

Kring 2014

HHNK - The Netherlands

Dear Kring member,

We are very pleased to see that you are participating this year at the Kring 2014. It is only a few days when we will see each other again. Our program is set, the talks are prepared and the hotel is organising our stay.

In this letter you can find some extra information for you to prepare for the Kring.

● **Hotel information**

During the Kring 2014 we will be staying at the Blooming Hotel in Bergen.

Address: Blooming Hotel
Duinweg 5
1861 GL BERGEN (NH)
T. +31(0)72 5820520

<http://www.blooming-hotels.com>

Location: by using a navigation tool; choose Schoorl instead of Bergen!

By entering the following coordinates on your navigation system, you will be guided exactly to the parking lot of Blooming Hotel.

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E 4 O 41. 862 1

Privat transport to Blooming hotel

Coming from the direction of Haarlem/Amsterdam (A9) follow the direction of Den Helder on the Alkmaar Ring (ring-road). Then take the exit Bergen. In the village of Bergen follow the signs to Schoorl. Immediately before the municipal boundary of Schoorl on the left side of the road you will find the driveway to the hotel.

Taxi and public transport

Bergen (Noord-Holland) can be reached by taxi from Alkmaar railway station. The taxis are parked in front of the station. (it will take about 20 minutes by taxi from Alkmaar to Bergen) From station Alkmaar there is also a bus (line 6) to the Centre of Bergen. From the Centre of Bergen Blooming hotel takes about 20 minutes by foot.

Look for the train schedule from the airport on: www.ns.nl

Schiphol Airport – Bergen by Taxi

You can take a taxi directly from the airport to the hotel in Bergen. The fee will be about € 90,00 one way and it will take about one hour.

Or rent a car from the airport. The best price is about € 80,00 for 3 days. www.rentalcars.com

● **Workshops**

This year we have a special “pre-Kring”, being two workshops. We are looking forward to experience this new setting.

Workshop 1. Lessons learnt from flood events

Workshop 2. Flying Dutchmen.

If you have registered to participate in one or both of our workshop (s), we would like to welcome you around 12.00 hour. We have a small lunch to start with and the workshops start at 13.00 hour.



● **Kring 2014 Programme**

Sunday 21 September 2014

- 12.00 – Registration and light lunch at Hotel
- 13.00 - Start workshops
- 16.30 - End workshops
- 16.30 - Registration and check-in (also for those not attending the workshops)
- 18.00 - Welcome and informal dinner, talks about Dutch safety levels, levee construction program and new theoretical insights in peat characteristics (Dijken op Veen project)

Monday 22 September 2014

- 07.00 - Breakfast
- 08.00 - Departure by bus from the hotel to visit the island of Texel
- 10.00 - Arrival at NIOZ
- 12.15 – Visit to the Texel dykes and salt marshes of the Slufter
- 16.00 – Departure by bus
- 18.30 - Arrival at Hotel Blooming
- 19.15 - Formal Dinner

Tuesday 23 September 2014

- 07.00 - Breakfast and check-out hotel
- 08.15 - Departure by bus to Camperduin to attend lectures
- 10.15 - Departure by bus to Petten
- 10.30 - Visit Hondsbossche & Pettemer sea defence, talks on construction site
- 12.00 - Departure by bus to Camperduin (STRUIN)
- 12.30 - Informal lunch
- 13.20 - Closure of Kring September 2014
- 13.30 – Departure by bus, drop-off at train station Alkmaar, onwards to Hotel Blooming
- 14.30 – Arrival Hotel Blooming

● **Clothing**

Remember, we are at a north sea country..... rain is always possible.

We will be visiting some construction sites and a nature reserve, so hiking shoes of some kind are thought to be wise.

On Monday evening we have our traditional formal diner.

For weather forecast: www.weeronline.nl

We are looking forward to your presence here at this Kring. See you on Sunday, 21st!
Best regards,

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