

# IMCG-excursion and General Assembly 2018 in The Netherlands

Detailed planning (28<sup>th</sup> July 2018):

## Monday 20 August

Participants travel to Texel on their own. Participants arriving at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport take the train to Den Helder (close to Texel). From there take the shuttle bus to the Harbour and take the ferry boat to Texel. After arrival on Texel take the local bus to the town of Den Burg, which stops opposite of Stayokay (our accommodation on Texel). Address: Haffelderweg 29, 1791 AS Den Burg. We will later provide a detailed travelling scheme. Travellers by car can park the car at the harbour for free.

19.00: Dinner at Stayokay Den Burg.

## Tuesday 21 August.

08.30: Departure with local busses (Texelhopper) to **De Slufter**, a near natural salt marsh and dune area. We will have a three hours walk through the area guided by experienced researchers and managers. We will take a bagged lunch from Stayokay.

12.30-13.30: Coffee at Restaurant De Slufter, eat lunch.

13.30: Departure with local busses to **De Hors (De Geul)**.

14.00- 17.00: Excursion through De Hors with natural dune formation and dune slacks of different age. The excursion will be guided by experienced researchers that have studied the area.

17:00 Local bus back to Stayokay.

19.00: Dinner at Stayokay.

## Wednesday 22 August.

08.15: Local bus to Harbour, 10 minutes-walk to Research Institute NIOZ.

8:45: Start **IMCG-symposium** at NIOZ. Program will be provided later.

12.30-13.30: Lunch at NIOZ.

13.30-17.00: **IMCG-symposium**.

18.00: Local bus from Harbour to Stayokay in Den Burg.

19.00: Dinner in Restaurant De Lindenboom, Den Burg.



### **Sunday 26 August.**

09.30-10.30: Travel to the village of Zwartemeer.

10.30-11.30: Coffee-stop at the visitors centre of the national nature conservation agency (SBB).

11.30-15.30: Four-hour walk through the restored **bog complex Bargerveen**, which is one of the best studied and most expensive restoration objects in the Netherlands. Guidance by local managers and experienced researchers that have studied this bog.

15.30-16.00: Travel to accommodation near Zwartemeer (Sportlandgoed; Verlengde van Echtenkanaal NZ 2, 7894 EA Zwartemeer).

18.30: Dinner at Sportlandgoed.

### **Monday 27 August.**

08.30-09.30: Travel to Wierdense Veld.

09.30-12.00: Field excursion to another large bog remnant (**Wierdense Veld**) that is well studied and where restoration measures have been taken since several decades. Guidance by local managers and experienced researchers that have studied this bog.

12.00-13.00: Travel to Glanerbrug.

13.00-16.30: Field excursion to **Aamsveen**, a partly restored bog at the border with Germany. Guidance by local managers and experienced researchers that have studied this bog.

16.30-17.30: Travel back to accommodation at Zwartemeer.

18.30: Dinner at Sportlandgoed.

### **Tuesday 28 Augustus.**

08.30-09.00: Travel to first field excursion stop.

09.00-16.00: Field excursion to **Reest and Hunze river valleys**, with species-rich meadows and fen vegetation (Reest valley; Schrapveen) and re-development of fen meadows and mires from intensive agriculture lots in a river valley (Hunze valley). Visit to LOFAR telescopes in restoration area.

16.00: Travel back to accommodation at Zwartemeer.

18.00: Dinner at Sportlandgoed.

### **Wednesday 29 August.**

08.00-10.00: Travel from Zwartemeer to Tienhoven (Utrecht).

10.00-10.30: Coffee break in Cafe Het Olde Regthuys, Tienhoven

10.30-13.30: Three-hour walk in **Westbroek mires**, starting from Bert Bos-pad. The results of restoration works in fen area will be shown. Guidance by local managers and experienced researchers that have studied the fens.

13.30-14.30: Trip by bus to see the surrounding landscape including 6 meter deep former agricultural polder area (Betune Polder) that has been flooded and is now a drinking water reservoir for the city of Amsterdam. Lunch in the bus.

14.30-16.30: Boat tour (two boats) **at Nieuwkoopse Plassen**.

16.30-17.30: Travel to accomodation in Utrecht (Stayokay, Neude 5, Utrecht).

18.30: Dinner at Stayokay in Utrecht.

#### **Thursday 30 August.**

08.30-9.30: Travel from Utrecht to the town of Zegveld where we visit an experimental research station on land use of peat soils (VIC; Oude Meije 18, Zegveld).

09.30-12.30: **Mini-symposium on soil subsidence** due to agricultural drainage and possible solutions.

12.30-13.30: Lunch at experimental station Zegveld.

13.30-14.30: Short visit to experimental rewetting site

14.30 Travel back to Accommodation at Stayokay Utrecht (Neude 5).

18.00: Dinner at Stayokay Utrecht.

20.00: **Evening walk** through the inner city of Utrecht. Guides: Peter Grootjans, Llewellyn Bogaers, Jos Verhoeven.

#### **Friday 31 August**

08.30-9.00: Walk to venue General Assembly IMCG, Academiegebouw, Domplein Utrecht.

09.30-12.30: **General Assembly IMCG**.

12.30- 13.30: Lunch.

13.30-14.30: Back to Stayokay Utrecht or drop of participants at Central (train) Station Utrecht. This is for participants that will travel home today. Utrecht Central Station has a direct connection to Schiphol Airport Amsterdam.

**14.30 End of IMCG field trip and General Assembly**