

## **CIEA ANNUAL REPORT 2011 from The Netherlands**

### **KNVvL ROYAL NETHERLANDS AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION**

#### **ANTHONY FOKKER 100**

2011 marked a year of structure and growth in numbers of members, due to an increasing popularity of our air sports in NL as well as a growth through a number of aviation-events, mainly derived from the Fokker Spin Centennial, 100 years of Anthony Fokker's well-known flight around the St.Bavo-Church in the city of Haarlem on 31 August 1911. This large-scale commemoration is an initiative of KNVvL, carried by the City of Haarlem in a joint Committee.

The Fokker Spin Exposition in the St. Bavo-Church attracted 30.000 visitors, the city-attractions far over 100.000 visitors to the City. A communication-valuation report indicated a media-value of € 610.000 under a total investment of € 355.000,-. The impact on young and old was significant and exemplary.

The milestones of 100 years of aviation can be well used to raise/keep interest among all of our generations, to the benefit of our associations.

#### **AVIATION MUSEUM AVIODROME**

Our National Aviation Museum, located at Lelystad Airport, experienced some hard times when a bankruptcy occurred in November, which led to closing of the museum 23 December and an intention to auction the collection due to lack of payment by (former) sponsors. A Foundation to save the collection was called and all affected parties uniquely united in 'The Collective', which led to an agreement amongst stakeholders with a new commercial operator per begin-April, with a re-opening of the famous collection for 28 April 2012, start of the season and of new opportunities. Thus loss of a unique historical collection was prevented through private initiative, which marks the importance of our aeronautical association. We nearly lost control of our historical heritage, which stems for some serious thought.

#### **YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**

The International Air Cadet Exchange could be maintained, although we were forced to reduce costs and raise extra funds to compensate new costs. Also we worked on developing the Aviation Careers Education Programme ACE-academy's US-Europe.

#### **NEW AIR CADET PROGRAM**

In order to interest and motivate youngsters for aviation & space specially air sports, an initiative was taken to found the DUTCH AIR CADETS, a joint-venture between KNVvL and the Air Force Association Onze Luchtmacht. The new organisation will take its form in 2012-2013 and will provide youngsters 15-18 years with a program of regular local meetings to focus on aviation: civil as well as military.

#### **NEW AEROSPACE STUDENTS PROGRAM**

As follow-up of Air Cadet Programs and International Air Cadet Exchange we are working on an extended program to unite members of aviation-student-societies in a joint-venture of KNVvL and KNV Onze Luchtmacht in the ages of 18-24 years.

#### **AIR SPORTS**

Most of our air sports are expanding with new, also young people. In combination with demographic factors this offers interesting perspectives.

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