

Science in Schools – November Country Update

Netherlands, Jet-Net

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Organisations making up the co-ordinating forum

Companies & Industry Organisations	Education Organisations Inc Government and Not-for-Profit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IBM • Unilever 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jet-Net

Other organisations in the wider Science In Schools network

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential reach is Jet-Net members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Maths, Science and Technology Education in Netherlands

Good and attractive Science Education is considered to be essential to reinforce the Dutch knowledge economy. Decreasing student interest in science studies over the past years triggered the Dutch government to initiate a series of programmes to promote science studies, especially for girls. The governmental programmes are coordinated by the Science Platform (Platform Beta Techniek).

Beside the governmental programmes there are many science promotion activities, often supported by Technical Universities, special interest groups of branch organisations. Some examples are [VHTO](#), [Technika10](#), [BetaPartners](#) and SIGMA

Priorities and aims of Science in Schools Network in Netherlands

Science in Schools in Netherlands will work to complement primarily the Jet-Net organisation, a channel for international contacts through large corporations in addition to the governmental and EU contacts.

The focus will be on networking and information exchange

Completed activities

The Jet-Net organisation facilitates a yearly agenda for joint activities for the member corporations; the agenda and updates are on www.jet-net.nl. Examples are:

- Annual Career day in which the member organisations give workshops to students who are interested in science topics. The 2008 Jet-Net career day had 3500 students visiting and attracted lots of governmental attention.
- Annual national teaching event to inspire science teachers with the latest technologies from the member companies

Planned activities

In addition to these activities, many corporations develop own workshops and projects tailored to specific audiences or branches. IBM will include activities on e.g. www.PowerUpthegame.org, www.beyondspaceandtime.org, and school workshops conducted by IBM volunteers.