

Hoi Marlous,

Het gaat goed met mij en heb het naar mijn zin hier in Nieuw Zeeland. De vlucht was goed gegaan, ondanks dat het een lange zit was.

De mensen hier zijn vriendelijk en open. Ik heb leuke collega's waarmee je goed kan werken, maar ook lekker een biertje mee kan drinken.

Het is best wel druk hier met maai- en zaaiwerkzaamheden. Als ik tijd heb zal ik af en toe wel even wat van mij laten horen.

Groet, André

Beste Stichting,

Jullie hebben voor onze zoon Elias Burm zijn vergunningen in orde gebracht voor zijn Working Holiday. Hij zit momenteel nog in Canada, maar het bevalt hem er zo goed in dat gezin, het werk, de machines, de mooie wijde natuur dat hij nog 4 weken extra zal blijven.

Zijn vliegticket is inmiddels omgeboekt. De heenreis is vlot verlopen en geen hinder ondervonden, bedankt om alles zo goed in orde te brengen.

Onze zoon beleeft er de tijd van zijn leven!!!

Beleefde groeten



Introductiebijeenkomst Alkmaar

Hello Cindy and Marlous,

My training in the Netherlands is done, I arrived in Brazil on July 10th. It was a really great time that I had in Netherlands and I want to thank you all. Thank you very much for all the support, you are really doing a very good job with the foundation.

Thank you,
Otávio Perina

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Preface

The team of SUSP is very happy that many delegates attended the annual Grow Abroad Alliance conference in The Netherlands. From the many positive reactions we may conclude that it was another successful conference for our network. 55 participants from 23 countries came together from 9 to 14 October at van der Valk hotel Schiphol in Hoofddorp.

Focus of the conference was put on several aspects of the network, among others on how to use the network in a better way, how to organise the network in a better way and how to add quality to the network.

Next to this, speakers from the Dutch farmers union, LTO Nederland and Wageningen University and Research gave introductions. Mr. Sanders from LTO spoke about the agricultural/horticultural situation in The Netherlands and Europe. Mrs. De Lauwere from Wageningen UR about the results of the research for the needs of young farmers as they are an important factor in the agricultural sector. They contribute the most to fostering innovation and resource-efficiency. Many youngsters choose not to go into farming, since it has a high entry barrier. General recommendations to the GA Alliance group were:

- Improve communication and publicity to make young farmers aware of exchange schemes.
- Prepare a transparent and complete overview of all available schemes
- Allow further study on the effect and impact of exchange schemes

Site visits were made to Royal Flora Holland (the world largest flower auction), Greenport Noord Holland (where we visited the modern greenhouse facility with one of the owners Mrs. Barendse), Clusius College (where the chairman Mr. Van Tilburg explained the Dutch educational system and students guided the group around the premises). Also the vegetable auction museum was visited (where a US member of the group bought many kilos of onions).

We enjoyed the organization and conference thoroughly and look forward to cooperating with our partners in 2017.



2016

ANNUAL REPORT

Outbound

107 Dutch youngsters went abroad:

Canada	69
Usa	34
New Zealand	3
Australia	1

Inbound

85 students came to the Netherlands from the following 22 countries:

Austria	5	Mexico	1
Brazil	3	Ukraine	24
Denmark	2	USA	2
Finland	2	Portugal	1
France	3	Russia	4
Germany	6	Slovenia	3
Guatemala	1	Spain	6
Honduras	2	South Africa	1
Italy	1	South Korea	1
Japan	9	Switzerland	2
Kyrgyzstan	1	Turkey	3

Activities of Stichting Uitwisseling en Studiereizen voor het Platteland

January
14 Visit
Canadian
Embassy

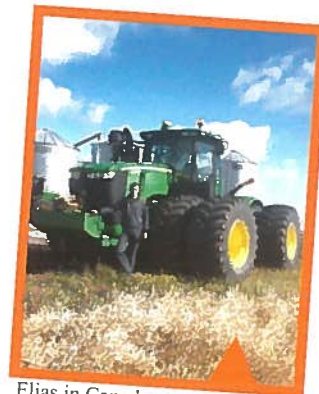
January
14-16 Visit Grüne
Woche Berlin, part of
delegation of Dutch
Minister of Agriculture,
Dutch MP's,
representatives of
agricultural education
and entrepreneurs

November
10 Introduction
meeting
Alkmaar

December
8 Introduction
meeting
Alkmaar

December
12 Information
meeting training
abroad at AOC
Nordwin College

December
14 Erasmus+
meeting Utrecht
organised by Dutch
National Agency
regarding Key
Action 2 project
proposals for 2017



Elias in Canada



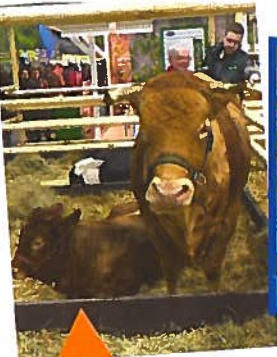
Orientatie bijeenkomst Groenhorst



Italian studygroup visits Clusius College Alkmaar



Nederlandse studenten in Amerika



Grüne Woche



Keukenhof

Dear Marlous,

The visit to your school was fantastic, and the students were very impressed too. Your students were great! We enjoyed the visit to the Peppers greenhouse too. Petra, the owner, lead our tour which we found very interesting and educational. The peppers were delicious.

In the very next days we will discuss about your speech we had at your office about your internships programs and we hope to stay in touch for further projects and exchanges involving our students and yours very soon.

Could you please send us Susan's email so that we can start thinking about getting our students in touch to improve international contacts and the use of English language?

Thanks again for welcoming our group so welcoming and nicely.

Best regards,
Raffaella, Sandra, Martina



Hier een berichtje uit Ohio!

Ik zit inmiddels al 3 maanden in Amerika en het gaat erg goed met mij. Ik ben hier de youngstock herdsman, dat betekent voor de droge koeien zorgen en als er kalveren worden geboren moet ik die verzorgen tot 1 week oud.

Er is bijna geen dag dat er geen kalfjes worden geboren, dus dat houd mij wel bezig. Ik heb mijn eigen appartement en dat is heel fijn.

De familie Verhoeven is een fantastisch gezin. Zijn erg aardig voor mij en geven mij verantwoordelijkheid.

Ik denk laat iets van mij horen.

Groeten uit de United States
Edwin Bakker

Hello goedemorgen!

How is everything going? I am Juan Pablo from Mexico. I don't know if you remember me, I did a internship at greenhouse with van Duijn.

I came back in Mexico in July to do the pending arrangements with my college.

It was sooo much fantastic amazing and incredible experience, I loved and remember every single day that I have been there, the amazing greenhouse with the highest level of technology for all the equipment, the kind and beautiful people, the delicious stroopwafles, the cheese, the vla. In the greenhouse everybody was very friendly and treated me very nice.

I learned about the manage of the crop, weather control in greenhouse, pest and disease control, irrigation system, nutrition, packing and so much more. I can now bring a lot of knowledge to my country about aubergines from your country, I am very grateful for that.

Juan Pablo from Mexico

The midpoint was my best weekend in the Netherlands. It is also useful, but also very fun. These days are really unforgettable. Thank you very much for this! And also I would like to say, that I had the best host family for these days. I am really grateful to them.

Iryna Keda

Mr. Lars Mens,

How are you getting along? I hope you, Cindy-san and your mother Marlous-san are doing fine.

I really appreciate for your hospitality and what you had done for all participants. Please pass our appreciation to all of staff who contributed to the last conference.

We will study the possibility to organize the Conference in Japan near future.

Thanks again,

Ryoji Sakamoto, JAEC

Dear STICHTING UITWISSELING,

Thank you for introduce me to Buijs family. They were very kind to me. I learned how to robot management and grazing, feed management, recent circumstances of Netherlands dairy, and etc.

I was surprised they use the robot 15 years. I think robot is very good technology. Problem is how to use it. I want to challenge it. Because if someone can succes, we can improve the problem of Japanese dairy.

I could find the goal by this study. Thank you very much.

Hiroki Kitafuji

Hey Marlous,

Het RBC heritage werd hier gehouden, dit is een PGA Tourmment. Was erg druk tijdens het toernooi.

Ik heb het inderdaad erg naar mijn zin, de golfbaan is super en mijn baas ook. Vanaf nu normale weken, dus ga meer vrije tijd krijgen om leuke dingen te doen.

Groetjes,
Milan



Japanese group at Kroller Muller museum



Taisa en vriendinnen in Amsterdam



Sloveense stagiair Mateja

February
4 introduction meeting Alkmaar

March
10 introduction meeting Alkmaar

March
11 Farewell meeting Japanese group 2015-2016 in Amsterdam

March
19 Welcome and introduction Japanese group 2016-2017 in Arnhem park 'Hoge Veluwe'

March 30 - April 2
EU meeting, Gödöllő, Hungary organised by R-Eta

April
14 introduction meeting Alkmaar

April
21 General meeting Dutch members of Europea network

May
12 Introduction meeting Alkmaar

June
9 Introduction meeting Alkmaar

June
23-25 Midpoint meeting in Alkmaar organized by SUSP

July
7 introduction meeting Alkmaar

August
11 introduction meeting Alkmaar

September
9 introduction meeting and contact committee meeting in Alkmaar

October
9-14 Grow Abroad international meeting The Netherlands organized by SUSP

October
27 Introduction meeting Alkmaar

November
3 Information meeting training abroad at AOC Groenhorst College

November
3-6 Midpoint meeting Aalten, organized by Jong Gelre (rural youth organisation)