

# Kring 2006

24-26 September 2006  
in Hull, England

Kring van Zeewerende Ingenieurs 2006



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Dear members,

I hope a great number of delegates will attend our yearly meeting of the 'Kring van Zeewerende Ingenieurs'.

For over half a century, this gathering has created a platform for sharing ideas, insights and practical experiences on coastal engineering and coastal zone management with your national and international colleagues.



The Kring started from the need to exchange information between the Dutch involved in improving their sea defences after the 1953 storm surge disaster. The increasing international contacts with coastal professionals of neighbouring countries made it a next logical step to expand the Kring.

More recently, engineers from as far afield as Deutschland, the United Kingdom, Danmark, België, Polska and Nederland have come together to share ideas, ingenious solutions and professional practices. Kring is the ultimate forum for strengthening these professional skills and relationships, and building new contacts for the future. I hope this year delegates from elsewhere, such as France, will be able to join our network.

I am convinced that this year's program, which has been prepared by our colleagues at the Environment Agency and Defra in Hull, will be very interesting. I therefore hope and expect to meet with many faithful Kring participants, and I would be pleased to welcome new colleagues as well.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. de Vries'.

Wout de Vries

Chairman of the Kring van Zeewerende Ingenieurs



Dear colleagues

On behalf of the Environment Agency, may I invite you to Hull, the major city on the Humber Estuary.



One sixth of the land area of England drains to the estuary and join forces with the North Sea. Hull is the UK's leading timber port, and is the only passenger port on the Humber estuary, handling around one million passengers a year.

The Hull Tidal Surge Barrier protects 100,000 properties in the city of Hull from flooding. But 330,000 people live on low-lying land in the estuary that is at risk of flooding.

That's why we developed the UK's biggest 100-year flood defence strategy which plots the work that needs to be done to manage flood risk in the Humber Estuary.

Using managed realignment we will be working with the forces of nature to ensure that people and property are protected and that the valuable habitats that the estuary provides are maintained. All of the Humber Estuary is, or is proposed to be, internationally designated for its wildlife, so we have a delicate balance to strike.

We hope you will enjoy the opportunity to hear about the Humber Strategy and to see first-hand the challenges being faced in the estuary and on the coast.

We look forward to seeing you at Kring 2006.

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Andrew Wood

Environment Agency Regional Director



## **Kring programme 2006**

### **Sunday 24 September 2006**

Afternoon	Delegates arrive
Evening	Dinner

### **Monday 25 September 2006**

Morning	Tour of managed realignment sites
Afternoon	Tour of coastal sea defences
Evening	Formal dinner with speakers

### **Tuesday 26 September 2006**

Morning	Tour of managed realignment and flood storage site
	Lunch and tour of Associated British Ports' Hull docks
	Depart mid-afternoon

## **Hotel information**

The Village Hotel in Hessle near Hull.

<http://www.village-hotels.co.uk/Hotels/Hull>

Your accommodation includes complimentary breakfast. The Village Hotel offers a warm friendly environment. Facilities include a large modern leisure club with gym, sauna, 25-metre swimming pool and health and beauty salon.