

To  
Delegates of IV member organizations  
and ICCS Correspondents

Alphen aan den Rijn, 31 May 2022

**Invitation study tour for head teachers to Christian Schools  
in Alphen aan den Rijn, The Netherlands, 27 - 30 September 2022**

Dear Colleagues,

You will find the city of Alphen aan den Rijn in the western part of The Netherlands. When you draw a circle around Amsterdam, Den Haag, Rotterdam and Utrecht, the major cities of the Netherlands, you will find Alphen in the middle of that circle. The history goes back for about 2000 years. Albanianae ‘the fortress on the white river’, as Alphen was called, was situated on the northern border of the Roman empire. Today it has a little over 110.000 inhabitants. Between 60 and 70% of all pupils attend Protestant or Catholic independent schools, which the Dutch government fully subsidizes. A minority of all those pupils belong to Protestant or Catholic families. Christian schools so provide education for a wide variety of children with different cultures, religious backgrounds, and nationalities. How Christian schools deal with these challenges and what kinds of profiles they have developed shall be in the centre of the study trip.

The International Association for Christian Education (IV) and the Intereuropean Commission on Church and School (ICCS) invite head teachers as well as other leaders and experts of Christian schools in Europe to learn about Dutch schools and to get suggestions and encouragement for further development of their professional practice.

We are happy that SCOPE scholengroep, a Dutch association for Protestant and Catholic schools in and around Alphen aan den Rijn, supports us in this matter.

The study tour to The Netherlands will take place

**27 - 30 September 2022 in Alphen aan den Rijn.**

**The planned itinerary and content of the study tour is attached to this letter (subject to change).**

If you are interested in participating in the study tour, please note the following:

- Participants need to speak and understand English sufficiently for following the presentations, and also for sharing of their own experiences, at least to a certain extent.

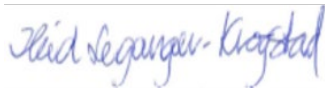
- The participation fee is 550 Euros. It includes accommodation, travel expenses on site, all meals and cultural activities as far as indicated in the programme. Please note that travel costs to and from Alphen are not covered. In case of difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can find an individual solution.
- Please note that the number of participants is limited to 20. Please choose carefully and quickly whether you would like to apply or not.
- 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 voluntary contribution – as little as it might be – you allow perhaps one more person from those countries to attend. Please give corresponding information in the application form.

**If you would like to participate in the study tour, please send the attached application form via mail to the IV office to [kerstin.wiechmann@ekd.de](mailto:kerstin.wiechmann@ekd.de) until 10 July 2022.**

Once your registration is confirmed, you will receive further information on the accommodation and programme. If you have any further questions at this point, please do not hesitate to contact **Piet Jansen**, who is coordinating the study tour ([piet@jansenvermaas.nl](mailto:piet@jansenvermaas.nl), tel. +31 6 30 12 24 36).

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Alphen aan den Rijn, The Netherlands.

Best regards



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