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## Welcome.

The micro research has started. For the committee this also means the start of actual research. I don't know how it feels for the participants, but studying the projects we will be visiting really makes me want to go there! In this edition Joey and Thijs will introduce themselves and I have added some space for special quotes. Most of them in Dutch, others in wannabe-English. Have fun reading.

On behalf of the committee,  
Niels

## Important dates

2<sup>nd</sup> of June: Dura Vermeer Excursion.

18<sup>th</sup> of June: Teambuilding day.

We thought it to be time to get more active! Up till now we spend our teambuilding sitting down during the pub quiz, Brazilian movie night and portuguese language courses. To change this passive attitude, the committee eagers to discover the active side of you all. They want to see your physical skills, precision, mental strength, and your stamina. The best situation to study these characteristics in-depth is, without any doubt (according to Leon, red.),

at the golf course. We therefore organized an afternoon **Short Golf Clinic** at Spieleshof in Boekelo on Friday, June 18. The session starts at 13:30 in Boekelo, the committee goes there by bike and gathers at about 13:00 in front of the Horst building. Please be on time if you want to join! Further, we ask you to wear appropriate footwear. For more information, check out [www.spieleshof.nl](http://www.spieleshof.nl).

After the Golf Clinic, you are all invited to grab a drink and some grilled meat, prepared by BBQ-chef Thijs Homan. The barbecue takes place at the University campus (location will be anounced). The ones who cannot attend the Golf Clinic are, of course, welcome at the barbecue from 17:30. Please check out the schedule on the Booming Brazil-website for the exact location.

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

This edition Joey Willemsen and Thijs Homan introduce themselves to all other participants.

### Joey Willemsen

My name is Joey Willemsen. I was born in 1988 in Winterswijk and moved to Enschede after a couple of years. At the moment I'm living at my parents place, but I'm planning to find an apartment for my girlfriend (Inge-Loes) and me this summer. We are dating now for almost five years and thought it was time to live together.

Last year I received my Bachelor

degree and I am now attending courses related to the specialization Transportation Engineering and Management. Besides my study I spend most of my time at the Cable Waterskicenter Twente where I work, give trainings to children and practice new wakeboarding tricks. In Brazil, there is only one place where you could go wakeboarding behind a cable and that's in São Paulo. I therefore assume that the Booming Brazil committee will do their utmost best to give us the opportunity to do so.

Next to that, I'm a huge fan of football and attend almost all the home games of FC Twente. For those of you who have little understanding of football, FC Twente is the one who became champion this year. I'm very excited to go on the study tour Booming Brazil and know for sure that it will be one hell of a trip.

### Thijs Homan

Oi, eu sou Thijs and as you all know, I am the excursions manager of the study tour. This means I will arrange the study related excursions to the projects we will visit. This job (actually it is more a kind of a hobby) began with searching for civil engineering related projects. After I and my fellow committee members found enough interesting projects to visit I began with trying to contact people in the companies. This sometimes was a lot of fun. Not all Brazilians speak English. Sometimes I e.g. had to contact somebody's cabinet (instead of his secretary) and apparently some Brazilians



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are afraid for English speaking persons, because when I tried to explain who I am and for what I was calling, they hung up on me after a couple of words, probably believing that a monster would come out of the phone or something ;-). But in the end all Brazilians were all really friendly and willing to help us with arranging an excursion to their company. This resulted in a nice list of civil engineering related excursions which you all can find on the website (Click: <http://www.boomingbrazil.nl/tour/travel-plan/>).

#### Newsflashes from Brazil

With the Worlcup coming up I chose to add a short newsmessage on the Brazilian national team. Don't forget to fill in the 'WK-poule'!

*Brazil downplays prize money at World Cup*

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(AP) — JOHANNESBURG - Brazil insists this World Cup is not about the money.

Prize money has always been a thorny issue for Brazil teams in the run-up to past tournaments, but current players and coaches are downplaying the issue.

Coach Dunga says "everything has to be agreed ahead of time" to avoid problems, and wants to make sure this happens in South Africa. The prize money Brazil players receive for winning this World Cup is expected to surpass the amount at the previous two tournaments. Brazil reportedly awarded each player about \$250,000 for the title in 2002 in South Korea and Japan, and they would have received nearly \$300,000 each if Brazil had won in 2006.

#### Quotes

On the whiteboard in our study tour office we have written down quotes: some of them are valuable contibutions to Dungleish others are just funny.

*"This week, we have nothing less than 5 points!"* (Vossebeld)

*"Van de 30 deelnemers zullen er zeker 2 emigreren naar Brazilië"* (Olaf-reizen)



*"Er komt niets meer uit, ik ben leeg"* (Morren)

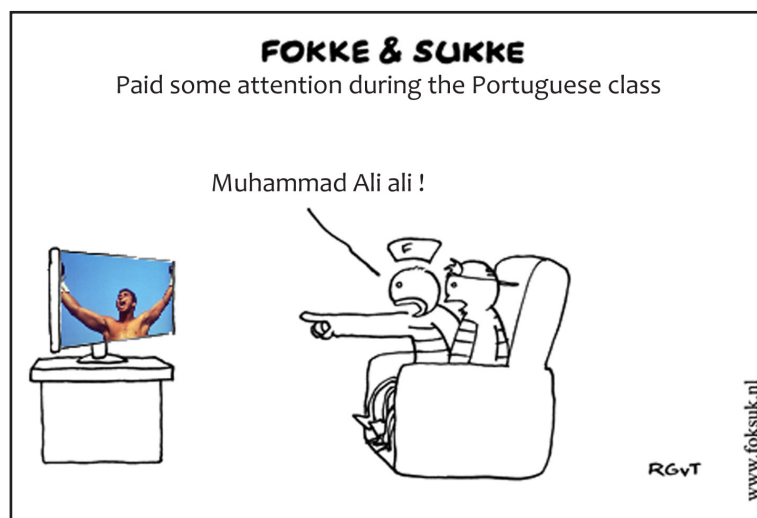
*"Het is toch gewoon handig, niet het ei van Columbus ofzo"* (Roelofsen)

*"Maar het is wel zo"* (Reijnhoudt)

*"Geert 'cat-in-the-sack' Dewulf"* (Meijers)

*"In groepen van 5 ben je toch alsnog met 6 man?"* (Morren)

Thank you for reading!



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