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Welcome!

In this second edition Tim van de Kruijs will introduce himself in Oi, eu sou... Further, Bart Leferink, as first to conduct contract research, describes his work in Hengelo. We invite everybody to send in own contributions for future editions of the Informação do Brasil. Have fun reading!

On behalf of the committee,
Niels

Team building activities

This Wednesday (the third of March) we will have a pubquiz in "Borrelkelder Beneden Peil", to get to know each other a bit better. Thijs and Leon have created a special pubquiz for this. Do you think you allready know a lot about Brazil? I bet you will still be surprised by some of the questions Thijs and Leon came up with.

Hyves

Booming Brazil has created a hyve-site. Have you allready seen how Bassie and Adriaan give an introductory course in Portuguese?

Visit and join: <http://boomingbrazil.hyves.nl>.

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

This edition Tim van de Kruijs introduces himself to all other participants.

Primavera (= spring) is in the air! You can notice it all around. Rain and high temperatures at the Olympic Games in Vancouver and the snow that crippled our little country for quite some time has finally melted. Primavera also stands for a new beginning: The fall of Balkenende IV will lead to a fresh new cabinet and of course the preparations for Booming Brazil have begun! I think everyone is eager to go and for myself it means a special new start. My name is Tim and I am in my fifth year of Civil Engineering. My interests lie in different sports, cooking and watching television series. If I had to choose a favorite, I would go with basketball. I recently started taking driving lessons. The last couple of years my attention was divided between all kinds of things, except for one: ConcepT and its activities. I even managed to misspell ConcepT (without a capital T) in my application letter. What a shame for a 5th year Civil Engineering student! However, this primavera, my involvement in ConcepT activities will rise to an all time high as we work our way through the macro assignment. And in September we will find out together if La Primavera in Brazil is a worthy replacement for the

famous 'Lente in Twente'. Let the study tour begin!

Sustainability at the Road, Green and Water Department.

Bart Leferink started with contract research at the Hengelo municipality. He gives a short insight into his contrac research:

Due to my Bachelor Eindopdracht in the fourth quartile this year, I started earlier than the most students with my contract research. Since one week I join the crew of the department Road, Green and Water (WGW: "Weg, groen en water") at the Hengelo municipality. This is the same department where Sander Dekens, also participant of the study tour, did his Bachelor Eindopdracht. My job is to examine the sustainability of the products the department supplies.

WGW's main task is making specifications and conditions for road, green and water projects in Hengelo. The department does not implement the projects itself, but invites tenders for doing the projects. Supervisors keep an eye on the implementation of the work. Now the Hengelo municipality has the ambition to reach a level of 75% sustainable procurement in 2010, and 100% in 2015. Agentschap NL, a government institution for sustainable policy, has set up criteria for several product groups in relation to sustainability. Using these criteria, I have to chart the current process of being sustainable of the WGW department.

For now I worked two full days. The first impression of the department was that there is a great working atmosphere, and it's fun to be part of this. It will be a challenge to make a complete review of the current



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Fokke & Sukke
Also received a valentine card

“You have the largest prick I’ve ever
come across”!



position in being sustainable, but fun and the study tour in prospect will help to make this research to a good end!

Vaccination & Visa

Booming Brazil participants are individually responsible for proper measures against foreign diseases. Since vaccinations need time to work out, we suggest you to arrange your shots as soon as possible, and in any case, before the end of April! We advice you to visit a professional organisation

that creates the “vaccination package” you need for our stay in Brazil. To give you a head start when visiting a consult, we supply a short summary with relevant information on the website under “downloads”. We checked, just to be sure, no participants need to arrange a visa!

Newsflash from Brazil

Last month Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was all about Carnaval. The city sees a series of flamboyant parades at the city’s Sambodrome, we have selected a picture below. For .pdf readers: click on the image to the right to see 14 very nice pictures of the carnaval!

An, totally different topic, interesting for Hendrik van Meerveld, as collector of postal stamps. As part of the commemorations of 50 years of the inauguration of Brasília (Capital of Brazil), six



paintings of the collection BRASÍLIA 50 from the Brazilian artist Júlia dos Santos Baptista - a first-generation line born in Brasília and living now in the Netherlands -, were chosen by EBCT (the Brazilian postal office) to become a new set of six commemorative postal stamps (© www.brazilinsight.nl). (© www.guardian.co.uk).



As minhas primeiras palavras

This month we teach you the following, essential, Brazilian Portuguese words or short sentences:

Hello. Your passport, please.

“Bom dia. Seu passaporte, por favor”

Here it is.

“Aqui está”

How many are you?

São quantos?

We are with thirty.

Estamos com trinta.

Bye!

“Tchau!”

Are you Dutch?

Você está Holandês?

Yes, I Am.

“Sim, sou.”

Thank you for reading !



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