Benelux Chapter Newsletter

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Chairman's opinion

By: Erik de Vries, CPP
Chairman ASIS Benelux Chapter

April has been an extremely busy month for many of us. We have finalized all our promotion, planning and lobbying to get The Hague elected as the location for the 13th ASIS European Security Conference & Exhibition in 2014. Several members also had a role to play in the 2013 ASIS Europe Conference in Gothenburg. And then obviously there was the preparation for the abdication of Queen Beatrix and the inauguration of King Willem-Alexander that created a lot of challenges for many security professionals.

ASIS 2014 in The Hague

As you must know by know ASIS International has announced that the 13th European Security Conference & Exhibition will take place in The Netherlands, in the city of The Hague from 1 – 3 April 2014. On page 4 of this newsletter you will find abstracts of the press release.

I am very excited that we have achieved this milestone. The board of ASIS Benelux is proud to be able to welcome participants next year in The Hague. We have formed a taskforce, existing of Bram de Bruijn, Paul Robrechts, Ap Boom, Michels Schuts and myself to coordinate the preparations. We have also received many voluntary gestures of help from members, and we will gladly accept all the support we can. Although the responsibility for the conference lies in the hands of the ASIS Europe bureau in Brussels, the Benelux chapter will strive to make this event a great success.

I therefore challenge all members to think with us and assist us where possible. The ASIS Benelux chapter focuses on three aspects:

- High quality speakers and workshops.
- As many as possible participants.
- Commercial exhibition partners and sponsoring.

We are very happy with the enthusiastic support from the city of The Hague, in particular the personal involvement of Vice-Mayor Henk Kool, who continuously promotes the event. Also the professional connection, network and support form The Hague Security Delta will in my opinion prove to be a great opportunity to turn the 2014 conference to a success.

ASIS Conference in Gothenburg

The 2013 ASIS Europe Conference & Exhibition in Gothenburg was a great event. With more than 400 participants it provided many networking and business opportunities. Among the keynote speakers I was very much impressed by Fadel Soliman (Egypt) Director of the Bridges Foundation. He held an eye-opening presentation with the title "Demystifying the concept of Jihad: how to separate Jihad and terrorism".

With over 40 participants from the Benelux our chapter was (again) well presented in Gothenburg, and I have received many positive responses on the contents of the conference.

Beside knowledge sharing and networking opportunities the ASIS Benelux members also had a lot of fun during the traditional chapter dinner on Sunday evening. With much appreciation for Nedap Security Management who volunteered to host a dinner-cruise in Gothenburg, around forty ASIS Benelux members including several spouses enjoyed a buffet on the M/S Carl Michael Bellman. Unfortunately the weather played against us, and a few members had to decide to stay on steady ground to avoid seasickness. Sailing between the many rocky islands in the Gothenburg delta, but only during a few minutes, the strong waves proved their decision to be wise.

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Who is ...?

Who are the executive committee members of the ASIS Benelux Chapter? What do we do in our daily lives and what moves us to be active within ASIS?

Raimond Pronk, CPP

LIAISON IFPO EUROPE

Raimond Pronk began his career in this field, in 1976, at age 17, with the Marine Corps of the Royal Navy

For 12 years he was Petty Officer in The Whisky Compagnie, and fulfilled various operational and staff functions.

After his military career, he joined Fokker Aerospace Corporate Security, and then make the transition to his current employer, Rotterdam The Hague Airport.

After several positions within the department Airside / Operations, he became Duty Manager Operations, (partly) responsible for the Air-side Operation of the Airport.

In the winter of 2000 he made the most recent change to the newly set up part of the organization, Airport Security Safety and Support.

As Operational Manager Airport Security Safety and Support, he is responsible for the operational deployment and task performance of all departments charged with the duties and responsibilities within Civil Aviation Security at Rotterdam The Hague Airport.

In recent years he followed several training courses and certifications include:

CPO (Certified Protection Officer) IFPO-Europe 2006

RSE (Register Security Expert) Foundation SERN 2007

CPP (Certified Protection Proffesional) ASIS Benelux 2007

CPOI (Certified Protection Officer Instructor) IFPO-Europe 2008

In 2009 he qualified at the ATAB Anti Terrorism Accreditation Board, for CAS (Certified Anti-Terrorism Specialist) in 2010 followed by CMAS (Certified Master Anti-Terrorism Specialist) also at ATAB.

Since October 2010 Raimond he holds the position of Chairman of IFPO Europe and is the liaison of IFPO Europe at ASIS Benelux Chapter.

April 30th 2013

The Netherlands experienced a historic day on Tuesday April 30th. The abdication of Queen Beatrix and the inauguration of King Willem-Alexander not only showed our nation's strong bonds with the Royal family, but also showed The Netherlands, and in particular Amsterdam, from it's best side with festivities and solidarity. I really enjoyed experiencing that personally in Amsterdam.

The security arrangements were impressive and professional. What struck me most in Amsterdam was the friendliness of virtually everybody. The professionalism and relaxed attitude of the many police attributed greatly to that atmosphere in my point of view. Compliments!

With more than 10.000 police officers and other security personnel in Amsterdam alone, this event was a showcase for our security profession.

I am looking forward to welcome you on June 5th during our Spring event during SSA in Amsterdam RAI.

With kind regards,

Erik de Vries

ASIS Benelux partner in Security Management Congress + Fall meeting

By: Erik de Vries, CPP
     Chairman ASIS Benelux Chapter

Last year's (Kluwer) Security Management congress on November 1st turned out to be the best rated congress ever by the participants. Although the set-up and content were very well received, the number of participants was disappointing.

The ASIS Benelux chapter has always been a great supporter of this Security Management congress. We have decided to be partner for this event in 2013 again. However we have agreed with Vakmedianet (the new owner of Security Management magazine) to choose a different approach this year.

One of the consequences is that we will combine the ASIS Benelux Fall meeting with the Security Management congress. As ASIS Benelux educational events are always free of charge for members, we have arranged to keep up this principle and that the Security Management congress will therefore be free of charge as a member benefit.

We will inform you as soon as possible regarding the (new) date of the Fall meeting / Security Management congress, which will probably be somewhere in October.

Maritime Security Companies in Belgium

By: Guido Fallentheyn

Liaison ASIS Benelux Chapter & Sea Captain

Ship owners and masters of vessels are primarily responsible for the protection of their ships against piracy. They must comply with the self-protection measures and best management practices (BMP 4) set by the international shipping industry.

The international community provides an important contribution to the security of international shipping in the Gulf of Aden and the waters east of Somalia with the permanent presence of naval vessels in the area.

Despite the protective measures and the presence of naval ships from Europe (EU NAVFOR) and from other countries such as China, India, Russia and the United States last year 34 vessels were attacked by pirates. For 5 vessels the attack was successful for the pirates. End 2012, more than 140 sailors were held hostage on the five vessels hijacked off the coast of Somalia.

It is a remarkable decrease compared to 2010 when 174 vessels were attacked and 47 hijacked effectively. The cause of this decline lies in several factors: better application of the self-protection (BMP 4) and the presence of armed private security guards aboard the ships.

The Belgian shipping companies insisted strongly on protection by armed personnel. A first solution with soldiers proved unfeasible, mainly because Belgium has no basis in the region and obtaining all necessary permissions to fly over armed soldiers from Belgium can take several weeks. This was insufficiently flexible as merchant ships only know a few days in advance with precision when they will sail through the danger zone.

Private security companies have already the necessary personnel and bases in the region and can provide the necessary flexibility. For example G4S International Maritime Solutions has permanently some fifty guards of EU origin in the region and has floating armories in the Red Sea and near the usual places where the security personnel boards / disembarks from the ships.

Belgian vessels in international waters are subject to Belgian law. For the deployment of armed security personnel, the Belgian legislation on private security needed adaptation. A new legal framework was necessary to admit licensed maritime security companies on ships flying the Belgian.

Since Jan 30, 2013 Belgian law created a new category of private security companies: the maritime security company ("maritieme beveiligingsonderneming") that can operate under strictly defined circumstances and in specific areas.

Geographically, the maritime security is only allowed in areas where there is a high risk of piracy. Currently, this is solely the Gulf of Aden and the waters east of Somalia, but other areas may be added later, if the risk is increased, for example, the Gulf of Guinea.

The security staff signs on as a seafarer and remains under the authority of the captain

The guards require therefore a seaman's book and the necessary maritime safety training (STCW 95).

They must be EU nationals and prove having performed during at least two years lawfully armed activities on board ships.

Only maritime security companies and security staff which are licensed by the Belgian authorities can be contacted by ship owners in of armed private protection.

For more information on armed contracted security on board of ships, you can contact me via mail guido.fallentheyn@g4s.com.

ASIS Executive Education - Spain (4-7 June)

ASIS is pleased to announce that we will be partnering with the IE Business School once again to deliver an executive education program – *Effective Management for Security Professionals*. It will be held 4-7 June on the IE Business School Campus in Madrid, Spain.

Here is the web link for more information:
https://www.asisonline.org/Education-Events/Education-Programs/execed/Pages/Effective-Management-for-Security-Professionals.aspx

The Hague to Host ASIS Europe 2014

From left to right: Erik de Vries, CPP, Chairman of the ASIS Benelux Chapter; Henk Kool, Vice Mayor of the City of The Hague; Godfried Hendriks, CPP, ASIS SRVP Group Co-Chair; Eduard Emde, CPP, Chairman of the Board of ASIS; and Arjo de Jong, Chairman, European Conference

ASIS International and the City of The Hague have announced that the ASIS 13th European Security Conference & Exhibition will take place at the World Forum in The Hague, The Netherlands on 1-3 April 2014.

The 2014 Conference & Exhibition is expected to attract around 500 senior security professionals. It will kick off on Tuesday 1 April with a welcome drink in the exhibition area. Over the following 2 days, delegates will be able to attend 33 high-level educational sessions divided over 3 parallel tracks. In addition, the conference will feature 3 keynote presentations.

Henk Kool, Vice Mayor of the City of The Hague commented: *"I'm very glad that we will host the ASIS 13th European Security Conference & Exhibition in our city. The Hague is the International City of peace and justice with more than 150 international organisations and courts such as the International Criminal Court, the Yugoslavia Tribunal, the NATO Communications and Information (NCI) Agency, Europol, Eurojust, the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the European Cyber Crime Centre (EC3). In addition to peace and justice, the city of The Hague is focused on security issues. The security cluster that we developed with business partners, knowledge institutes and government bodies is acknowledged as the Dutch national security cluster and known as The Hague Security Delta (HSD). Our goal is to develop HSD into an international security hub, the right environment for solving complex security issues, as well as for business and innovation. We want to facilitate European and trans-Atlantic cooperation in the field of security as much as we can. ASIS International is a strong international security network, so we are proud to host ASIS Europe 2014 and we will provide all the support to organise a top-level conference."*

Erik de Vries, CPP, Chairman of the ASIS Benelux Chapter, added: *"As Chairman of the ASIS International Benelux Chapter I look forward to welcoming the 13th European Security Conference & Exhibition to The Hague. I am convinced that it will not only be of great value for ASIS International members, but it will boost professional attention, business and knowledge sharing opportunities for the entire Benelux Security Industry. For some years ASIS Benelux - being the third largest ASIS Chapter in Europe - has aimed for hosting the ASIS European Security Conference & Exhibition. We feel that with the city of The Hague, sometimes referred to as the city of peace and justice and with strong links to security, we have found a prominent partner."*

The ASIS 13th European Security Conference & Exhibition will also include:

- A summit for Chief Security Officers (CSOs) organised by the CSO Roundtable of ASIS International;
- An enlarged exhibition featuring the latest in security technology and services;
- Unrivalled networking opportunities at the President's Reception, business lunches and networking breaks.

For information about the ASIS 13th European Security Conference & Exhibition please visit www.asisonline.org/thehague or contact the ASIS EMEA Bureau at europe@asisonline.org or +32 (0)2 645 26 74

Information from the Secretariat

With an outlook to The Hague 2014, 2013 will be the year in which we will focus on getting our association to grow. All members are kindly requested to think of one peer in their network who should actually be an ASIS International Benelux Chapter member.

The most convenient way to apply for membership is by sending an e- mail to ap.boom@dhl.com

An information brochure is available to inform the candidate members. Both the information brochure and the electronic application form can be acquired by sending an e-mail message to the mentioned e-mail address.

Of course you are welcome with all your questions regarding your membership on:

ap.boom@dhl.com   Phone: +31 6 5519 3992

Information from the Treasurer

A big thank to all of you who have paid the annual membership fee directly, it is much appreciated!

Being a member of ASIS International Benelux Chapter automatically means that you also are an appreciated member of ASIS International. Seeing the two separated entities, both International and Benelux have separated payment procedures.

For any questions regarding the Benelux Chapter invoice and/or your International payment status, please contact the treasurer: ap.boom@dhl.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENTS 2013

ASIS BENELUX CHAPTER SPRING MEETING	SSA AMSTERDAM RAI (NL)	05/06/2013
ASIS BENELUX CHAPTER DINNER	T.B.D.	T.B.D.
ASIS BENELUX FALL MEETING	T.B.D.	T.B.D.
PUBLICATION BENELUX NEWSLETTER Q3	ASIS WEBSITE	07/10/2013
ASIS BENELUX COMPANY VISIT (NAUTA SECURITY)	BARNEVELD (NL)	06/11/2013
WINTER EVENT ASIS BENELUX	T.B.D.	…/12/2013

See: www.asisbenelux.eu *for more details*

EXAMS

EXAM CPP	COMPUTER BASED TESTING, AMSTERDAM	06/06/2013
EXAM PSP & PCI	COMPUTER BASED TESTING, AMSTERDAM	13/06/2013

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Are you a security professional with a topic you would like to share with the rest of the industry? Or, are you involved in a project that would be of interest to our readers?

Then please accept our invitation to have your article printed in the next quarterly publication for our Chapter,

If you are hesitant or not sure where to start, contact the Secretariat (Chris.Cortoos@assetps.be) or the Newsletter Editors Guido Fallentheyn (guido.fallentheyn@g4s.com) and Sherman Bonofacio (s.bonofacio@securityprojects.nl).

Articles for the next Newsletter need to reach us before September 15th 2013