

Newsletter Winter



International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians - Benelux section

THIS WAS 2022 of IFFR Benelux



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT KRIS

As president of the Benelux section, I am very proud when I look back on the past flying season. Our section was represented at every meeting! A VERY BIG THANK YOU goes to all the members who have made this possible.

2022 is the year that will mark our history with the passing of our past president Egide, but is also the year that gave us the opportunity to travel around and meet friends all over Europe. In this newsletter (and continued on our website) you can read reports on the meetings that we have joined throughout the past months...

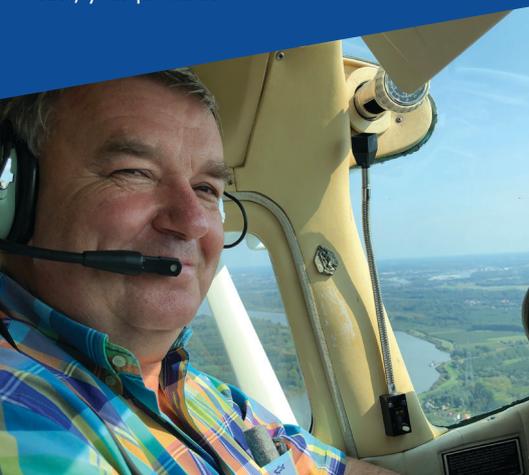
The coming winter we will provide a number of ZOOM meetings with interesting speakers and I am looking forward to the end of the winter, so we all can spread our wings all over the continent.

On behalf of the board of IFFR Benelux, I wish you all a very nice ending of the year 2022 and a prosperous 2023.

Please note that our international Fly-Inn will take place from June 23rd-June 25th 2023 in Seppe – EHSE.

Enjoy reading our newsletter.

Kris, your president



IFFR Benelux was represented at multiple IFFR Fly-ins all over Europe

As the Benelux is well situated in the centre of Europe, it is easy for our members to participate at the different fly-in's throughout the European continent. This year, a large party was present during the meeting in Stavanger, Norway, we flew to Bern in Switzerland, we flew (commercial) to Rome, Italy and we were present (by car) in France... and if the fly-in of the UK section wasn't cancelled, we would have been there as well.

Curious to learn to more about our 'adventures' of this year?



Getting ready for landing at Stavanger Airport, Norway

Flash-back

IFFR FLY IN Stavanger, Norway

4-7 august 2022

Kris De Keyser, President IFFR Benelux

On the first weekend of August IFFR Scandinavia was hosting their meeting in Stavanger, which is the Oil & Gas capital of Norway.



The 4-day meeting started on Thursday with a warm welcome at the Stavanger aeroclub with a traditional lunch between airplanes. Our section was numerous present, some members flew in with their own plane while others

flew in commercially (unfortunately upon arrival some bags were missing !). I was a very proud president because we had the big-gest delegation attending this meeting which had 60+ participants.



After the welcome we went to Stavanger, the fourth biggest city in Norway and the capital of the oil business in Norway. After the check-in in the waterfront Victoria hotel, we had some time off to go explore the town and to do some shopping.

On Thursday evening, we had a dinner at our lovely hotel situated in the center of town and the Scandinavian section was generous with presents, everybody received a new cap and IFFR pin :). After dinner, most of us ended up in the bar to have some drinks on friendship ...

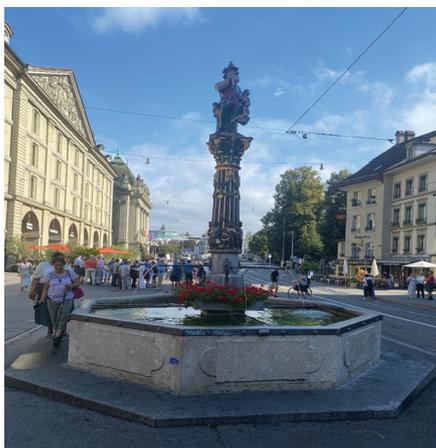
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IFFR Fly-In Bern, Switzerland

26-28 august 2022

Huub van Heur, Past President IFFR Benelux

Welcome to the capital of Switzerland, welcome to Bern.



On Friday, we were welcomed at the airfield of Bern by Nik Ammann, the president, with drinks and snacks and a bag filled with cookies and beer.

IFFR Benelux arrived by air and by car. Maurice and Hijlien Tax flew in with their brandnew DA 50 with callsign: PH TAX.

Kris convinced his friend Joan to join him for a flight, coming with the Cessna OO LVA from Zwartberg on Saturday and Han and Gieneke Klinkspoor, Huub and Luciana van Heur came by car. Another great, dynamic delegation of IFFR Benelux was present.

The theme of the Swiss Fly-in? 'Sustainability'.

And you could find this theme throughout the weekend's programme. The city-tour and the visit at restaurant, we all did it by walking and by tram. The bus was only used to leave and to return to the airfield of Bern.

The city tour was on foot. The old citycenter of Bern is an Unesco world Heritage. It was very interesting to discover the medieval buildings,

upholstered with stories and the fascinating insights of Bern's past. We saw the longest weather sheltered shopping promenades in Europe and the cathedral with its 101 meter high tower.

And don't forget the river Aare, where swimmers are drifting by the water through the city. A particular clock was the Zytglogge, an astronomical clock from the 12th century. We had a guided tour in the parliament, very special to learn about the Swiss federal government and political affairs.



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IFFR Fly-In Santa Severa, Italy 2-5 september 2022

Huub van Heur, Past President IFFR Benelux

On Buon giorno, caro amici dell'iff

It was a lovely weekend in Italy, especially Civitavecchia nearby Rome was awesome. Enrico Maranzana, president of the Italian section of IFFR, invited us for the fly-in 2022 in Santa Severa from Sept. 2nd to Sept. 5th. Our Benelux section was well represented: our webmaster Yves and



Hilde Geernaert, our treasurer Maurice Tax and Hijlien and myself as past president Huub van Heur and Luciana. On Friday we arrived and had lunch at the airfield of Santa Severa, which is a small airfield with a grass runway for light aircraft.

IFFR Fly-In Melun-Villaroche, France 9-12 September 2022

Ingrid Witvrouw, Secretary IFFR Benelux



The meetingpoint to start this weekend: Alex'hanger...but where is that? No address and due to the preparation of the Air Legends fly-in, the airfield was closed for the public. Luckily, Beate Bock, the wife of Michel Bock, President of IFFR France had figured out a solution: a local, authentic French café that served us a very nice portugues lunch...in Ile de France :)

With the presence of the current World President Georges Ritchie and no less then 3 Past World Presidents,

the total list of attendees was about 60 persons in total. Drop by drop, all participants reported present during lunch, except 2 people who remained 'missing'. For IFFR Benelux, Ingrid, Dirk and Mia attended the French section fly-in for the first time. The members of



We were invited to fly in these light aircraft. We visited the caste of Santa Severa. The first dinner was an excellent 6 course meal !

On Saturday we went to visit Rome, we made a city tour and also visited Vatican City. In the evening, we enjoyed our nice dinner in the countryside at Poggio del Principe.

Sunday was our last day (departure on Monday), we went to an archeologic museum and paid a visit to a necropolis, a cemetary where rich people were buried in the Roman empire.

Finally we enjoyed a gala dinner in our hotel accompanied by the club members of the Rotary Club of Civitavecchia, Cerveteru-Ladispoli and Roma Tevere and the Governor

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the IFFR France were very pleased with our attendance and were also a bit surprised how easily we switched languages from English to French and back... a real icebreaker. After lunch, the group set of by to visit the Chateau Vaux-Le Vicomte. And surprice, surprice: Han & Gienneke of IFFR Benelux were waiting for us at the gate of castle. Finally, the group was complete.

The château is a 17th century masterpiece, situated in the village of Maincy, is remarkably well-preserved and houses an exceptional collection of furniture, tapestries and works of art. The Château's splendour provided the inspiration for the famous Palace of Versailles. Especially the kitchen and the basement were impressive and it was interesting to learn more about the life of the staff. It was like opening the door of a world like 'Upstairs, Downstairs'. The visit of garden wasn't possible due to the heavy rain. So it was time to return to the hotel in Fontainebleau, a 45 minute drive by bus.



Saturday, a full day of flying

The airshow 'Air Legend' at the airfield Melun was offering a solid mix of old and modern aircraft, this year was shaping up to be another great show, but a number of cancellations

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IFFR World President's Blog



Flying Rotarians Keep flying good!

Have you discovered the newest blog of our World President George Ritchie yet? George Ritchie shares with you the amazing things IFFR members are doing in his new President's Blog. For all other IFFR business, head on over to IFFR.ORG, IFFRAMERICAS.ORG or your local section website

Georges gives you an impression of all the great opportunities for aviation-related fellowship; to have new aviation-related experiences; and to get involved with aviation-related service.

Curious? Go to <https://flyingrotarians.org/>

RAF Club Christmas Lunch - 14 December 2022 - London, UK



The IFFR(UK) Christmas lunch was once again held at the RAF Club, Piccadilly, London.

After gathering at noon for a drink's reception in the Churchill Bar, lunch was served at 1300hrs in the Sovereign's Room on the first floor. After lunch Neil Cloughley, CEO & Founder of Faradair®, gave an inspiring speech. For over 20 years Neil has been a passionate entrepreneur in the aviation sector. Faradair® has established itself as one of the most exciting new aerospace companies in the UK. It has been a pioneer in the hybrid/electric flight sector through its development of a multi-role aircraft called the 'BEHA' (Bio Electric Hybrid Aircraft).

As every year all UK members and their guests are welcome, as are members from Continental European and other International Sections of IFFR. IFFR Benelux was represented by Kris & Katia De Keyser, Maurice & Hijlien Tax, Huub & Luciana van Heur en Han & Geneke Klinkspoor.

AGENDA FLY-IN EUROPE 2023

28 May - 9 June - RI Convention Melbourne, Australia
 23-25 June - IFFR Benelux - Breda
 7 - 9 July - IFFR UK - Duxford, Cambridge
 3- 6 August - IFFR Scandinavia - Helsinki
 8-11 Sept - IFFR 2023 France

CONTRIBUTION IFFR BENELUX

The board has decided not to raise the contribution fee and keep it the same level as in the previous years: € 75/year.

SAVE THE DATE: Event "Spring is in the Air" - March 26th 2023

Pencil the date in in your agenda and let's kickoff the flying season 2023 at EBZW Zwartberg, Genk with an informal barbecue. As there were too many last minute cancellations for the 2022-edition of our 'Spring is in the Air'BBQ, the board has decided to ask a limited contribution of € 20 per person as the confirmation of your participation.

OTHER IFFR ACTIVITIES

All suggestion for activities are welcome. Please do not hesitate to send an email to info@iffrbenelux.online or directly to our president via president@iffrbenelux.online.

AIRSHOWS 2023 in BENELUX

28-29 May - Oostwold Airshow 2023 - Oostwold Airport, Groningen, Netherlands
 12 Aug - Texel Air Show 2023 - Texel Airport, Texel, Netherlands
 09-10 Sep - Belgian Air Force Days - Kleine Brogel Air Base, Belgium

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Aviation humor



Young vs Senior

A young pilot in a Fighter Jet was flying escort for a B-52 Bomber and generally being a nuisance, acting like a big hotshot, flying loops around the lumbering old bomber. The hotshot said over the air, "Anything you can do, I can do better". The veteran bomber pilot answered, "Try this hot-shot". The B-52 continued its flight, straight and level. Perplexed, the fighter pilot asked, "So? What did you do?" "I just shut down two engines, kid" came the sarcastic reply.

Flight attendance humor

In an attempt to keep the passengers from standing or moving around before taxiing was completed the Flight Attendant of an internal flight said over the PA..."Ladies and Gentlemen. Our pilots FLY much better than they DRIVE so please remain seated until the captain finishes taxiing and brings the aircraft to a complete stop at the terminal"

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*A pilot is a confused soul...
 he talks about women when he is flying,
 and about flying when he is with a woman.*

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