

CIEA REPORT 2005 THE NETHERLANDS

As indicated in our previous report the Royal Netherlands Aeronautical Association (KNVvL) had to restructure youth- activities due to a shift in funding from a moderate support from the central government to only private means. In 2005 new ways were found in funding by special education- funds and corporations, however at a lower level than before. New creative ways were sought to promote and stimulate young people to acquaint with aviation and experience aerospace.

AIR SPORTS

A continuation was found for the youth-programs in gliding, orientation in powered flying and in aeromodelling-programs and ballooning, specially in regional activities with clubs.

MUSEUM-EDUCATION-PROGRAMS

The Aviation Theme-Park and flying museum AVIODROME-Lelystad as well as the Military Aviation Museum at Soesterberg could intensify their educational capacities and resulted in more specific learn- & experience-activities.

AEROSPACE STUDENTS

The 60th. anniversary of the Delft Technical University Aero- space Students Society highlighted a growing effort of this leading faculty in aerospace-studies to promote choosing for studies and careers in (aerospace) technology. Also other institutes in higher and middle education attracted more students in aeronautical disciplines, not only in all technical fields, but also in economics, logistics and law.

OPEN DAYS OF AIR FORCE, AIRPORTS & AIRSHOWS

Numbers increased of Open Days (300.000), the Red Bull Airrace in Rotterdam (700.000), local flying- and balloon displays and Open Door Days at local airports and Commemorations 1945-2005.

YOUNG AVIATION PROGRAMS like YoungSquad for 12-16 year olds were further developed and cyber-flying for young (and old!)

AVIATION EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

The International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE-NL) expanded in numbers of participating countries as well as participants, although the number of applicants decreased (re. demographics). We also stimulated repeat of the ACE-programs and cooperation in other international exchanges like the German Freundeskreis.

DEMOGRAPHICAL AWARENESS

Although the loss of (youth-)members of KNVvL in previous years stabilized, we still observe a lack of stability in numbers of youngsters interested in aviation and space, which is of growing concern in the light of the future demographical developments. That is why we took up studies to analyse demographical aspects for the future in order to prepare measures to attract much more interest for aerospace-projects amidst younger generations, including parents and educators of young prospects.

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