Clogs, cycling and civil engineering: tales from the Netherlands and beyond

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Inspiration

Drivers

What's in it for the students?

- Looks great on your CV
- Learn about Civil Engineering in other countries
- Visit somewhere you'd not thought of going
- Meet new friends
- Open up potential for future study in Europe
- Have a bit of fun!

IPW Partners

Hogeschool van Amsterdam

DTU Technical University of Denmark

FH FFM Fachhochschule Frankfurt am Main University of Applied Sciences

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Windesheim University
OF APPLIED SCIENCES

TU Delft

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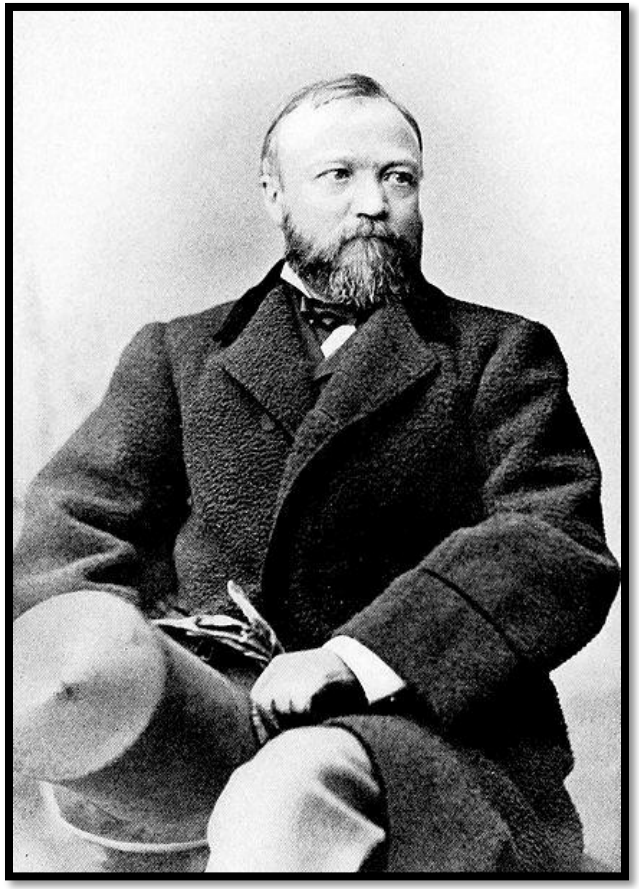
Rijnland



Typical format

Both are four day events, typically comprising:

	AM	PM
Day 1	Welcome + Goody Bags Lectures on local projects Briefing on student project Lunch	Initial project work Fun team activities
Day 2	Site visits / activities	Site visits / activities
Day 3	Site visits / activities	Site visits / activities Student party
Day 4	Project work completion	Project work prizes Goodbye and thanks

International Project Week

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Student expeditions

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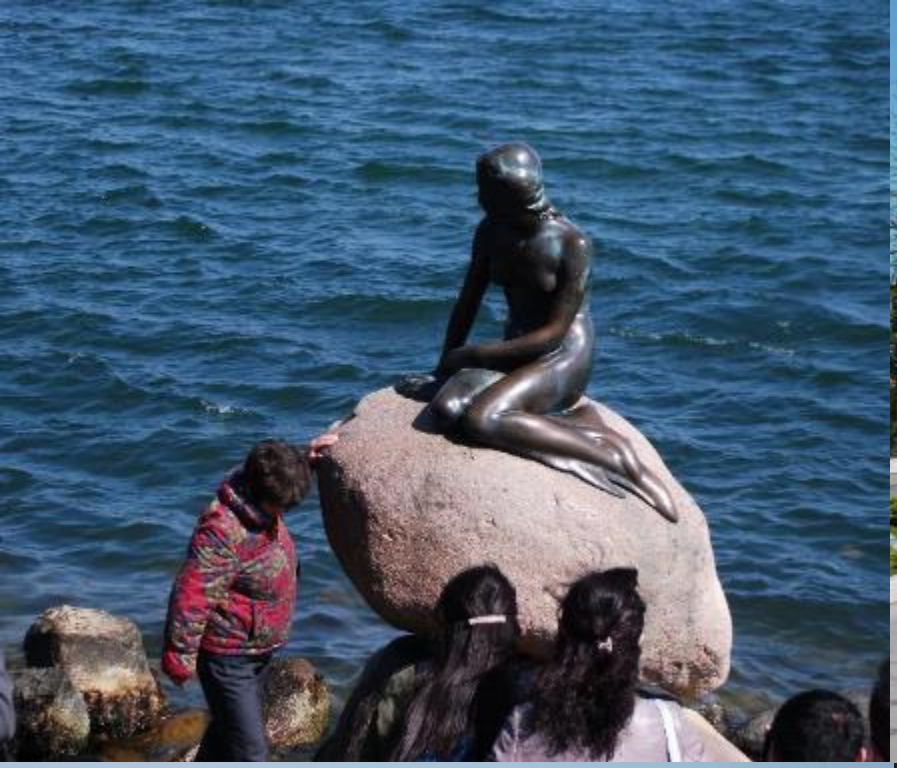

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Groningen 2016 Flashmob!

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IPW 2014 - Edinburgh

When and How?

When?

- International Project Week Monday 8th to Friday 12th May 2017
- Amsterdam (Mon-Thu), Burgos (Tue-Fri)
- Week after the exams finish!
- We encourage longer stays and forward travel across Europe

How?

Burgos

- Fly to Madrid from Edinburgh, then coach to Burgos
- May stop for one night in Madrid on return
- Group led by Richard and Kenny

Amsterdam

- Fly to Amsterdam
- Group led by Mark and Aamir

Approximate Costs

Trips are **self-funded**, although there may be opportunities for us to apply for grants – e.g. Santander, Napier travel grants etc.

	Burgos	Amsterdam
Participation fee	€60	€25
Travel (EasyJet)	£80-£120	£80-£120
Accommodation	£200	£200
Spending	Up to you!	Up to you!

From previous trips your overall cost will be around £500

We will require you to book your travel and pay the participation fee by mid-October to guarantee your place!

Co-ordinating the students

- If you think you want to come, register your interest on the programme Moodle page no later than **Friday 30 September** (EasyJet flights on sale from October)

- We will send instruction on how to pay the participation fee and ask you to book flights

- Your place will be confirmed once you provide evidence of your travel and that you have paid the fee – no later than **Friday 16 October**

Research expeditions

Challenges

- Funding – getting some external funding.
- Timing – finding a suitable slot that allows everyone to participate.
- Logistics – cost of flights often met by students.
- Accommodation – find somewhere that provides food.
- Socialising – important that student integrate with the students from the host nation beyond the lecture theatre.
- Technical lectures – ensure that there are some interesting academic and industrial guest lectures.
- Transport – hiring bicycles is the recommended mode.
- Behaviour –provide support and assistance if required, but emphasise behavioural expectations.

Strategic benefits (staff and students)

- Students have more interesting CV's.
- Employability skills – site visits and working (studying) abroad.
- International component to degree programme.
- Teaching exchanges – ERASMUS?
- Research collaboration.
- Sharing best practice – teaching and engineering.
- Learn a new language.
- Friends and networking.
- It's the fun part that the students remember…
- Good for something to remind them about prior to the NSS.