Practical information for the 30th Working Group Groundwater Meeting, 11 & 12 April 2016, Amersfoort, the Netherlands

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How to get to Amersfoort

Trains bring you from Amsterdam Airport (Schiphol) to Amersfoort. These trains leave under the airport. Be sure to buy a ticket BEFORE entering the train because otherwise you risk a fine. Tickets are available at the ticket desk in the airport. Signs bring you there.

Alternatively, you can buy e-tickets before you leave at https://www.ns.nl/producten/en/losse-kaartjes-toeslagen/p/enkele-reis

Trains leave at:
• 7 minutes after the hour (final destination Amersfoort Schothorst);
• 37 minutes after the hour (final destination Enschede).

Trains usually depart from platform 1 or 2. After about 45 minutes you will reach Amersfoort. Last direct train leaves at 23:37; last opportunity is at 23:58, requires changing trains and takes much more time.

Amersfoort

Amersfoort is the fourteenth city of the Netherlands with ca. 150000 inhabitants and is at least 1000 years old. Touristic highlights are the old city centre (Muurhuizen, Koppelpoort, Monnikendam) with shopping areas (Langestraat, Utrechtsestraat, Arnhemsestraat, Krommestraat (southern part), Kamp). More touristic information is available at the Tourist Information 'VVV' at the Lieve Vrouwekerkhof.

Muurhuizen
Koppelpoort
Monnikendam
How to reach the hotels

- To reach NH Hotel, take exit 'Stationsplein' from the railway station. Turn left and after approx. 500 meter you will find NH Hotel on the left.
- To reach Mercure hotel, take exit 'Mondriaanplein', turn right and after approx. 800 m you will see Mercure hotel on the left. See map.

How to reach the venue

Meeting venue is 'Oude Magazijn', Soesterweg 310F. See map for how to get there. From Mercure hotel, walk back to the railway station and pick up the route there. Alternatively, you can go by bus (line 1, Soesterkwartier and get off at stop Lingestraat) or take a taxi.
The 'Oude Magazijn' was built in 1904 as part of a huge industrial railway complex. In 2000, it lost its industrial function. After a few years, the entire area was redeveloped and became an industrial monument.
Hotels

There is a large number of hotels available in Amersfoort. We negotiated special prices for you with NH Hotel and Mercure Hotel.

- NH Hotel is approximately 15 – 20 minutes by foot from the meeting venue and less than 5 minutes from the railway station. Link for reserving rooms is: http://www.nh-hotels.com/events/en/event-detail/30193/rijkswaterstaat_rivm.html. **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS 13 MARCH.**
- Mercure hotel is approximately 20 minutes by foot from the meeting venue and about 5 minutes from the railway station. Link for reserving rooms is: www.conferentieprijs.nl; right on top you see PROMO/CORPORATE code. In the box Corporate Code enter: 1004. **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS 20 MARCH.**

All other hotels are further away from the station and the venue but some of them are closer to the city centre. Examples:

- Hotel Keistad (www.hotelkeistad.nl);
- Lange Jan Hotel (www.hotel-amersfoort.com)
- Hotel de Gaaper (www.degaaper.nl)
- Hotel de Tabaksplant (www.hoteldetabaksplant.nl)

We did not negotiate with these hotels.

Restaurants

In the city centre many restaurants can be found. Hot spots are the squares Hof, Lieve Vrouwekerkhof, Groenmarkt and the streets Krommestraat (Northern part), Bloemendalsestraat and Grote Spui. Last two are not on the map below but are close to Mercure Hotel.