

# Aerius 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lustrum 2004 Celebration

In 2004, Aerius already celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. To quote our current president Daan de Jong: "The relatively short history of Aerius has been a dynamic but turbulent one. Much like the aviation industry itself, Aerius has triumphed and suffered backdrop. What has remained throughout the years though is the sheer enthusiasm and motivation of young people, desiring a career in aviation and willing to invest time and energy in organizing and participating in numerous of activities". The enormous number of activities Aerius has organized throughout the years gave us enough reason to celebrate this milestone.

The actual celebration took place on September 16<sup>th</sup> 2004. The venue for this special event was the aviation theme park 'Aviodrome', located on the airfield of Lelystad, in the centre of the Netherlands. We considered Aviodrome as the excellent location for our celebration because of its large collection of vintage aircraft on display, thus providing a fantastic atmosphere for an anniversary celebration of an aviation association like Aerius.

The celebration commenced in the afternoon with a very interesting guided tour through the museum by its director Mr. Arno van der Holst. He enthusiastically showed Aviodrome's entire collection of aircraft, even those that are stored and not for public display at the moment! Our guests also got the opportunity to

have a look on board the Lockheed Constellation aircraft, which recently joined the Aviodrome collection.

Some forty participants attended the celebration and went on after the guided tour to the completely rebuilt 'Schiphol 1928' terminal building for a delightful buffet in a relaxed setting. The buffet was followed by a Lustrum forum on the past ten years of aviation history in the Netherlands. Aerius invited two speakers for this forum: Dr. Marc Dierikx, an historian specialized in aviation matters and author of several books on Dutch civil aviation companies, including KLM, Schiphol Airport and the former Fokker aircraft manufacturer. The other speaker was Mr. Pieter Bouw, former

president & CEO of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and current chairman of SWISS International Airlines. The forum was moderated by Professor Jaap de Wit from the University of Amsterdam. Their informal and most interesting presentations made the evening a definite success.

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We thank all those enthusiastic Aerius volunteers for their efforts to keep Aerius flying! Aerius published a special Lustrum Edition of Airlines Magazine on September 16<sup>th</sup> for all participants containing a bird's eye view of Aerius' history.



*Boarding the Lockheed Constellation for a tour*

If you are interested in this lustrum edition, you may download at [http://www.aerlines.nl/Aerlines\\_Lustrum\\_Edition\\_2004.pdf](http://www.aerlines.nl/Aerlines_Lustrum_Edition_2004.pdf)



*Guided tour by Arno van der Holst*

