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Dear members,



It was a novel experience for all of us to have one of our own members give us a talk. At our April meeting Jan Posthumus gave us a fascinating glimpse into the making of a dictionary, focusing on the history of the well-known Kramers bilingual dictionaries which took their origin in the work of the 19th-century Calisch brothers. Jan duly emphasised the importance of publishers in the making of a good dictionary. A lively discussion

followed after Jan's lecture, which was based on part of the research for his doctoral dissertation.

We now invite you to the last regular meeting in the current season, which will take place on

Monday 17 May at 8.15 p.m.

at our usual venue, 't Gorechthuis, Hortuslaan 1, Haren.

Prof. Louwrens Hacquebord

will give us an illustrated talk on

Who owns the North Pole?

In 2007 a Russian Flag was placed on the seafloor at the North Pole to mark the Russian United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) territorial claim on the slope of the continental shelf in the Arctic Ocean. This activity drew the attention of the world to the North Pole region and the resources expected to be found there. It also made clear that a new race for the natural resources in the North region was on the point of beginning. This

lecture will discuss the relation between climate change, resource development and geopolitics. It will place recent political events in a historical context and will finish by considering some future political developments.



Prof. dr. Louwrens Hacquebord is professor of Arctic and Antarctic Studies at, and director of the Arctic Centre of the University of Groningen, the Netherlands. He has been vice-president (2000-2008) and still is Dutch council member of the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC), has been member, vice chair and chair of the national Polar Research Committee for years and member of the International Polar Heritage Committee of ICOMOS. His research has largely been focused on the resource development in polar areas in which context archaeological excavations and surveys were carried out on Spitsbergen and other polar regions.

On Wednesday 16 June a symposium will be held at the University of Groningen on “Echoes of Albion: English-American Speech Variations”. It is intended as the first of a series of “Bloomsday” symposia in the English Department. The cost will be € 10, or € 20 with lunch. For more details consult www.let.rug.nl/alfa/bloomsday2010/.

To conclude the 2009-2010 season of our branch, we shall hold our customary end of season walk. We shall assemble on **Tuesday 8 June** at 7 p.m. in Café-Restaurant Popken Hollander, Brinkstraat 7, Anloo, tel. 0592-271215 (just east of the church). After a cup of coffee or tea we shall set out for approximately an hour’s walk along the Anloer Diepje. The terrain should not be difficult, but the place where we cross the stream may be muddy, so be sure to wear good boots. Of course, the walk is entirely optional, so you may just come to the café and stay there until the walkers come back. Please tell Wietske Jonker-ter Veld not later than Monday 7 June if you are planning to come: e-mail wlterveld@hotmail.com or tel. 0592-541762. We hope we shall have good weather and a pleasant conclusion of our season.

In our April bulletin we gave you a preview of our programme for the next season. There is, however, one change: at the request of the Deventer branch our first meeting with John Gilroy has been moved from Tuesday 28 September to **Monday 27 September**. We are still working to find a good speaker with an interesting subject for January 2011. As soon as our programme is complete, we shall publish it on the GNE website www.nederlandengeland.nl.

This is our last bulletin in the 2009-2010 season. Our next bulletin will appear in September. We hope to meet you all at our meeting on 17 May, and at the end of season walk on 8 June, and we wish all our members a sunny summer and a relaxing holiday.

Your committee