

SOME ACTIVITIES IN 2007:

JANUARY:

- Emigraria Fair, Zwolle

FEBRUARY:

- Arrival and welcome meeting 2 Leonardo da Vinci project groups from Latvia
- Trip to Ukraine
- Introduction meeting for new arrived trainees, Amsterdam

MARCH:

- JAEC Farewell group 2006/2007 and welcome group 2007/2008, Enschede

APRIL:

- Visit teacher of vocational secondary school from Latvia to the project group
- Trip to USA
- Arrival and welcome Leonardo da Vinci group from Czech Republic
- Introduction meeting for new arrived trainees Amsterdam

MAY:

- Farewell meeting 2 Leonardo da Vinci groups to Latvia
- European meeting Latvia

- Introduction meeting for new arrived trainees Amsterdam

JUNE:

- Midpoint meeting Vorden
- Arrival and welcome meeting Leonardo da Vinci group from Czech Republic
- Introduction meeting for new arrived trainees Amsterdam

JULY:

- Visit Sophia Hellmayr from YOIN Austria
- Farewell meeting Leonardo da Vinci group Czech Republic
- Introduction meeting for new arrived trainees Amsterdam

AUGUST:

- Site visits to several agricultural and horticultural companies with potential Chinese partner
- Introduction meeting for new arrived trainees Amsterdam

SEPTEMBER:

- Midpoint meeting Aalten

- Introduction meeting for new arrived trainees Amsterdam

OCTOBER:

- Information fair for students at professional agricultural University Den Bosch
- World conference Sydney
- Farewell meeting Leonardo da Vinci group Czech Republic
- Presentation project Integration by labour participation in agriculture and horticulture

NOVEMBER:

- Annual contact day for host families
- Introduction meeting for new arrived trainees Amsterdam
- Presentation to farmers' wife's club about work of SUSP
- Visit representatives vocational school Finland

DECEMBER:

- Annual staff trip



I had a great traineeship during this summer I got much experience in the chosen sector and it's been amazing to stay in the Netherlands for 3 months! MidPoint in Vorden was also great and I'll remember it forever!

Thanks to you and all the staff that work at Stichting Uitwisseling!

*Thanks!
Best regards, Dmitry*

It was happy time to be in Holland. This program really good not only for future profession, not only useful, but also very interesting for meet new people, to know more about Holland. Many thanks you for all!!!!

*Kind regards,
Gulnara*

E-mail from a trainee to a host family:

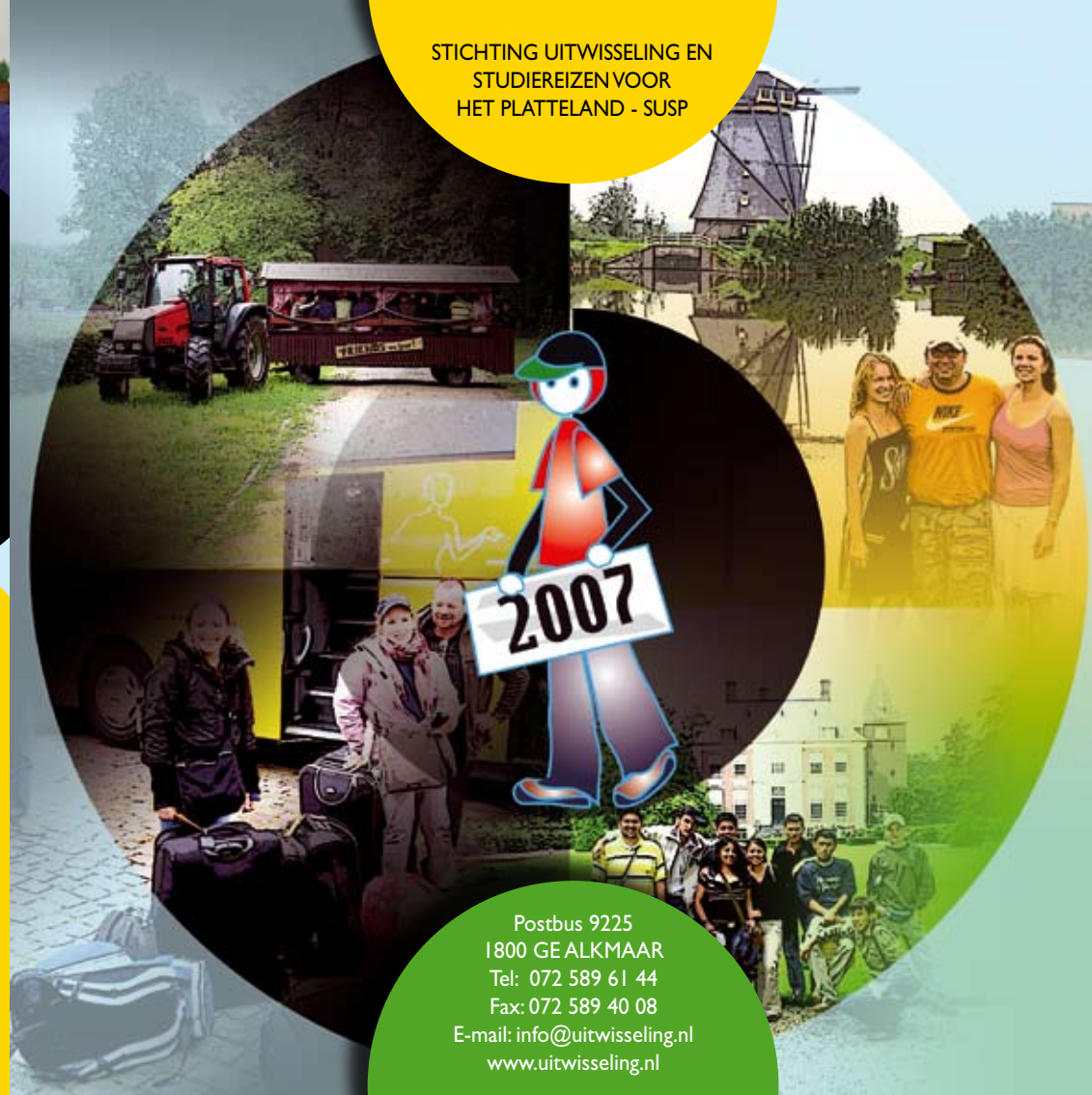
*Hello Emil!
This is Jenya. Last summer I did training on you farm. I would like to say you THANK YOU VERY MUCH! After this summer I became a 'new' boy. That training made changes inside me. And these changes are very good! I always remember that time with smile. Of course I feel a little homesick to Holland and your family, but that was my best summer ever!*



You found for me excellent training placement! I am very happy! All people are good and I like there. After two week I'll go to my home country Russia and with me I'll be take big experience and new knowledge about pig-breeding! Thank you for everything and for support!

Svetlana

This is a little story about my time in the Netherlands: First of all, I was greatly impressed by Dutch people. they are so kind and ready to help in any minute! the trains are light and comfortable. I remembered it very well because I was lost and took wrong train. so, I did stops and changed trains about 3 times. I was about 4 hours on the road! I was scary, hungry and tired.. now I remember it with smile. first 2 weeks of working was really hard, all muscles were aching. but I really liked it. it was so interesting! people, the atmosphere.. they did everything to make me feel not homesick. the job was different. it founded on your skills. the place where I lived was convenient. for sure, first weeks I was scary and ashamed of people from company. but then we began to converse better. and I have only good memories about this time. also, I visited some big cities-Maastricht, Amsterdam. I was in cafés also, went shopping. I was in Germany with other Russian student by bike and my bike was broken there-I lost pedal, but my host fixed it later. they showed me a piece of Holland life and it so nice to know other culture better. it was really unique experience and I never forget it! dank u wel!



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OVERVIEW 2007

We present you our annual report with some facts and figures, some words from trainees and photo's. With this brief report you will be able to get an idea of our work in 2007. I hope it will inspire you to cooperate with us in the future.

Marlous Mens
director



As you know I study veterinary medicine in my university, I study in a big city and live there. So, I have to tell you that the first time that I touched a cow it was in my university. It's true!

I never thought that I would like big animals so much!!! But now I now exactly my future way! Thank you very much that you gave me a possibility to discover in me my real interests!

*Here I have more practical lessons than in my university !! In this 2,5 months I know more than I know during my study in my University!! And Ohh!! I nearly forget that I also went to the veterinary University in Utrecht with a daughter of the host family who also studies veterinary medicine! I Visited some lessons, museum, talking with some students, so... it was really nice to compare my student life with Dutch.
Svitlana*

*I am very happy because this is my last internship and probably I will be recruited to work at BASF in Brazil when I come back. And I would like to thank you because everything started in Holland. It was my start and you contribute a lot in this stage of my life.
Thank you so much for everything,
Kind regards, Renate*

TRAINEES TO THE NETHERLANDS

193 participants in total from:

Australia	1	Russia	55
Austria	4	South Korea	1
Brasil	12	Switzerland	5
Canada	4	Ukraine	24
Ecuador	6	USA	1
France	5	Uzbekistan	2
Germany	7	Individual trainees (pre-placed)	
Hungary	12	Russia	1
Japan	17	Peru	1
Macedonia	1	Trainees via Leonardo da Vinci program	
Moldova	13	2 projects from Czech Republic	10
New Zealand	1	2 projects from Latvia	10
Portugal	1		

Dutch trainees went abroad to 5 countries of destination via 8 partners: HG, Stablemate, IRE Canada, SUSP Canada, Equipeople, the Ohio Program, CAEP and Experience International.



Country:	Number:
Australia	4
Canada	9
Ireland	4
New Zealand	1
USA	22



STAFF

Marlous Mens	Director	80 % till August 66 % from August
Cindy Hijink	Program coordinator/ Policy staff member	100 % till June 83 % from June
Susan Tjoelker	Program coordinator	88 % till March 66 % from March
Esther Ramackers	Program coordinator	88 % till May
Catrina Dijck	Program coordinator	75 % from March 55 % From September 100 %
Jenny Hoekmeijer	Administration General and financial	
Annemiek Konijn	Administration General	44 % till November
Astrid Knol	Intern from Professional University	100% till July

BOARD

Henk Greven	chairman
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Jo Latijnhouwers	member
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Gerrit Borgman	member
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Helfrieich Tiemens	member from November
Marlous Mens	advisor
Cindy Hijink	advisor

