



Water is Life is an initiative of Raffles Institution, Singapore and Maurick College , The Netherlands

Water is Life Conference The Netherlands June 4-11, 2016

Information Pack 4

It is our pleasure to announce further detailed information about the Water is Life conference in The Netherlands, 2016. We have recently published the Book of Abstracts and all further preparations are in full progress. If you have any more questions please let us know!

The Water is Life organisation team.

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1. Conference Agenda (draft version)

Saturday June 4, 2016

- Arrival Overseas delegations, pick up by Maurick Team and student-team-coaches at Schiphol Airport Amsterdam
- Airport Transfer Schiphol – Vught by private bus
- Students: Pick Up by hosting families at parking lot Maurick College
- Teachers: Hotel Check In

Sunday June 5, 2016

- Arrival remaining delegations, pick up by Maurick Team and student-team-coaches at Schiphol Airport Amsterdam
- Airport Transfer Schiphol – Vught by private bus
- Students: Pick Up by hosting families at parking lot Maurick College
- Teachers: Hotel Check In

Monday June 6, 2016, conference day 1

- 9:00-9:45 Welcome meeting Dialogue Panel at local City Hall, Vught
Walk to Theater de Speeldoos, Vught
- 9:30-9:45 Welcome Teachers, Jury-team, Press and Invitees: Theater de Speeldoos, room 110
- 9:30 Welcome all students' delegations: Theater de Speeldoos and also welcome Dialogue Panel
- 10:00 Conference opening
- 10:10 Welcome
- 10:20 Dialogue Session
- 11:20 End of Dialogue Session
- 11:20-12:15 Informal Meeting of all participants Water is Life in foyer Theater de Speeldoos
- 12:15 Pick up students by hosting students
Students: lunch at home
Teachers: Lunch package available
- 14:00 Start Introduction program IJzeren Man (groups)
(To facilitate a meaningful cultural exchange during the introduction programme of the conference, participants will be grouped in the following way: every participant of one group will come from a different school. We will also try to have a balanced number of male and female participants in every group.)
- 17:15 End of Introduction Programme
- 17:15-19:15 BBQ IJzeren Man, information about next day's programme
- 19:20 End of day 1. Students return to hosting families, teachers return to hotel accommodation

Tuesday June 7, 2016, conference day 2

- 8:45-13:30 Oral presentations of 30 research-teams. Location: Maurick College
Presentations: 8 parallel sessions, 8 jury-teams, 4 presentations per session
3 keynote speakers
160 foreign students and 35 teachers
(About 200 additional Dutch VWO students will be present in the audience)
- 13:30-14:00 Students: Lunch package from hosting family at school
Teachers: Lunch at school
- 14:00-17:00 Expedition Vught – Den Bosch
- 17:00 End of day 2, Information about next day's programme

Wednesday June 8, 2016, conference day 3, Excursion Day 1

- 6:45 Departure by private buses
- Two groups in two excursions in opposite way:
Half Day: The University of Delft Experience
Half Day: Zeeland, Neeltje Jans
All participants get a lunch-package in the bus
- 19:30 End of Excursion Day 1, Information about next day's programme in buses,
End of day 3
- 20:00 Teachers dinner Hotel van der Valk Vught

Thursday June 9, 2016, conference day 4, Excursion Day 2

- 8:30-10:05 2 keynote speakers. Location: Maurick College
- 10:15 8 different excursions – 8 private buses, excursion day with gather-destination for all excursions: Amsterdam
1. Waterliniemuseum (<http://waterliniemuseum.nl>)
 2. Biesbosch (<http://www.bootjegezond.nl>)
 3. Waternet 1
 4. Waternet 2
 5. Scheepvaartmuseum (<http://www.hetscheepvaartmuseum.nl>)
 6. De Zandmotor (<http://www.dezandmotor.nl/>)
 7. Drijvend Groen, Rotterdam (<http://urban-green.nl/projecten/drijvend-groen/>)
 8. Energie- en Grondstoffenfabriek (<http://www.efgf.nl/>)
- 15:30 Excursion-gather-destination 8 buses: Prins Hendrikkade Amsterdam
15:40 (Sub) group-walk to Rokin
16:00 Boat tour Amsterdam. Rokin, Rederij Kooij
17:00-19:00 Amsterdam tourist experience

19:15	Return to bus-parking lot Prins Hendrikkade
19:30	Return to Vught
21:00	End of excursion day 2, Information about next day's programme in buses, End of day 4

Friday June 10, 2016, conference day 5

Location: Maurick College

08:30-12:50	Poster presentations & additional jury-activities Parallel Workshops
12:50-14:10	Lunch
14:10-17:00	Preparations Cultural evening
17:00-19:00	Dinner break for students at home
19:00-19:20	Prize Ceremony
19:20-19:25	Information about next day's departure programme
19:25-20:30	Cultural Presentations
20:30-20.45	Closing Words
20:45	Party "Great Gatsby Style"
22:00	End of day 5

Saturday June 11, 2016

From 7:30 Different private buses to Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam

The conference programme will officially end at 20:30 on Friday the 10th of June. You should plan to depart on Saturday, June 11. Check-out time is 12:00pm, and similarly, transport will be provided to bring groups to Schiphol airport on the recommended day of departure (June 11). If you plan to leave later (12th June or even later) overnight stay facilities for students as well as transportation to Schiphol airport are subject to availability.

2. Hosting specifications for students

Foreign students are hosted by Maurick-students in Maurick-hosting-families.

School and exchange protocol.

- Maurick College families are generously sharing their homes and their lives with international students. Cultural exchange is seen as a challenge to understand each other in a global context. Exchanges / home-stays are an important part of a lifelong student curriculum for students at Maurick College.
- The host family complies with the school's policies and Code of Conduct, particularly as it pertains to the consumption of alcohol or drugs of any kind.
- The host family treats the international student with respect and kindness and expects the same in return.
- The host family provides a warm, secure, healthy environment for international students and offers students overnight stay, breakfast, lunch and dinner during their stay.

- Host parents are expected to provide reasonable supervision/protection for the student and act as reasonably prudent parent.
- All students must keep their ID with them all times.
- All appointments and decisions during the exchange/visits are taken in cooperation with the guiding foreign teacher and the international school coordinator.

Since Maurick College is involved in foreign projects all year around we have a lot of experience with home-stays. Hosting connection lists will be published mid May 2016. In case of students with special needs/diet, the hosting family will be informed and will be asked to anticipate on that. Most of our hosting families have excellent INTERNET and/or wireless WIFI facilities.

3. Accommodation for conference teachers and staff

Teachers and conference staff are booked in most of all cases in Hotel van der Valk in Vught. Bookings are made on own expenses. The standard package for overnight stay in Hotel van der Valk includes bed & breakfast. At this moment 26 teachers & staff booked their room in 23 different rooms. If you haven't booked your room yet please book by way of reference number GFC29280. Number of rooms available at this time based on the reference number: 8.

4. Transportation

Biking is "common sense" in The Netherlands. We have many separate biking pathways for the safety of bikers. For foreign students, the hosting family will provide for an extra bike. Hosting families are all located on short distance from Maurick College. The foreign student will always be accompanied by the hosting student during (short) biking trips from home to Maurick College and vice versa. In special cases, or bad weather conditions, hosting families will also provide car transportation.

During the excursion days the excursion transportation is facilitated by private buses. Airport transportation on June 4 and June 5 and June 11 is also facilitated by private buses (only to Schiphol Airport).

For teachers, staying at Hotel van der Valk, there is also a bike available. These bikes will be arranged and facilitated by Maurick College. Guidance for the first day to get the right orientation between the hotel and Maurick College, will be offered by Water is Life support (Mrs. Riet Berkers). There will be a small bus available for special cases, and in case of bad weather conditions, as well.

During some excursions and common activities boat tours will be offered. The tours are included in the programme.

5. Competition details

All participating teams (48) will be in competition during the Water is Life conference. One team per school will present an oral presentation on Tuesday. All teams present their work during the poster presentation on Friday. Poster specifications & details are mentioned in poster-requirements under “Judging Criteria”. Poster presentations will be facilitated with poster “stands”, which will be available on Friday morning.

During the poster presentation, not only official jury-members, but also Maurick students will visit the team poster-stands. Maurick students will be involved in the public-prize part of the final jury judgements.

6. Judging Criteria

We would like to state again the judging criteria for research-projects:

JUDGING CRITERIA FOR ORAL & POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Category: Science and Technology

Project codes: ‘ET’ and ‘WB’

Judging Criteria

1. Scientific Thought

Considerations

- Clarity of aims and hypothesis,
- Scientific validity of experimental design,
- Appropriateness of experimental design for investigating the hypothesis or aim(s),
- Logical conclusions drawn from results,
- Synthesis of ideas from extensive review of scientific literature and the results obtained.

2. Thoroughness

- Usage / awareness of multiple approaches in solving the research question,
- Repeatability of experiment,
- Awareness of limitations and future directions.

3. Skills

- Degree of understanding of the principles behind the methods used,
- Ability to troubleshoot and competency in experimental procedures,
- Extent of personal involvement and contribution from student.

4. Creative Ability

- Novelty of research topic,
- Originality of experimental design, approach and analysis or interpretation of data.

5. Presentation of information (Clarity, Delivery and Poise)

- Ability to highlight important points,
- Ability to present data in appropriate format,
- Proper citation and acknowledgement of references,
- Smoothness of presentation, confidence and clarity of presenter and level of engagement with audience,
- Rigor and depth of replies to questions.

Category Communities and Leadership

Project codes: 'WC', 'WE and 'WP'

Judging Criteria

1. Significance and Originality of Research Problem/ Issue

Considerations

- Significance of research,
- Novelty of research and amount of contribution to existing knowledge base,
- Clarity of objectives.

2. Background Research

- Credibility and sufficiency of background research,
- Extent of evidence provided to support ideas,
- Competency in harnessing resources for information.

3. Methods

- Appropriateness of methodology for investigating the issue/ problem,
- Competency in applying methods.

4. Data Processing, Analysis and Evaluation

- Ability to analyse and draw valid Inferences from information or data,
- Critical assessment of methodology and results or product for flaws and limitations.

5. Presentation of information (Clarity, Delivery and Poise)

- Ability to highlight important points,
- Structured organization of data or information in a proper presentation using tables, graphs or figures,
- Comprehensiveness of project in reflecting the scope of the research problem or issue,
- Proper citation and acknowledgement of references,

- Smoothness of presentation, confidence and clarity of presenter and level of engagement with audience,
- Rigor and depth of replies to questions.

Poster presentations will be part of the final judging scenario. (See attachment for poster-presenting advices!). Your poster size limitations are A0. Produce a poster and take it with you to the conference.

7. Arriving and departing details

Please provide us with the following travel-information at the latest on May 20, 2016 (send your travel-details to h.schilling@maurickcollege.nl):

School & team-name

Main contact name during travelling

Main contact phone number during travelling

Flight carrier inbound

Flight number inbound

Arrival Airport

Date of arrival

Arrival Time

Number of persons in your arrival team

Flight carrier outbound

Flight number outbound

Departure Airport

Date of departure

Time of departure

Number of persons in your departing team

When you arrive at Schiphol Airport, you'll be welcomed by a delegate from Maurick College and a student-team-coach. The student-team-coach will tell you where to get into the bus, and he/she will guide you from the airport to Vught and he/she will be in charge of your team for all first-line information-requests during the full Water is Life week. The student-team-coach will also guide you during the full Water is Life programme.

8. Student-team-coaches

Student-team-coaches (STC) will guide the school teams during the full Water is Life programme. These are students from Maurick College offering information about for example agenda, whereabouts, contact persons for every issue, practical information, etc. in first line support. Student-team-coaches will receive the teams at Schiphol airport.

9. Introduction package details

Each student and each teacher will receive an introduction package at arrival in The Netherlands. The introduction package consists of:

- Programme booklet
- Group organisation during several conference days
- Contact numbers for hosting families
- Contact numbers for general info
- T-shirt
- WIL gadget
- WIFI connection code
- Forms
- Contact number BHV team
- Routing Map Amsterdam (excursion Thursday)

10. Excursion details

Water is Life 2016 offers two excursion days on Wednesday and Thursday.

On Wednesday, June 8, the two excursion destinations by private bus (University of Delft Experience and Zeeland, Neeltje Jans) have been split up in two large groups in the following way:

Group 1 Morning: University of Delft Experience Afternoon: Zeeland, Neeltje Jans

Group 2 Morning: Zeeland, Neeltje Jans Afternoon: University of Delft experience

On Thursday, June 9, 8 different excursion destinations by private bus will be offered for the full visiting group and all hosting students. Excursions will be in line with the 5 research-categories of Water is Life. Students will be grouped together according to their research-category.

All excursions on Thursday will end up in Amsterdam. At 16:00 the entire group will make a boat tour in Amsterdam. After the boat tour there will be some free-time for students and teachers. The hosting students will guide the different groups. We'll leave at 19:30 from Amsterdam by bus.

11. Workshop details

Some additional workshops will be organised on Friday, June 10. We'll ask all teams to present themselves during the poster presentation and we'll ask some teams to present a workshop, all at the same time (invitations for workshops will follow later).

Together with the team-workshops, we have some additional workshops to attend based on local subscription on spot.

Workshop:	Subject:	Presenter(s):
WS1	De Dommel (outside location)	B. Streefkerk, S v.d. Greef
WS2	Water-management Colombia	Brabant Water
WS3	Schoolyard under water	Tim Favier, University Utrecht

12. Cultural Evening

Friday, June 10, after the prize winners' award, we'll start with the cultural evening.

Since the number of participating teams in Water is Life is overwhelming we'll ask you by way of subscription if you want to participate in a performance during this evening (see attachment form). Deadline for subscription is May 1. Two weeks before the conference we'll let you know if your performance can be part of the programme. If there are too many subscriptions we'll make a choice where at least each continent will be represented once.

Please return the form to Mrs. Berkhout (h.berkhout@maurickcollege.nl)

For all the participants of Water is Life we'll close the Friday evening with a party in Great Gatsby style. This party will be held at Maurick College and will end at 22:00. Dress-code: see paragraph about dress-codes.

13. Security/safety and medical issues (BHV team)

During the full conference week a BHV-team (team for security/safety and medical issues) will be in charge. They have a contact number which will be presented in the introduction package at arrival.

Activities on/nearby water: for activities on Monday-afternoon during the introduction a swimming brevet is obligatory. In any case of lack of brevet, please consult the organisation team of Water is Life for this issue and alternatives in the programme.

14. Dress-codes

Monday June 6, 2016

The dress-code for the dialogue session is classified as “formal”. Teams that have a school-uniform are asked to wear that during the dialogue session. There will be time during lunch to convert to casual clothing for the afternoon activities.

Tuesday June 7, 2016

The dress-code for the oral presentations is classified as “formal”. Teams that have a school-uniform are asked to wear that during the oral presentations.

Friday June 10, 2016

Casual clothing. The evening part is in “Great Gatsby” style. You can have an impression about what clothing would be appropriate by <https://blacklapel.com/thecompass/outfits-from-the-great-gatsby/>.

For all other conference days, the dress-code is casual. We advise students (also for reasons of recognition) to wear their conference-T-shirt during excursion days if the weather conditions permit that.

15. WIFI connections

During your stay at Maurick College we’ll provide you with a WIFI connection login-code. The code will be part of the introduction package.

16. Expenses & insurances

We expect every participating student and teacher to be insured for healthcare in their own country with an extension for medical help in foreign countries. *We ask each participant to bring (a copy of) their insurance card/papers.*

Expenses for students:

There are no further expenses for students during the Water is Life week (except for the entry fee of € 280, announced in Information Pack 3). We advise students to bring in cash for own personal expenses not more than € 100, PIN cards and credit cards are accepted in each & every store in The Netherlands.

Expenses for teachers:

Breakfast is included in your hotel arrangement at Hotel van der Valk. Lunch will be provided for teachers each and every day. Dinner will be provided on Monday (BBQ), Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

17. Dutch Organisation Team (Maurick College)

A short photo-introduction.



Huub van der Linden, principal



Hubert Schilling, general coordination & accountmanagement



Harm de Jongh, general coordination, programme management



Pedro van Dooren, general coordination, hosting



Chris van Swaaij, general coordination, logistics



Ad Brouwers, general research-project coordination



Hanneke Berkhout, Performing Arts & Cultural Evening



Will Dijkstra, BHV Team



Lynda Thompson, Language support



John van Heeswijk,
Project Organisation
Biology Department



Bart Streefkerk / Sjors van de Greef,
Project Organisation
Geography Department



Drewes van der Laag,
Project Organisation
Chemistry Department

Additional Supporting Activities by Team Maurick College:

Excursions	Jeffrey Paijmans Dirk Paagman Henk de Haas Karlien Gootzen
Ice breaking Activities	PE department
French Language Support	Nathalie Soares
Technical Support	Tamas Batenburg Léon Vogels
Retro Art	Léon Vogels
Website	Sascha de Jong & design-team
Lay-out	Kristel Molenkamp
Photography	Ton Grosfeld
Finances	Bert van Breugel
“On Location” Support	Riet Berkers
Feed support	Dennis van de Sande
Student Team Coaches	. 35
Student Hosting Families	. 150
Jury-support	Teaching Staff
Teacher Hosting Support	Jeanne Steinhage Ania & Huib Schilling Josefien van de Laar John van Heeswijk Louis Wetzer

Supporting facility teams:

Student-support
Media Team-support
Concierge Staff
Administration Staff
Cleaning Staff

18. Additional Forms (attachments)

- Book of Abstracts digital publication and sending March 17, 2016
- Poster Presentation attachment
- Form Cultural Evening attachment
- Form Media Release attachment
- Risk Assessment (issue date May 1, 2016)