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Welcome.

The micro research has finished. Time for a bit of vacation! In august we won't publish an informação do Brasil, but we'll be back after the summer. In this edition Stephan and Hendrik tell an amazing story about what really concerns them and I have added a short article about the Brazilian national team to illustrate how Brazilians think of Melo and Julio Cesar after their performance against the Dutch national team.

On behalf of the committee,
Niels

Important dates

9th of July: deadline for payment of the third term.

30th of August: first language course after the vacations.

3rd of September: Fresh-up course with Micro study presentations.

10th of September: "uitzwaiborrel".

18th of September: departure to Brazil!

Trip to Schiphol

Some time ago I asked everyone his/her preference for travelling to Schiphol. Only 8 participants indicated they wanted to travel by a collective Bus to Schiphol. We

therefore won't arrange a bus for all participants. I've send a mail to those with interest for a bus.

Oi, eu sou.. (= Hi, I am..)

This edition Stephan Meijers and Hendrik van Meerveld introduce themselves to all other participants.

Stephan Meijers

Blood, Sweat, and Communication.

Looking back at the past 15 months, when the idea of organizing the study tour for ConcepT in 2010 first occurred to me, I didn't realize what an incredible commitment and experience it would be. Off to a troublesome start, having to burn the midnight oil whilst in Shanghai to attend Skype meetings with my fellow committee members, I inadvertently accepted the responsibility of organizing the educative side of the study tour. Little did I expect, this task is about as simple as digging a tunnel using nothing but a spoon.

Following some concerns from participants of the tour, the other committee members saw fit to make my name and task synonymous with the word communication. Whenever a task is delegated to me, my fellow committee members inexorably and sardonically include the word communication in the task description. Initially sceptical, I realized that they are actually right. My task; ensuring everyone gets through the educative trajectory without the roof caving in over their heads is purely a

communicational task. Ensuring the right information is on the right person's desk at the right time, for the simple reason that everyone must be aware of what needs to happen and why it needs to happen at all times.

Of course, this has gone horribly wrong. Things that seem self explanatory to me and the committee actually aren't. Emails that are too long and complicated are frequently misread and misunderstood. Communicating conflicting 'draft' information is confusing. Assignment buttons missing on blackboard are a nuisance, and of course, supervisors disappearing to exotic lands at the last minute are an interesting puzzle to solve!

All in all, this study tour has taught me the importance and difficulty of accurate and timely communication, especially when dealing with large groups of people. Perhaps soon I can return to my secondary task of vice-chairman and ensure that our chairman behaves when we tour the Copacabana in Rio de Janeiro! Vejo Vocês no Brasil!

Hendrik van Meerveld

I am sure you've all rushed online at noon and that the warning sirens are still going when you're reading this month's informação. Over the last couple of months, I have been confronted with questions about collecting stamps. People seem to think that from all the hobby's that



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I could possibly have, collecting stamps would definitely not be one off those. They are correct in that assumption. Although I thank Mark for his excellent work on introducing me on the Booming Brazil website, he did not get all the details right. But still it seems I have assumed the role of “stamps-expert” and I have devoted myself to teaching you all a little bit about stamps (in Brazil). Best way for me to do this, is by telling you about what I found on Wikipedia (your basic Macro, Meso and Micro study starting point).

Who really invented the postage



stamp is open for debate but the reason for inventing is quite clear. The postage stamp meant that

the sender would pay for delivery and not the receiver, quite obvious if you ask me. Stamps were first introduced in the UK in 1840 but other countries soon followed. Nice to know is that Brazil was the second country to introduce a stamp that was valid within the entire country (1843). More notable was that the first stamp in Brazil did not depict the emperor Pedro II, because the postmark would disfigure his face. The Bull's Eye (Olho-de-Boi) stamp would be the first stamp in Brazil and is favoured among collectors. See the picture on the left for an example. If you find one, please hand it over to me, their worth up to 5.000 USD.

Newsflashes from Brazil

Brazil players given hostile reception upon return home

The Brazilian squad were met with insults, pushing and shoving from angry fans in Rio on Sunday amid a welter of recriminations for their poor World Cup showing.

Aside from much-vilified coach Dunga, the target for much of their ire was Felipe Melo, who deflected in Wesley Sneijder's opener for Holland in a 2-1 loss and then got himself sent off as the five-times champions Brazil made a miserable exit.

The Brazilians landed in Rio after a 10-hour flight from South Africa and fans immediately vented their anger, judging Melo one of the “fathers of defeat.”

Protected by bodyguards, the Juventus player had to run for cover towards a vehicle driven by his father after supporters left him in no doubt as to their displeasure – even though the players were taken through a side door to avoid potential angry hordes at the main exit.

Fans were more forgiving with goalkeeper Julio Cesar, some shouting out their gratitude for what they saw as a good showing overall by the Inter Milan shot-stopper who was tearful after the Dutch defeat.

He also stopped to speak. “I am very emotional – I want to thank the Brazilian fans. This was the fruit of three-and-a-half years of work,” he said before being driven off along with his mother.

Kleberon, Juan and Thiago Silva also had to run the gauntlet along with team doctor Jose Luiz Runco and technical assistant Jorginho. The remainder of the squad carried on to Sao Paulo.

Runco meanwhile told reporters that great hope Kaka was not fully fit for the World Cup after his recent thigh problems at Real Madrid.

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