

To all members of IV

School Leaders Education Visit to Christian Schools in the Netherlands, 2015

Dear members of IV,

the Dutch school system differs in many respects from that of other European countries and offers thus a highly interesting field of exploration for school leaders from abroad.

In particular, the proportion of Christian schools in the Netherlands is much more significant than elsewhere. The variety among them is large and gives us the opportunity to broaden our horizons considerably.

Therefore, the International Association for Christian Education (IV), jointly with the Intereuropean Commission on Church and School (ICCS), has put efforts to give head teachers and other practitioners of Protestant schools in Europe the chance, to learn about Dutch schools and to get suggestions and encouragement for the further development of their own professional practice. With the very appreciable support of our partner organisation, **Verus, the former Besturenraad**, we managed to work out a program for a study tour to the Netherlands. Verus provides competent and reliable partners for the implementation of the program.

The planned itinerary and content of the study tour is attached to this letter. (Please, note that the dates on this itinerary are deprecated and will be changed!)

The following instructions are important for your decisions as IV members:

- **Please send your (provisional) application to the IV office in Hanover (mail to: kerstin.wiechmann@ekd.de) until 30 september 2014.**
- The number of participants is limited to 10. Priority is given to head teachers of primary or secondary schools. A few places are reserved for ICCS participants. Therefore, only one registration per member is possible, unless in exceptional cases.
- Participants need to speak and understand English sufficiently for following the presentations, and also for giving share of their own experiences, at least to a certain extent.
- Participation costs (500 €) are collected by Verus. Travel costs to Woerden are not included. Flights should not be booked until participation is confirmed by Verus.
- We give great importance to the participation of Central and Eastern European members. Unfortunately, we cannot cover the costs but for a few participants. If you can make a self contribution – as little as it might be – you allow perhaps one more person from those countries to attend. (Please give information, together with the application, personally to the IV secretary: gerhard.pfeiffer@fen-net.de).

We hope that this very special offer meets your interest. For any question, don't hesitate to ask us.

Best regards

Dr. Gerhard Pfeiffer, IV Secretary