

Dear reader,

This year, Aerius is celebrating its 10th anniversary. Reason enough to reflect on the past 10 years and commemorate the good and the bad times. As I've only been with the association for little less than a year, my personal memory of Aerius and its past is very limited. Luckily, the members of our editorial team are true Aerius veterans.

The summer is closing in, and by the time you are reading this, Aerius will be temporarily closed. Closure however, does not necessarily mean inactivity. Throughout the summer, the Aerius board and supporting committees will be working hard on new activities.

In August, for example, we are invited to visit the KLM Operations Control Centre. In September we will be able to celebrate the postponed Aerius Anniversary day at Lelystad Airport (The expected 'Connie' arrival forced us to cancel the 16th of June events). The board has also planned for an aviation career event in November; details will be issued at the start of the new academic year.

But looking forward does not only incorporate our upcoming activities. We are also seeing slightly less visible, but still very present development. The Airlines Magazine is gaining trust and name, throughout the industry. Our last issue reported over 85,000 hits and an estimated amount of 7,500 articles downloaded. Those are encouraging figures and prove that Airlines and Aerius are playing an increasingly important role within the international aviation student and business communities.

I want to compliment the editorial team with their continued efforts to improve the quality of Airlines! I hope that the 10th anniversary of both the magazine and Aerius will give them new spirit to continue these efforts!

Last but not least, I would like to wish our members and volunteers a great summer holiday. Just make sure you are around for the new season of 2004-2005!

Yours truly,

Daan de Jong
President



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From left to right: Tom Goossens, Linda Bos, Daan de Jong and Wouter Wester.
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