the new central government of The Netherlands decided to drastically cut annual subsidies to cultural and sports-organisations in the country. This caused much political turmoil, which could not prevent a loss of several subsidies by various Ministry's to our KNVvL. Motive of our government was that individual citizens should pay for their culture and sports and rather be sponsored by corporations or by local government, which meant big shifts in the approach to restore and reorganize our KNVvL-efforts.

RESTRUCTURING OF KNVvL

KNVvL had to downsize the regular staff of the secretariat in The Hague and we had to restructure our budgets which meant ending our central subsidized gliding training programs for youngsters (JLB), which had to be shifted to our gliding clubs and shifting the annual modellers camps for youngsters. We are looking for new and creative solutions to find new financial means through services of KNVvL to our aviation-authorities by retributions and services to the public, supported by the same government in view of decentralisation. Also we have a new approach to sponsoring, which however requires a great amount of effort not directly attributed to our core-business of training and enthusing youngsters.

NEW APPROACHES IN AIR-EDUCATION

Because of our retracting government we have put extra effort in our approach to aviation and space industry and schools. Extension of our contacts with schools and higher education have resulted in new ideas and means to approach our youngsters in more modern ways: our higher and middle educational institutes: T.U. Delft, HEAO's, HTS, MTS and the new ROC's which operate on large scales and include aeronautical education. Furthermore we are more active in our aviation industry supported by Stork-Fokker, Amsterdam Airport Schiphol and Air France-KLM in the connection schools/universities to industry, inclusive of the space sector through ESA-ESTEC. Also we are restructuring the educational and promotional roles of our civil and military aviation museums AVIODROME and MLM.

INNOVATION-PLATFORM

Our government has designed a new approach to stimulate innovation, which also includes aerospace-technology and through various links we are connected to organisations which operate in innovation.

AVIATION EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

The International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE) has grown from 30 to 35 participants to an increasing number of 12 countries. The IACE has also founded and supported the Army Cadet Exchange (ACE) from which we also generate an interest for helicopters/UAV's. We re-established contacts for renewing Aviation Career Education-

exchange-programs between Minnesota and The Netherlands in order to add other participating countries under auspices of FAI.

SCHIPHOL-AREA WORK OPPORTUNITIES FOR STARTERS

We are involved in a job-opportunity-project for youngsters in the Schiphol area, where the aviation-industry supports and coaches starters in the labor-market to develop skills and continue in aviation careers, in the connection of schools to aviation. Schiphol Airport is instrumental in more and more projects, which used to be organized by local government. A new industry-effort.

TRADITIONAL ACTIVITIES

KNVvL was active as usual in stimulating and organizing airsports for youngsters in the various disciplines, including ballooning. After the loss of members in previous years our membership is stable.

Amsterdam, 10 June 2005,
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