

**Newsletter of the Erasmus International Off-Campus PhD programme
on Cleaner Production, Cleaner Products, Industrial Ecology and
Sustainable Development**



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Dear Candidates, Alumni and Staff of the PhD programme,

It has almost been 4 months since the 2010 Intensive took place in Rotterdam. On October 22nd the Erasmus University Rotterdam welcomed around 20 candidates from all over the world. During the Intensive candidates participated in special courses, offered by the staff of the program. Courses included substantial topics, as well as research related topics. All of the courses are required 'milestones' for the completion of the PhD programme. The courses were interactive and there was space for discussion and the possibility to share ideas.



Besides the courses, candidates had the opportunity to have one-on-one's with their supervisors to discuss the progress of their thesis. This direct contact provided candidates to share their thoughts, learn and make further progress within a short period of time.

Some of the research proposals were even presented at the conference in Delft. This 2-days conference held at the Delft University of Technology, matched the topics of the PhD programme perfectly.

At the end of the Intensive Sam Moore defended his thesis upon which he received his PhD. His research was named 'Intentionally Cultivating Sustainable Small-Enterprise Networks'. His thesis can be found at the website of the PhD program. The pictures taken during the Intensive, including the group pictures can be found on the website as well. (<http://phdprogram.eur.nl/fsw>)



The next Intensive will take place in Bogota, Colombia!!!!

We are very happy to announce that Bart van Hoof and Carlos Fuquene Retamoso have offered to act as local organizers of our next intensive. The Intensive program will be shared by Universidad de Los Andes and Pontificia Universidad Javeriana.

We will visit the capital of Colombia from October, 22nd to November, 5th 2011. The first five days will be devoted to first year Modules, after which a workshop will be held with researchers from the area. We then continue with the advanced students' program. We will also have time to make a few excursions in order to get to know this beautiful country better.



Local workshop for candidates in the MENA region

As part of our expanding relationship with the American University in Cairo professor Jennifer Bremer and our staff are working to organize a workshop for current and prospective Candidates of our program in the MENA region. The workshop will allow candidates to discuss progress in their research and exchange experiences with persons interested in joining our program. A member of the program staff will also be present.

The workshop will be held in Cairo; a date will be planned in consultation with those of you who wish to attend. Please send an email to boons@fsw.eur.nl if you are interested in joining.

This workshop is the first in what we hope will become a regular series of local seminars in the spring of each year where Candidates can profit from the wisdom of local supervisors and candidates.

Use 'Surfgroepen' for the online communication with your supervisor

'Surfgroepen' is a Dutch initiative platform that offers an online working environment for educational purposes. Every candidate of the PhD program has it's own Surfgroepen-page where you and your supervisors can upload files for your thesis, discuss your progress by chat, have (video) calls, leave each other messages, etc. The environment provides you with pretty much everything you might need on the field of communication with your supervisor.

In the future, we will increase the use of this platform as our main channel of communication.

Here are a few suggestions for those of you who have no experience with Surfgroepen.

You can sign in with the previously received log-in information at:

<https://www.surfgroepen.nl/sites/phdprogram/>

If you have lost your log-in information, please send an e-mail to: mourik@fsw.eur.nl so we can provide you with a new username or password.

On your personal Surfgroepen page you can find a quick explanation on how to use Surfgroepen. It's a nice environment with almost unlimited options. We've limited the options to the extent of which we think you'll need it. If you miss anything, have points of improvement, comments or questions, please let us know by e-mailing to the above stated e-mailadress.

After logging in to Surfgroepen you'll arrive at the mainpage. On the mainpage there is an announcement called 'Surfgroepen Introduction'. This short explanation gives you the basic information about the mainpage of Surfgroepen. In this explanation you'll also learn how to find your own personal page where you can work with your supervisor.

The screenshot shows the main page of the Surfgroepen platform. The header includes the site name and user information (Welcome Hester Mourik). The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Welcome!**: A message from Frank, the program manager, welcoming members and providing contact information.
- Program News**: A table with one entry: 'SURFGroepen Introduction' dated 3/17/2010 9:38 AM.
- Announcements**: A table with two entries: 'Newsletter online!' (4/18/2010 11:11 AM) and 'Prosperity in Sustainability -- Beta Version' (3/19/2010 12:26 PM).
- Staff Contact Information**: A table listing staff members with their last name, first name, business phone, and e-mail address.

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